

Voices of Recovery



TOM CODERRE

A nationally recognized organizer and speaker with an extensive background in government and politics, who served in the Rhode Island State Senate from 1995-2003, Tom leads Faces & Voices' organizing efforts as its National Field Director. In long-term recovery himself since 2003, Tom first became active in recovery advocacy at Rhode Island Communities for Addiction Recovery Efforts (RICAREs). Tom resides in Rhode Island and is a graduate of Rhode Island College.



CHERYL FLOYD

Cheryl is a seasoned professional in the addiction field, and presently serves as the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Recovery Organizations Alliance (PRO-A), where she advocates for individuals and families affected by the disease of addiction. A graduate of Temple University, Cheryl is a licensed social worker, a Certified Co-Occurring Disorder Professional (CCDP), and is in long-term recovery herself. Cheryl lives in Harrisburg, Pa.



WALTER GINTER

Walter is an advocate for medication-assisted recovery, and credits his own long-term recovery to using methadone. He served as Vice President and Director of Training of the National Alliance of Methadone Advocates, where he developed the Certified Methadone Advocate training. Walter has also been a consumer representative on numerous government committees and is currently involved in federal and state efforts to move medication-assisted treatment toward a recovery-oriented model. Walter currently serves as the Project Director of the Medication Assisted Recovery Support (MARS) Project.



LISA MOJER-TORRES

Lisa is a civil rights attorney who uses her personal recovery story to emphasize the power that informed, person-centered care can have in responding to addiction. Her recovery path incorporates the use of medication and she hopes to help counteract stigma by sharing her success with others. As a lawyer, Lisa also helps others in long-term recovery overcome the effects of systemic stigma and discrimination.



BEV HABERLE

Bev is an addiction recovery activist with over 36 years of personal and professional experience advocating on behalf of people dependent on alcohol and other drugs. She is currently the Executive Director of the Bucks County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc., and the Project Director for PRO-ACT, a grassroots recovery support initiative in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Bev holds a Master's degree from Lincoln University, is a Licensed Professional Counselor, a Certified Addictions Counselor, and on the faculty of Penn State University.

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TOM HILL

Tom has over twenty years of personal recovery and community organizing experience. He is a skilled trainer and facilitator in leadership development, addiction and recovery issues, and diversity/cultural competency. He has worked as a professional and a grassroots community leader in the HIV/AIDS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Transsexual (LGBT), and recovery communities. Tom is also a Senior Associate at Altarum Institute, providing technical assistance to state and nonprofit grassroots organizations for the Federal government's Access to Recovery program.



ANDRE JOHNSON

Andre is President/CEO of the Detroit Recovery Project, Inc., a recovery community organization. In long-term recovery for nearly 20 years, Andre co-hosts the "Total Recovery" local radio program. His path to recovery has taken him to Georgia's prestigious Morehouse College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. Andre resides in Detroit, Mich. with his beloved wife, brother and daughter.



CAROL MCDAID

Carol, co-founder of Capitol Decisions, one of the only government relations firms in the nation's capital with a special focus on national alcohol and other drug policy, has dedicated her life to recovery at the national, state, and local levels. A member of the long-term recovery community, Carol splits her time between Washington, D.C. and Richmond, Va., where she lives with her husband and daughter. Together, they co-founded the McShin Foundation, a peer-led recovery community organization in Richmond, Va.



JANE PRESSLY

Jane calls herself a "born advocate." She turned her advocacy skills towards helping others who were struggling with addiction after beginning her own recovery from alcoholism over 18 years ago. Jane takes her message of recovery to the community both as Secretary of the Board of FAVOR South Carolina and as the recent past chair of the FAVOR Greenville Chapter.



PHILLIP VALENTINE

A gifted writer, speaker, and teacher, Phil is the Executive Director of the Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR), as well as a national leader in the Faces & Voices of Recovery movement. His vision for a Recovery Walk has inspired similar events across the country. He uses his own recovery story to bring fresh and powerful perspectives to advocacy work on behalf of families, older adults, and children. He writes a bi-weekly email column, *Hooked on Recovery*.



TONYA WHEELER

Tonya, in long-term recovery from methamphetamine addiction, is passionate about sharing her recovery story with probation and parole officers, child welfare case workers and health care professionals nationally and in Denver, where she is the President of Advocates for Recovery Colorado. Tonya is sought after as a speaker at conferences and in the media for sharing what 18 years of sobriety has meant to her and her family.

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