

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill New River Valley Affiliate

April, 2005 Events



April, 2005 Special Speaker



Dr. Hunter "Patch" Adams

Cosponsored by NAMI-NRV, New River Valley Community Service Board, Tekoa Schools, Virginia Tech Service-Learning Center, Virginia Tech YMCA, Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine, UUSA at Virginia Tech.

April 2- The Real "Patch" Adams to Speak at Virginia Tech.

Hunter "Patch" Adams committed himself to a mental hospital in 1969 for severe depression. While there, he observed that the staff treated patients in an impersonal way. Upon his release, he entered medical school, determined to add caring and humor to the medical profession. He was convinced of the powerful connection between environment and wellness. He holds the belief that the health of an individual cannot be separated from the health of the family, community, and the world. Patch and some friends founded the Gesundheit Institute, which ran as a free community hospital for 12 years.

Played by Robin Williams in the 1998 film, "Patch Adams," today Adams is working to fulfill his dream of a free hospital in West Virginia. Hear Patch in person at the Donaldson Brown Hotel and Conference Center Auditorium, Otey Street, Blacksburg, 7 p.m. There will be a book signing after the program.

Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students at the Virginia Tech YMCA, 312 Squires Student Center or Lancaster House, 403 Washington Street, Blacksburg; Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine, 2265 Kraft Drive, Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center.

A limited number of free tickets for consumers on disability are available from the NRVCSB at 961-8300 or from NAMI NRV at 540-593-2117.

Spring Membership Drive!

Monthly meetings are held at the Against All Odds Clubhouse, 220 E. Main Street, Radford. For directions, call 540-839-5929

Thursday April 14 at 7 p.m.- Monthly Meeting.

Find out what NAMI is all about and about membership benefits. People with all levels of disability, family members, and friends are welcome to come and help us all grow stronger together. We will show the video, "Inside Outside: Building a Meaningful Life after the Hospital." Refreshments.

Join us to learn more about how family members, friends, and mental health clients/consumers can help achieve better lives! Visit <http://nrvalley.nami.org>

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and other resources.