**Minds on the Edge: A Call for Hope and Recovery**

**Program – Morning**

8:00 – 9:00  
Registration and Beverages

9:00  
Welcome, Linda Stalters, SARDA Board Chair

**9:15  “From Hope to Recovery”  
Dr. Penelope Frese**

Serious mental illnesses were once thought to be irreversible, yet over the past few decades it has become abundantly clear that recovery is not only possible but expected. The presenter draws on her own family experience, and offers strategies for both families and consumers for moving from hope to recovery.

**PARALLEL SESSIONS:**

**Minds on the Edge: Video and Panel Discussion**

**Moderator –**  
Richard Kilberg, President, Fred Friendly Seminars & Executive Producer, “Minds on the Edge”

**Panel –**  
Dr. Frederick Frese (consumer, psychologist)  
Dr. Penelope Frese (family member)  
Dr. Steven Lamberti (psychiatrist)  
Dr. Catherine Cerulli (attorney)

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**Schizophrenics Anonymous (SA) Symposium and Workshop:**

**10:00  Workshop overview  
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**Linda Stalters**

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**Dr Thomas Powell**

**10:20  “Similarities and differences between 12-step programs, self-help/peer support and group therapy”, a personal story,  
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**Joanne Verbanic**

**10:45  SA Group Guidelines:**  
How to start an SA Group/Roles of Group Leader & Staff Supporter/Welcome message/“Working the steps”/Serenity Prayer,  
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**Jim Cronin**

**11:10  Break**

**11:20  The Six Steps – What Do They Really Mean?  
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**Joanne Verbanic**

**11:30  SA Groups**
12:00 Lunch PLENARY
Country music artist – JJ Essen

12:45 “Living a Meaningful Life with Schizophrenia and Related Disorders”
Dr. Tamara Navarro
Medication is not enough: people with mental illnesses have dreams and the right to pursue happiness. People with psychosis actually have Unique Thinking Abilities and can learn how to use them in a positive way.

Minds on The Edge:
1:30 “Family Violence and Mental Illness”
Dr. Catherine Cerulli.
This presentation will provide tools and language to help patients and their families understand complex systems and get the results they seek, when issues of family violence and mental illness intersect.
2:00 Q&A
2:10 “Family 2 Family & Preparing for Psychiatric Emergencies”
Susan Raffle, NAMI
Family and Friends Support
Susan Sheena, SARDAA FFS Leader

Schizophrenics Anonymous (SA) Symposium and Workshop:
1:30 Share the SA Group experience
Larry Ackerman
Margery Wakefield
- Spicing it up – format options & social activities
- Spread the word
- Reducing the stigma of SA attendance
- Facilitation skills
- Avoiding leader burnout

2:30 – 2:45 BREAK

PLENARY

2:45 “Stopping the Revolving Door – a Civil Approach to Treating Severe Mental Illness”
A heartbreaking and hopeful documentary about how court-ordered treatment saves lives and families.

3:20 “CIT – What it is, Training, Results for Houston”
Sgt Patrick Plourde, Houston Police Department
Houston’s Crisis Intervention Team provides a professional and humane response to individuals in serious mental health crisis.

3:40 “Early Intervention to Prevent Relapse in Schizophrenia”,
Dr. Steven Lamberti
Schizophrenia is usually a relapsing and remitting disorder, with psychotic relapse common, causing significant personal and family distress. This presentation will focus on understanding the process of relapse and how to prevent it through early intervention, discussing the ‘ABCs’ of early intervention along with published research comparing early intervention treatment as usual. It will also provide practical strategies for optimal relapse prevention.

4:10 Q&A
4:20 Closing remarks, evaluations
4:30 Conference Hall Closed

MISSION: Improving lives of people affected by schizophrenia-related disorder.
Biographies of speakers and Artists, In Order of Appearance

Penelope A. Frese, Ph.D. with her husband, Dr. Fred Frese, and their four children, has been active in the mental health movement for many years. Dr. Fred Frese is a licensed, clinical psychologist with more than thirty years of experience working with persons with serious mental illness. He is also a consumer of those services, having been diagnosed with schizophrenia while a young Marine Corps Officer. The Frese’s four grown children were all diagnosed with a major mental illness in adolescence.

With her daughter Claire, Penny produced a video for children on adolescent depression called Claire’s Story: A Child’s Perspective on Childhood Depression. U:
across the U.S. and internationally, the video was nominated for a Freddy in the area of Adolescent Health in the American Medical Association’s International Film Festival. Penny developed and consults on the Red Flags Program: a school based adolescent depression awareness and intervention program funded by the State of Ohio for Ohio middle schools. Her latest video for the Red Flags Program, Thick ‘n Thin, emphasizes the importance of friendship and early intervention in adolescent depression. Other mental health videos include The Best Time: Beating Depression on the College Campus and Everyday Heroes, a short video for teachers.

Penny and her family have been featured on CNN, ABC’s World News Tonight with Peter Jennings, in the Wall Street Journal, and on PBS. Penny is a trustee of the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation, which funds mental health initiatives in Northeast Ohio.

**Richard Kilberg** is President and Executive Producer of the Fred Friendly Seminars, Inc. He has been the executive producer for all Fred Friendly productions for 15 years, including the series Ethics in America II, In the Balance: Terrorism, Our Genes/Our Choices, and Liberty & Limits: The Federalist Idea 200 Years Later, and the special, Minds on the Edge: Facing Mental Illness, Fueling Our Future, Disconnected: Politics, the Press and the Public, Epidemic!, Beyond Black and White: Affirmative Action in America, and Before I Die: Medical Care and Personal Choices, to name a few.

He has produced other distinguished television programming ranging from historical documentaries to entertainment spectacles, including several live Garrison Keillor specials. His documentaries, Adam Clayton Powell, Huey Long, and The Brooklyn Bridge, have received two Academy Award Nominations, a DuPont Columbia Journalism Award, an Ohio State Journalism Award, a Christopher Medal, many “Best of Festivals” awards, and other honors.

Mr. Kilberg has also been a management consultant in the media and entertainment industry, notably for the Viacom networks’ MTV, VH1 and Nickelodeon, as well as a programming and production executive within the PBS system and at HBO.

**Frederick J. Frese, Ph.D.** is a psychologist with more than forty years’ experience working with persons with serious mental illness. Since retiring from the Ohio mental health system where he served as Director of Psychology at Western Reserve Psychiatric Hospital for 15 years, he has coordinated the Summit County Recovery Project, serving consumers in the Akron area. He is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine. A graduate of Tulane University, he majored in Psychology. Following his graduation, he served as an officer in the Marine Corps in Japan during the Viet Nam War, and later as a guard officer for the nuclear weapons arsenal at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida, when he experienced his first schizophrenic break. For the next ten years he was in and out of mental hospitals, often on secure wards. Despite his disability he was able to earn a degree from the American Graduate School of International Management in Phoenix Arizona, and a master’s and doctorate in Psychology from Ohio University.

Dr. Frese has been active as a consumer/provider and advocate in the mental health movement in this country. He is on the Board of Trustees for the Treatment Advocacy Centre, and the National Institute for the Severely Handicapped (NISH) in Washington D.C. Fred founded the Community and State Hospital Section of the American Psychiatric Association, where he is currently part of the Task Force for the Seriously Mentally Ill/Emotionally Disturbed. In 1999 he received the Hildreth Award, the APF highest honor for distinguished service in public service psychology. He is a past president of the National Mental Health Consumers Association. He is also on the Board of Scientific Advisors for Schizophrenia Bulletin. In the past he has served on boards of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), the American Occupation Therapy Association, and the Ohio Psychological Association. He has also worked as a consultant to the National Institute for Mental Health and the Veterans Administrat

Dr. Frese is the editor of The Role of Organized Psychology in the Treatment of Serious Mental Illness, published in 2000. He is the author of numerous articles and book chapters, and lectures widely around the United States and Canada. Dr. Frese has been featured on CNN, World News Tonight with Peter Jennings, The Chicago Tribune, T!Wall Street Journal, and in the video I’m Still Here: The Truth About Schizophrenia. Frese is married and the father of four grown children.

**Catherine Cerulli, JD, PhD** Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Director, Laboratory of Interpersonal Violence and Victimization, University of Rochester, School of Medicine and Dentistry, Rochester, New York

Dr. Cerulli an educator, advocate, research investigator and entrepreneur authored numerous articles. She is dedicated to help those afflicted with schizophrenia and their families and improving access to information and support. Dr. Cerulli is also a practi attorney with expertise in providing consultation to individuals involved in the criminal and civil court systems. Her particular area of interest is family violence and conflict.

**J. Steven Lamberti, MD** is Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Rochester Medical Center, where he serves as Director of the Severe Mental Disorders Program and Chair of the Research Subject Review Board. Dr. Lamberti received his MD from the University of Missouri, and completed his psychiatry residency and a neuropsychiatry fellowship at the University of Rochester. His career is dedicated to developing new treatment and rehabilitation approaches for adults with schizophrenia and other severe mental disorders, especially those at risk for repeated hospitalization arrest and incarceration. An investigator in the landmark NIMH Clinical Antipsychotic Trials of Intervention Effectiveness (CATIE) study, Dr. Lamberti and his research team have conducted numerous clinical drug trials evaluating both FDA-approved and no medications. He also received funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation develop Project Link, a prototype forensic assertive community treatment (FACT)
program for preventing jail recidivism among high-risk individuals. For their work with Project Link and developing the FACT model, Dr. Lamberti and his colleagues received the 1999 APA Services Achievement Award, the 2002 New York State Community Health Improvement Award, and the 2009 NAMI Program Award. Dr. Lamberti is also a recipient of the 2004 APA Van Ameringen Award for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, and he is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. Currently, Dr. Lamberti and his team are conducting an NIMH R34 study to standardize and test the FACT model among high-risk patients with histories of recent arrest and incarceration.

Thomas J. Powell, PhD is currently a Professor at the University Of Michigan School Social Work. He teaches courses at the masters and doctoral level in clinical practic mental health policy, and mental disorders with special attention to people with serious mental illness and how they obtain services in managed care and public m health system environments. Dr. Powell is well-known for his work incorporating knowledge about self-help mechanisms of change in the basic professional educatic of mental health and addiction service providers. In addition to many other activitie Dr. Powell has served on the Senate Assembly, Unit Governance Committee, Government Relations, Library Council, Selection Committee for Regents’ Award for Distinguished Public Service, and Recreational Sports Committees, Wellness/Health Committee. He has also served on the: Curriculum Committee; Doctoral Committee Search Committee, Academic Difficulty Committee, Grievance Committee, Recruit and Financial Aid Committee, Adjunct Advisory Committee; Dr. Powell has directed NIMH funded Community Mental Health Training Program; Chaired the Mental Hea Curriculum Work Group; Doctoral Research Brown Bag Meetings; Student Services; Library; and Human Subjects Review Committees. Co-Chaired (with the Dean) Facul Search Committee. Conducted numerous workshops for school field instructors anc other community professionals.

Dr. Powell is a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers, American Association of University Professors, American Orthopsychiatric Association (Fellow Council on Social Work Education, International Conference on Social Welfare, Nati Association of Social Workers, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Society for Community Research and Action.


Joanne Verbanic, Founder of Schizophrenics Anonymous, is a Consumer and in recovery. In 1970 Joanne suffered delusions of grandeur and paranoia. “I thought t TV and radio were talking about me. I thought my phone was tapped and the FBI w after me. I was having a psychotic break. I was hospitalized and had electroshock treatments. I was told I had a nervous breakdown. It was recommended I go to the state hospital for long-term care, however, I chose to go home.” Since 1970, Joann has undergone multiple hospitalizations for schizophrenia and was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia. Through it all, however, she was able to maintain full time employment and raised two children.
In 1984, Joanne had a younger brother who had been institutionalized in the State Hospital. "I wanted to help those who are less fortunate and who suffer from mental illness." So, in 1985, Joanne started Schizophrenics Anonymous with the support of the Mental Health Association of Michigan. Joanne remains completely dedicated to helping others with mental illness now serving on the Board of Directors of SARDAA and Chair of the Consumer Advisory Committee.

Jim Cronin, CRC is a Consumer, a professional counselor and has been in recovery from Schizophrenia since 1986. He was diagnosed with Schizoaffective disorder and suffered Bipolar Disorder prior to this diagnosis. Jim entered SA in 1986 and can speak to the success he has realized by his association with the organization. He is proud to say that SA and God have saved his life.

Margery Wakefield, MSW is a social worker, an author and a Schizophrenics Anonymous (SA) Leader. Ms. Wakefield has been hospitalized fifty times, more or less. Margery says she has “lost count”. She has two college degrees, including a master’s in social work. She has worked productively for many years as a social worker and caregiver. Ms. Wakefield has authored four books, been to Europe five times, and now reports to be living a “generally have a happy life”. Margery enjoys her work, and she is pleased to report she has many friends. Part of this is due to increasingly improving medications. Margery says, “the voices are still there sometimes, but I have learned to ignore them. The shadow has always lurked in the background. I will probably never be completely "normal," whatever that is. But I am enjoying a happy life. And that is the best revenge”.

Larry Ackerman is the Office and Consumer Programs Coordinator for NAMI Michigan.

Mr. Ackerman lives with a schizophrenia-related disorder and has been in treatment since 1977 – thirty-five years. Larry endured the ravages of the older generation anti-psychotic medications for thirteen years and was unable to work until the newer medications emerged and he was able to live a more productive life. He studied counseling in graduate school, lectured in psychopathology, counseled men in domestic violence classes, lectured regarding the Recovery Paradigm and earned a 3.81 Grade Point Average. He is an outstanding national speaker, advocate for the psychiatrically ill, especially for the imprisoned, an author and artist.

J.J. Essen, Sounds Like: Jason Aldean, George Strait, Tim Mcgraw, Blake Shelton, Kevin Fowler

Bio: J.J. Essen has only just recently hit the country scene in Texas. As a teenager, country music was what he held most dear; but as he grew up he ventured into many different genres of music. Essen’s latest album on Even Break Records is called “Full Circle” for a reason. J.J. Essen has done in fact that, come full circle by coming back to his roots and recording a country record. Essen has been an exhilarating live performer for over a decade, spanning many different projects. The new record “Full Circle” is next step in his journey...Enjoy!

Tamara Navarro, PhD. is an author and trainer supporting people with mental illness has received the prestigious 2012 Lilly Reintegration Award for Mentoring.

Dr. Tamara Navarro has pushed herself through school and runs a private practice helping those with Schizophrenia and their families. She’s been a Schizophrenics Anonymous Leader and a speaker in national conferences. Dr. Navarro also provide support to people with schizophrenia internationally. She's been consistently honor for her work as a leader including being named Supervisor of the Year at her work. Dr. Navarro was also awarded the Self-Help Award of the Year by Yolo County Mental Health Association and the Above & Beyond award from Schizophrenics Anonymous. She's written articles about her disease and recovery and is working on a book. The Food Drug Administration has hired Dr. Navarro to act as a Special consultant representor patients who suffer from schizophrenia and related disorders for the Psychopharmacologic Drug Advisory Committee.

“Armed with the knowledge and experience of her own uphill battle with Schizophrenia, Dr. Navarro has had a tremendous impact on those struggling with their own mental illness. She is living proof that ongoing recovery from mental illness is possible,” said Linda Rosenberg, President and CEO of the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare (National Council).

Susan Raffle has been a member of NAMI since her daughter was diagnosed with bipolar disorder in 1995. She has served on the NAMI Board of Directors for many years, taught NAMI’s Family to Family course numerous times, and been a NAMI St: trainee for teachers for this course.

Susan Sheena’s young adult son lives with a dual diagnosis of Schizophrenia and substance abuse. After her son was in the hospital for a “drug induced psychosis” in 2004, she began educating herself and her family about addiction. In 2009 her son diagnosed with Paranoid Schizophrenia after numerous rehab facilities, in and out of the home and DWIs. She moved into the mental health world and continued naviga her way through these difficult challenges. Susan and her family felt as if they had nobody to turn to when they first began this journey and learned by trial and error. Susan is passionate about advocating for her son’s recovery and also helping others that they do not have to go it alone. Susan discovered SARDAA about a year and a l ago and is committed to sharing her experience, strength and hope through the Far and Friends Support Group.

Sergeant Patrick Plourde, CIT, CIRT. Houston Police Department. Representative as speaker for the Houston Police Department’s Mental Health Unit.
**Tyra Saverson** is a fifteen year old musician. Tyra is an accomplished pianist, guitarist, and harpist. She has performed as first chair harpist the totality of her orchestra career and currently she serves as first chair harpist in Bellaire High School’s Chamber Orchestra in Houston, TX. Tyra is currently studying under the direction of accomplished harpist Sara Shute at the Sara Shute School of Essential Harp, where she focuses on classical music but she also enjoys bringing the sound of the harp to contemporary music.

Tyra performs locally at weddings and special occasions all over Houston, Louisiana, and her native state of Mississippi. She is also an active member of Brookhollow Baptist Church; she also enjoys playing women’s lacrosse with her high school team.

**John Paul Stevenson’s** voice has shaped the image and sound of radio stations and professional sports organization across the United States. Since 1992, John Paul has worked as an on air talent and producer of broadcasts in both live and pre-recorded settings. He is equally comfortable delivering in a broad range of formats including Oldies, Country, News/Talk, CHR and Rock just to name a few. John Paul was also chosen to be one of the first live broadcast talents for the newly founded Sirius Satellite Radio Network when he hosted the Elvis Presley radio show live from Graceland in Memphis, Tennessee.

John Paul first began his sports presentation career in 2001 when he was selected to be the newly established Memphis Grizzlies’ (NBA) live PA Announcer. Twice during his tenure with the team, John Paul was identified as a Top 5 Announcer in official, league-wide NBA fan-feedback surveys. That recognition led to long term relationships with other sports properties including the Carolina Panthers Radio/TV Network (NFL), the Denver Broncos Radio Network (NFL), the Colorado Rockies Radio Network (MLB), the Memphis Redbirds (Triple A Affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals), and most recently, he was named the in arena voice of the Houston Rockets (NBA). Since 2002, John Paul has served as the live announcer for the NBA’s Martin Luther King Half-Time Special, broadcast nationally on TNT. He was also chosen by the Carolina Panthers to be the official voice for Super Bowl XXXVIII. In addition to announcing 250+ NBA basketball games in Memphis and Houston, John Paul has hosted other unique sporting and special events including the International Maccabi Games in 2003, and the Nike World Hoop Classic.

When not working in radio and sports, John Paul often donates his time and talents to charitable organizations and philanthropic causes. St. Jude Children’s Hospital, LeBonheur Children’s Hospital, Theatre Memphis, WKNO, and Germantown Community Theatre are only some of the recipients of John Paul’s efforts as a volunteer.

**Thomas Braxton** Saxophonist Tom Braxton is a versatile instrumentalist, charismatic performer and gifted composer whose distinct, melodic sound thrills audiences of all ages. This native Texan has recorded seven albums including "Endless Highway" (2009) and "Imagine This" (2007) on the Pacific Coast Jazz label and "Bounce" (2005) on the Rendezvous label. His music can be heard on radio and television airwaves nationwide and his albums have hit numerous jazz charts including Billboard, RadioWave and Amazon.com. Tom toured extensively with Wayman Tisdale for 17 years, also serving as Musical Director. He has been a featured performer and fan favorite on the Smooth Jazz Cruise since 2005. He has also garnered rave reviews overseas, performing as a headliner for the first Smooth Jazz Europe Festival in the Netherlands and touring with Keiko Matsui in Russia. Braxton has shared the stage with many great artists including Dave Koz, Rick Braun, Peter White, Candy Dulfer, George Duke, Kirk Whalum, Jonath Butler, Jeff Golub, Norman Brown, Aretha Franklin, Luther Vandross and Phillip Bailey. He has been featured in media and publications such as JAZZIZ, Smooth Jazz News, CBS’s The Saturday Early Show and Daystar Television Network. SmoothJazz.com.ca

Tom Braxton "one of the most respected and loved sax men in Smooth Jazz.

MISSION: Improving lives of people affected by schizophrenia-related disorder.

**Jazz On My Mind**

Benefit Dinner, Concert and Auction

**people affected by schizophrenia-related disorders**

6:00  
VIP Reception – Sponsors, Board of Directors, Speakers and Artist invitation only

6:00  
Open Registration

**Tyra Saverson**, Harpist

6:30  
Dinner

**Saxophonist Tom Braxton**

6:45  
Welcome

**John Paul Stevenson, emcee**

Houston Rockets Announcer
7:15 Keynote address:
“Recovery from Schizophrenia – A Personal Journey”
Dr. Frederick Frese

Dr. Frese was a 25 year old Marine Corps officer when first diagnosed with schizophrenia. During the next decade he experienced a series of breakdowns, being hospitalized in various military, state, county, veterans, and private psychiatric hospitals. At one point he was taken before a court, declared insane and committed indefinitely to a public psychiatric institution. Despite his disability he eventually recovered sufficiently to earn a Ph.D. and become a licensed psychologist, serving others with serious mental illness. He has

7:45 Award Presentations

**Schizophrenic Anonymous Founder’s Award**
Presented by Joanne Verbanic, SA Founder
Recipients: Nora Baylerian and Jim Cronin

**Shattering Stigma – Realizing Recovery Award**
Presented by Linda Stalters, SARDAA Board Chair
Recipient: The Honorable Patrick Kennedy

8:00 Silent Auction* Closes

8:00 Live Auction* Opens

* Auction Catalogue on following pages

8:45 Dessert

8:45 Concert and Dancing

Featuring world famous saxophonist

Tom Braxton

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**Founder’s Award**

The Founder’s Award recognizes individual Schizophrenics Anonymous (SA) contributions that go above-and-beyond normal volunteering. It is awarded to select individuals who offer never-ending inspiration, encouragement and an unwavering belief in persons with schizophrenia and related disorders. These individuals also offer on-going support leading to the growth of the SA self-help/peer support network.

The Founder’s Award is the highest award that can be bestowed by SA and was initiated by Joanne Verbanic, founder of Schizophrenics Anonymous, who wants to personally give something back to those who offer such immense dedication to SA.

In choosing a worthy candidate for 2012 Joanne says that “this was a very hard decision because so many people are dedicated and deserving of the award – I wish I could give it to everybody”. Historically the award has only been presented to 3 people. In 2012, it will be shared between Jim Cronin and Nora Baylerian.

**Jim Cronin**: Jim joined SA in 1988 and has since started approximately 14 SA groups in Connecticut. Jim is a strong leader and administrator who tirelessly promotes the principles and philosophy of SA. He is a passionate advocate of SA; understanding in his heart and soul what SA means while spreading the word of hope for recovery.

**Nora Baylerian**: Nora joined SA in 1987 and has run two groups for the past seven years. She is one of the most dedicated volunteers in SA. She is responsible and dependable and gives from her heart. Nora was also the first person to be awarded the Above and Beyond Award, another high accolade awarded by SA.

**Shattering Stigma – Realizing Recovery Award**

This awards an exemplary consumer who, while actively participating in a personal recovery journey, is a mental health advocate, educating the public about severe mental illness.

**The Honorable Patrick Kennedy** served 16 years in the U.S. House of Representatives and is predominantly known as the author and lead sponsor of the Mental Health Parity & Addiction Equity Act of 2008. This dramatic piece of legislation provides tens of millions of Americans who were previously denied care with access to mental health treatment.

Now, Congressman Kennedy is the co-founder of One Mind for Research, a newly formed national coalition that is seeking new treatments and cures for neurologic and psychiatric diseases of the brain that afflict one in every three Americans. One Mind for Research is dedicated to dramatic enhancements in funding and collaboration in research across all brain disorders in the next decade. This historic grassroots endeavor unites efforts of scientists, research universities, government agencies, industry, and advocacy organizations across the country. Congressman Kennedy is bringing everyone together to map out a blueprint for the first plan of basic neuroscience that will become the roadmap leading to the off-ramps to cures for all neurological disorders that affect 1 in 3 Americans.

Congressman Kennedy has authored and co-sponsored dozens of bills to increase understanding and treatment of neurological and psychiatric disorders, including the National Neurotechnology Initiative Act, the Genomics and Personalized Medicine Act, the COMBAT PTSD Act, and the Alzheimer’s Treatment and Caregiver Support Act.

Congressman Kennedy is a winner of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology Distinguished Service Award, the Society for Neuroscience Public Service Award, the Autism Society of America Congressional Leadership Award, the Depression and Bipolar Support Paul Wellstone Mental Health Award, and the Epilepsy Foundation Public Service Award. He is also founder of the Congressional Down Syndrome Caucus and the 21st Century Healthcare Caucus.
Auction Rules

1. All bids are binding and all sales are final. Items are sold “as is,” no refunds or exchanges permitted.

2. In the event of a dispute, the silent auction chair will have sole and final discretion to determine the winning bidder. The buyer waives any claims for liability against the Schizophrenia and Related Disorders Alliance of America (SARDA), the auction volunteer committee, the auctioneer, and the donor of the property or service.

3. All auction items must be paid for in full the evening of the event by cash, check, or charge (MasterCard, VISA). All items must be taken the evening of the event. Bidders should read all restrictions and expirations that may accompany an item or service before they place their bid.

4. Fair market estimates are provided for each auction item in the program. All values are estimates only and are not guaranteed by SARDA or the donor.

5. Not all items, such as services, will be presented to winner on the evening of the event. Rather, the winner will receive a copy of the donation form that includes the donors contact information, which they will be able to use to redeem their prize.

6. All items which include alcoholic beverages will only be awarded to bidders over 21 years of age. All items which include alcoholic beverages to redeem their prize. Donors contact information, which they will be able toWinner on the evening of the event. Rather, the winner will receive a copy of the donation form that includes the donors contact information, which they will be able to use to redeem their prize.

Live Auction items

Item 1
One week on The Smooth Jazz Cruise: Greatest Party at Sea Jan 13 – 20, 2013 & Bon Voyage party with Tom Braxton and friends. Round trip flights for two to Ft Lauderdale, Florida.

Value: $6,000

Item 2
Redline Rally. Ever wanted to drive your dream car? Now’s your chance: Drive multiple supercars with stops at high-end locations & gifts. Champagne at Houston Motor Club. One weekend night stay at Hotel Sorella.

Value: $5,300

Item 3
South Africa Photo Safari for six days and six nights of luxury accommodation for two. In the heart of Zululand/St. Lucia/Sodwa. Bay Marine reserve/Lubombo corridor – one of the richest wildlife conservation regions in Africa. (Location for the movie “I Dreamed Africa”.) Three delicious meals per day; two daily open land rover drives to see animals. Nikon I J1 2 lens kit.

Value: 6,000

Item 4
A Legendary Experience: Two nights (11/09/12 – 11/11/12) at Til Houstonian Hotel and Spa in a concierge king room. Additional services and privacy can be found on the key-accessed Concierge Level. Guests enjoy daily continental breakfast, early evening hors d’oeuvres and cocktails, after-dinner sweets and cordials. Two Front Row Tickets to John Legend at Bayou Music Center (11/10/12), in heart of the Theatre District of Downtown Houston with limo transportation to and from the event. $150 Gift Certificate for dinner at Olivette at The Houstonian. $200 Gift Certificate to The Houstonian Hotel’s award winning spa, Trellis.

Value: $1,700

Item 5
Evening with Nora Jones. Four Front Row VIP Tickets to Nora Jones concert October 30th, 8:00 PM. Dinner in VIP Club. Three hour sea service by Carey Limousine.

Value: $1,500

Item 6
Washington, DC Anyone? $200 Smith & Wollensky gift certificate Two night stay including breakfast for two with free parking and Internet Access at the North Bethesda Marriott Hotel

Value: $600
**Value: $800**

**Item 7**  
*Houston Rockets. Two tickets to the Rockets vs New Orleans October 12th at 7:00 PM; Two Tickets to Rockets vs Portland Nov 3rd @ 7:00 PM; two Kevin Martin Bobble heads; Kevin Martin signed basketball; two Rockets Shirts; one Rockets jersey #22; two Rockets Hats; one Rockets mug; one bottle of Rockets’ Monterey Cristal sparkling wine. Rockets tote bag.  
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<td><strong>Productivity Pack</strong>: Feel like you work non-stop; don’t get everything accomplished and no time for your loved ones? Help is in this package: Your Best Just Got Better signed by Jason Womack; The Promise Doctrine; DVD: “Making Things Possible”; Audio CD: “2 Time Saving Tips”; Audio CD: “Building Your Personal Excellence One Hour of phone Consultation with Jason Womack (international consultant)</td>
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<td><strong>Miscellaneous</strong>&lt;br&gt;Need your home spruced up? Painting of one or two rooms – up to 600 sq. ft. Ceilings, walls, base boards, door trim all included. Donated by Patrick Combe</td>
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**Item 22**  
*Houston Texans. Tickets to Texans vs. Baltimore Ravens Oct 21st & football signed* by Texan’s Quarterback Matt Schaub & Piatto  
*Ristorante $200 Gift Certificate*  
*Value: $600*

**Item 23**  
*Golf Package. Round of Golf. Nike Sasquatch Driver S-65 Diamana including Head Cover*

**Item 24**  
*Cord Secrest package. Customized Formula 1 Driver’s Helmet signed by driver Cord Secrest of the “Gearbox” Championship Team plus signed photograph of Cord racing & photograph with Cord Secrest and lunch with Cord at The Houston Motor Club. Plus tickets to race*  
*Value: $250*

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