



# Wood River Valley

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Dear Architects, Interior Designers, Landscape Architects, Engineers, and Contractors:

As building design and construction professionals in our community, NAMI-Wood River Valley (National Alliance for Mental Illness) is asking you to join us in a friendly competition to design and build a birdhouse for a great cause!

Your birdhouses will be displayed and auctioned off at our annual art show, “Journey to Wellness Event,” at the Ketchum Innovation Center on March 11, 2018. Proceeds from the event help NAMI provide a multitude of mental health and wellbeing programs and services to our community. This year’s art show highlights wellness peer groups lead by NAMI at the Wood River Middle School and Wood River High School called the Bluebirds.

The Bluebirds effectively help our local youth deal with anxiety and depression of varying degrees. Anti-bullying and StigmaFree are slogans used in many group sessions to stimulate discussions This year’s art show will showcase work with the theme of birds (hence the birdhouse competition) in tribute to the work done through the Bluebirds.

The birdhouse competition is open to all local architects, interior designers, landscape architects, engineers, and contractors within the Wood River Valley. The design and construction of the birdhouses must be suitable in scale and materials to be used as an actual birdhouse for outdoor use, including nontoxic paint in the event birds’ chip away at the houses.

**If you’d like a student, or senior citizen to paint the house, let us know and they must be submitted by January 18.** Birdhouses may be dropped off at the NAMI office in the Community Campus, in Hailey (1050 Fox Acres Rd.) **The final deadline to submit your birdhouses is March 6, 2019.**

As experts in the building environment of our Community, we encourage you to participate in this worthwhile cause with your innovative and inspirational birdhouse designs! Know that your efforts make a difference in improving mental health in your community. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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