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Featuring several tracks including: Affiliate Support; Alternative Healing; Consumer Programs; Legal/Law Enforcement; Current Treatment and Youth.
25th Anniversary Dinner/Dance/Silent Auction on Friday night.

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Jackie Shannon
DOMINIC CARTER

Dominic Carter, host of NY1’s “Inside City Hall” television news program, New York City’s hard-hitting political program, is the Keynote Speaker for the 25th Anniversary NAMI Texas Conference at the Marriott Westchase Hotel in Houston. Carter opens the two-day conference on October 23rd with his remarkable story of succeeding in life against all odds. His critically-acclaimed autobiography, “No Momma’s Boy” chronicles his struggles overcoming his mother’s severe mental illness, making his way through school and the tough field of political journalism, and becoming a husband and father.

As host of “Inside City Hall, Carter has covered every presidential campaign since 1988, and has had exclusive interviews with major newsmakers from Nelson Mandela to former President Bill Clinton. He has been profiled in the Washington Post, New York Magazine and Jet Magazine, yet his candid talks about his mother and mental illness has Newsday saying, “No TV anchor has ever produced a memoir as grippingly honest as this.”

Shortly after his mother’s death, Carter received his mother’s psychiatric records, and learned more than he expected. He had never known the severity of her mental illness, but discovered she was suffering from paranoid schizophrenia, and that she had attacked him physically and sexually as a young child. Reading this information awaken long-forgotten memories, memories that had to be met head on.

Dominic Carter on his mother:

“I didn’t know why she had lived the life she had lived. This was not a life well lived; this was a tragedy. ….I don’t know if Laverne was ever truly happy at any point in her whole life….When I, her firstborn, came into the world, she went from the maternity ward and months later to the mental ward. Every man she loved beat or betrayed her. She undoubtedly wrestled with memories of straightjackets and mental institutions. She probably lived with a near-paralyzing guilt of her abuse and abandonment of me. And she lived in public housing, owning very little and having no means of making an independent living.”

Carter was involved in the Police Athletic League while growing up in New York, in the Bronx, and is proud to call himself a PAL kid. He received a B.A. in Journalism from the State University of New York at Cortland, and then attended Syracuse University’s S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications before starting his career in radio. Dominic Carter is an award-winning journalist who will tell his intimate story of mental illness, understanding and forgiveness.