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## Comedian Maria Bamford Launches GoFundMe to Support the National Alliance on Mental Illness

Redwood City, California | October 10, 2017 – Today, in honor of World Mental Health Day, comedian Maria Bamford launched a [GoFundMe](#) to support the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. To kick off the campaign, GoFundMe has donated \$3,000.

"Please join me supporting NAMI - an organization that can do much more than a Netflix sitcom to advocate for and serve the 1 in 5 Americans affected by mental illness!" said Bamford. "Comedians can only do so much and we don't take insurance. Give today in honor of someone you love!"

[Maria Bamford](#) is a stand-up comedian, actress and writer who was named one of the 50 Funniest People by Rolling Stone, and was the winner of the 2014 American Comedy Award for Best Club Comic. She stars in the Netflix series, *Lady Dynamite*, which depicts her story of living with mental illness. Maria Bamford herself has spoken publicly about her personal experience with mental illness, having been diagnosed with Type-II Bipolar.

[NAMI](#) started as a small group of families gathered around a kitchen table in 1979 and has blossomed into the nation's leading voice on mental health. Today, they are an association of hundreds of local affiliates, state organizations and volunteers who work in communities across America to raise awareness and provide support and education that was not previously available to those in need.

To view the campaign, click here: <https://www.gofundme.com/stigmafree>

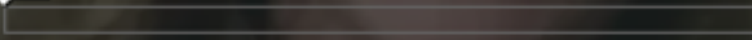


**Maria Bamford (NAMI - World Mental Health Day)**

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