



In New Orleans, 2nd lines promote community mental health by releasing the type of endorphin that helps reduce feelings of melancholy.

Please join or support Team NOMC's Funky Butts for our partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), New Orleans.

6th Annual NAMI WALKS

SECOND LINE

October 24, 2015 | Audubon Park

9AM CHECK-IN

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NEW ORLEANS MUSICIANS' CLINIC est. 1998

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SAD HISTORY OF NOLA MUSICIANS LOST TO MENTAL ILLNESS

BUDDY BOLDEN:

OUR FUNKY BUTT NAMESAKE

In 1907, while performing at a 2nd line, famed coronetist and key figure in the development of jazz, Buddy Bolden, suffered a violent episode of acute alcoholic psychosis. Bolden was committed to a mental asylum with schizophrenia. He never again performed, remaining in the hospital for 24 years until his death on November 4, 1931, and was buried in a pauper's grave. Today the US National Jazz Park bears his name.

Bolden's song, "Funky Butt" remains a traditional jazz standard (and the inspiration for the NOMC team name for NAMI walks!).

2015: In Louisiana, due to the loss of the public hospital system, people with mental illness have almost 5 x more chance to be jailed than hospitalized.



JAMES BOOKER:

THE BAYOU MAHARAJAH

With his unique style on the keys, Booker attracted audiences all over the world. In private, however, he self-medicated his mental illness with alcohol and drugs. In 1983, at the age of 43, Booker was left unattended for several hours in Charity Hospital's ER resulting in his tragic death.

2015: Adults living with serious mental illness die on average 25 years earlier than other Americans, largely due to treatable medical conditions.



MENTAL HEALTH FACTS:

- Nearly 1 in 25 (approximately 13.6 million) adults in America struggle with a serious mental illness.
- Currently there are nearly 115,000 adults living with schizophrenia and bi polar disorder in Louisiana.
- Suicide ranks in the top 3 leading causes of death for Louisiana children 10-17 and top 5 leading causes of death for Louisianians 18-44

JOIN OUR **TEAM** FOR THE
6th Annual NAMI Walks Second-Line!



Date: October 24th **Time:** 9:00am (check in) **Location:** Audubon Park



WHAT IS NAMI NEW ORLEANS?

- NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for those affected by mental illness.
- They believe that people with mental illness are capable of helping each other.
- Led by dedicated volunteers and staff, NAMI New Orleans hosts a safe space for adults living with mental illness. Clients can "drop in" and find hope, help and healing.
- Musicians' Clinic relies on NAMI for suicide survivor support, peer-to-peer education services, counseling and a hotline. For more information, visit www.nami.org/Find-Support



The New Orleans Musicians' Clinic & Assistance Foundation

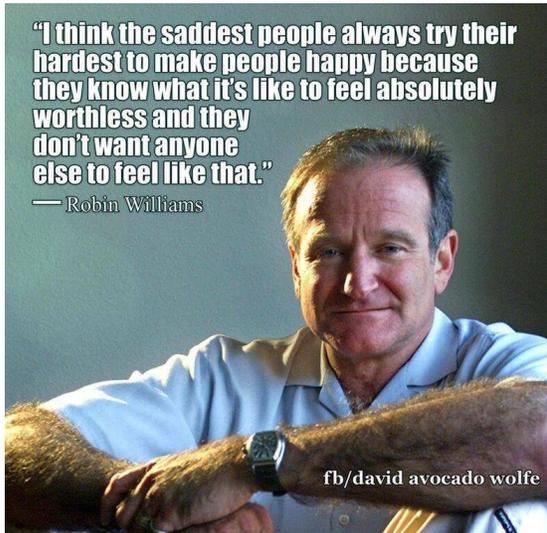
Keeping New Orleans musicians ALIVE by fostering a culture of self-care and providing primary care, mental health, social services and advocacy regardless of the patient's ability to pay.

To learn more about Musicians and Mental Health Please visit:

<http://www.neworleansmusiciansclinic.org/health/mental-health/>

Join and support **Team NOMC Funky Butts**. Funds raised through the Team NOMC Funky Butts will benefit NAMI New Orleans and NOMC's mental health programs.

READY?
SET?
GO!
JOIN OUR TEAM!



The NOMC/NAMI partnership creates a holistic approach to treating New Orleans' performers through comprehensive psychosocial services including: therapeutic counseling, illness management, problem-solving and coping skills; family support groups and courses; and community education and advocacy.

Robin Williams was an entertainer whose suicide was a great tragedy. His sentiments poignantly reflect so many musicians' terrible dance with depression; self doubt and worthlessness while simultaneously giving their all to their audiences.

[More information about Grief Resources](#)

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