



National Alliance on Mental Illness

The State's Voice on Mental Illness

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To Whom It May Concern:

As the executive director of NAMI Ohio, I have hired plenty of keynote speakers. I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Kevin "Squishy Man" Barber.

Last month we had our annual conference with over 170 people from all over the state of Ohio. Mental illness is a tough topic. Therefore, we wanted to bring in a speaker who could uplift and inspire the audience.

Squishy presented a message that was professional and yet down to earth. I would urge anyone seeking a speaker who motivates, inspires, and entertains to hire Squishy. His presentation was really special. I have attended conferences all over the United States for a number of years. Squishy has been one of the best speakers that I have seen.

Sincerely,

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Terry L. Russell
Executive Director



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My name is Peg Morrison, and I am the director of programs at NAMI Ohio. It is my pleasure to write this letter of reference for Kevin "Squishy Man" Barber.

Recently we organized a retreat for all of our affiliates throughout the state. The event is the one time each year when NAMI employees and volunteers get together to discuss challenges, share ideas, and rekindle their spirits. I wanted people to feel energized, empathized with, and to come away feeling validated.

This was my first time organizing content for an annual conference, and there was a great deal of pressure. However, Squishy captivated the audience within seconds. People were rolling with laughter and seemed to be immediately rejuvenated.

We absolutely loved Squishy's keynote speech. He spoke to our group in a meaningful and personal, yet professional way. It worked on all levels, and I would certainly recommend him to a friend or colleague.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peg Morrison". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peg Morrison
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