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**PENNSYLVANIA RECOVERY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION TO RECEIVE
NATIONAL RECOGNITION
2009 JOEL HERNANDEZ VOICE OF THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY AWARD**
June 25, 2009 Washington, DC reception

(Washington, DC, May 22, 2009) – Faces & Voices of Recovery will honor Pennsylvania Recovery Organization – Achieving Community Together (PRO-ACT) with the Joel Hernandez Voice of the Recovery Community Award on June 25, 2009 in Washington, DC. The award recognizes PRO-ACT as the outstanding recovery community organization of the year.

“PRO-ACT is demonstrating the reality of recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs and what is possible when people in recovery, their families and friends come together to make it possible for others to recover,” said Mike Barry, Faces & Voices Vice chair and selection committee chair. PRO-ACT, hosted by the Bucks County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc (BCCADD) and founded 11 years ago, operates recovery community centers; advocates for public policies to support recovery; and educates the public and policy makers about how people can and do recover from addiction.

PRO-ACT is working with the city of Philadelphia, who is leading the way to transform Behavioral Health into a Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) in the city and throughout the state of Pennsylvania. “PRO-ACT has made a difference in the lives of people still struggling with addiction and their families in Pennsylvania and nationwide. They are an inspiration to the many new and emerging organizations that make up the growing recovery movement,” Barry continued.

Three other recovery community organizations will be recognized for their contributions to the national recovery movement: Alabama Voices for Recovery, People Advocating Recovery, and The Recovery Alliance of El Paso.

PRO-ACT will receive \$2000 as part of the recognition at a June 25, 2009 reception in Washington, DC. The award honors Joel Hernandez, whose fight to

get his job back under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was a pivotal moment in history for the recovery movement.

Information about tickets and event sponsorship are available online at www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org.

Faces & Voices of Recovery is working to mobilize, organize and rally the millions of people in recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs, their families, friends and allies in a campaign to end discrimination; broaden social understanding; and achieve a just response to addiction as a public health crisis. For more information, please visit: www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org.