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**FACES & VOICES OF RECOVERY ANNOUNCES THE JOEL
HERNANDEZ VOICE OF THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY AWARD**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR FIRST-EVER AWARD RECOGNIZING
OUTSTANDING RECOVERY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION**

(Washington, DC, January 30, 2008) – Faces & Voices of Recovery’s board of directors announced the first-ever **Joel Hernandez Voice of the Recovery Community Award** to recognize an outstanding recovery community organization.

Faces & Voices encourages nominations for this first-ever award to a local or statewide organization. “We are pleased to honor Joel Hernandez, who fought to get his job back under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)—a pivotal moment in history for the recovery movement,” said Merlyn Karst, chair of Faces & Voices’ board of directors.

“Our father, Joel Hernandez, is remembered for his humility, courage and strength...we are so proud of what he was able to do for the recovery movement and for himself. He is greatly missed and will always be remembered,” stated Stefanie Gamez and Denise Juvera, Hernandez’s daughters.

The recovery community organization chosen will be recognized with a \$2000 award and honored at **The Joel Hernandez Voice of the Recovery Community Award** reception at Spriggs & Hollingsworth, 1350 I Street, NW, Washington, DC on June 18, 2008. The deadline for nominations is February 28, 2008.

For more about the award and to nominate an organization, please visit:
www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org.