



PRESS ADVISORY

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**The first and largest demonstration in support
of long-term addiction recovery set for September 16**
*Tens of thousands in 40 cities across the U.S. will speak out, march, run
and walk!*

WHAT: Recovery community organizations and supporters are hosting walks, rallies and other events in support of the millions of people in the U.S. who are in long-term recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs.

WHY: To demonstrate that millions of Americans are in long-term recovery and are leading normal, productive lives. And to mobilize people to support policies that encourage and improve access to recovery and remove barriers to long-term recovery.

WHERE: Events are scheduled in more than 40 communities from Augusta, Maine to Wainanae, Hawaii.

Montgomery, Alabama
Phoenix, Arizona
San Diego, Santa Cruz and Vallejo, California
Hartford, Connecticut
Atlanta and Woodstock, Georgia
Waianae, Hawaii
Aurora, Illinois
Augusta, Maine
Snow Hill, Maryland
Allston and Greenfield, Massachusetts
Missoula, Montana
Manchester, New Hampshire
Jersey City, New Jersey
Bronx, Hamilton, Oneonta, and Syracuse, New York

Lorain, Ohio
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Providence, Rhode Island
Charleston, Columbia, Florence, Greenville and Rock Hill, South Carolina
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
El Paso and Dallas, Texas
Montpelier, Vermont
Lynchburg and Richmond, Virginia
Spokane, Washington.

A complete list of communities and the scheduled events is available at http://www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org/recovery_walks/index.php.

WHEN: Saturday, September 16th

SPOKESPEOPLE:

- Miss South Carolina, Shelley Benthall, whose personal family experience has moved her to speak out, will be handing out trophies to winners of the Dry Run at Sims Park in Columbia, South Carolina. *To contact Ms. Benthall, call Lesley Miller at 864.843.9090.*
- Joe Powell, head of the Association of Persons Affected by Addiction, Faces & Voices of Recovery board member and advocate for long-term recovery, will be speaking at Rally and Walk for Recovery in the Park in Dallas, Texas.
- The Honorable Jim Ramstad (MN-03), co-chair of the Congressional Addiction, Treatment and Recovery Caucus. *To contact Rep. Jim Ramstad call Andrew McKechnie at 202.225-2871*

Ms. Benthall, Mr. Powell and Rep. Ramstad are available for interviews and will share their own personal experience with addiction recovery.

Rally for Recovery! is organized by Faces & Voices of Recovery, a national movement of people in recovery, their families, friends and allies who are joining together to advocate for long-term recovery. The organization is putting a face on recovery and raising the voices of the recovery community to let Americans know that long-term recovery is making life better for millions of Americans.