



MEDIA ADVISORY

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30,000 PEOPLE IN LONG-TERM RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION TO GATHER ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO RALLY FOR RECOVERY!

September 15 national event at Liberty State Park in New Jersey to feature David Wellstone; Thousands expected to call on Congress to end discrimination in insurance coverage for mental illness and addiction

(Washington, DC) -- Tens of thousands of Americans will speak out, march, run and walk on Saturday September 15 at over 50 events to **Rally for Recovery!** These members of the recovery community, their friends, families, and allies will be rallying to put a face and a voice on recovery from addiction and calling for improved local, state and federal policies so that others in their communities can get the help they need.

The Liberty State Park, New Jersey event will serve as the national hub for activities happening nationwide and will feature David Wellstone, son of the late Senator Paul Wellstone. Wellstone will be calling for action on a bill pending in Congress named after his father that would end discrimination in insurance coverage for mental illness and addiction.

EVENT DETAILS

WHEN: Saturday, September 15, 2007 12 noon to 4:00 pm

WHERE: Liberty State Park, New Jersey
and over 60 communities around the country (see listing below).

WHAT: Nationwide campaign to support long-term recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs and advocate for Congressional action on the "Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007," federal "parity" bill. Over 30,000 people in long-term recovery, policy makers to gather at walks, rallies and events across the nation.

MEDIA CONTACT: To arrange pre- or post-event interviews with Liberty State Park speakers and other spokespeople across the nation, please contact:

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BACKGROUND:

Faces & Voices of Recovery is the national organization coordinating the Rally for Recovery! organizing campaign which is taking place during National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. This year, Friends of Addiction Recovery New Jersey (FOAR-NJ) and NCADD-New Jersey have joined forces with metropolitan New York organizations and Faces & Voices of Recovery to expand its event into one of the largest Recovery Month activities in the country. The groups expect 3-4,000 people from the greater New York City/metropolitan New Jersey area to bring high visibility to an issue that Congress is addressing – ending insurance discrimination.

At the events, people in recovery, their families, friends and allies will be encouraged to participate in civic life through voter registration and education and celebrate their growing visibility. They will be joined by a vast array of elected officials, celebrities, public officials, law enforcement officers and allies.

The Liberty State Park Rally for Recovery! highlights:

- David Wellstone, advocate for parity in insurance coverage
- Mike Destefano, nationally recognized comedian with ties to HBO and Sirius radio will MC
- Actor Tommy Ford, “Martin Show”
- Six individuals telling their stories of long-term recovery

For additional information on sponsors and the Liberty State Park program, go to http://www.ncaddnj.org/FOARNJ/recoverywalk.asp .
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ABOUT H.R. 1424, The Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007

H.R. 1424’s main sponsors are Rep. Jim Ramstad (R-MN) and Patrick Kennedy (D-MA), co-founders of the Congressional Addiction Treatment and Recovery Caucus, and over 260 members of the US House of Representatives. The bill is before three House committees, all of which have had hearings on the bill: Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means and Education and Labor. The Education and Labor committee has reported out the bill and the other committees are expected to do the same when Congress reconvenes in September. The Senate bill, S. 558, has been reported out by the Senate Committee on Health, Labor, Education and Pensions. President Bush has told the sponsors that he will sign the bill into law when it comes to his desk.

ABOUT FACES & VOICES OF RECOVERY

Faces & Voices of Recovery is the national organization of individuals and organizations joining together with a united voice to advocate for public action to deliver the power, possibility and proof of recovery from addiction. www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org

September 15, 2007 Rally for Recovery! events*

Information on the specific events can be found at

http://www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org/about/trainings_events/rally_2007_events.php

ALASKA:

2nd Annual Poetry Slam, DHSS-DBH, Juneau

ALABAMA:

Rally for Recovery!, Birmingham

*Celebrate Recovery Church Service, Montgomery, Sept. 16

*Spirit of Recovery Breakfast, Mobile, Sept. 7

*Recovery Walk, Gaston, Sept. 29

ARIZONA:

Rally for Recovery, Women in New Recovery/Our Common Welfare, Mesa

3rd Annual Art of Recovery Expo, Art of Recovery LLC, Phoenix

*Walk For Prevention, Phoenix, Sept. 22

CALIFORNIA:

Celebrate Recovery, Livermore

*Strut for Sobriety, A New Path, San Diego, Sept. 8

2007 Solano Recovery Day-Sixth Annual Rally and Barbeque, SSAC Recovery Center, Vallejo

Walk on Washington for Recovery, A New PATH, San Diego

San Francisco Recovery Walk, NAADD, San Francisco

COLORADO:

Sixth Annual Recovery Rally, Advocates for Recovery, Denver

CONNECTICUT:

Recovery Walks, CCAR, Hartford

DELAWARE:

*5th Annual Walk for Treatment and Recovery, Wilmington, Sept. 8

*2nd Annual 5K, Wilmington, Sept. 26

FLORIDA:

*One Step at a Time, Hanley Center, West Palm Beach, Oct.20

GEORGIA:

Rally for Recovery, Hope Quest Ministry Group, Woodstock

Join the Voices of Recovery! Rally for Recovery, Atlanta

HAWAII:

*Recovery Walk, Hina Mauka, Honolulu, Sept. 29

Waianae Men in Recovery Keiki (children) campout, Hina Mauka, Waianae

ILLINOIS:

*Softball Game and Ice Cream Social, Illinois DHS-DASA, Springfield, Sept. 20

Annual Banquet and Awards Dinner, Hope For Tomorrow, Aurora

*Play Ball! White Sox Game, Illinois DHS-DASA, Chicago, Sept. 12

Join the Voices of Recovery: Walk for Recovery, Marion, Sept. 15

Recovery Walk, Central Illinois Recovery Coalition, Springfield

INDIANA:

Rally for Recovery at CBT, Center for Brief Therapy, P.C., Fort Wayne

KANSAS:

Step-Up and Rally for Recovery, Wichita Community Action Inc., Wichita

KENTUCKY:

Rally for Recovery "Give us a hand...up, not a handout", PAR/ARAK, Louisville

*Signing of Proclamation, Harlan County Unite Coalition, Harlan, Sept. 5

MASSACHUSETTES:

*3rd New England Wide Motorcycle Ride for Recovery, MOAR, Sept. 16

4th Annual Recovery Jam, Greenfield

*MOAR and Friends 17th Annual Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Celebration Day, Sept. 26

Third Annual Walk for Recovery 2007, Allston Brighton Task Force, Allston

MAINE:

Recovery Celebration!, Maine Alliance for Addiction Recovery, Augusta

MICHIGAN:

*2nd Annual Recovery Symposium, Detroit, Sept. 7

*Sixth Annual Prayer Breakfast, Detroit Recovery Project, Detroit, Sept. 12

*Third Annual Poetry & Karaoke Party, Detroit Recovery Project, Detroit, Sept. 28

*7th Annual Celebrate Recovery Walk and Rally, NCADD-greater Detroit area Detroit, Sept. 8

*Sixth Annual Warriors Award Reception, Detroit Recovery Project, Detroit, Sept. 21

MINNESOTA:

Celebrate Recovery Event, Faribault

MISSOURI:

Hands Across the Bridge, NCADA- St. Louis Area, St. Louis County

*Celebrate Recovery with the MRN and the St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis, Sept. 23

MONTANA:

Recovery Walk, MCAR, Missoula

NORTH CAROLINA:

Celebrating Recovery With the Arts, Dare County Health Dept., Nagshead

2nd Annual Blue Ridge Addiction Conference, Boone

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Womens Leadership Training, New Hampshire Taskforce on Women and Recovery, Goffstown,

*Harbor Homes, New Hampshire Taskforce on Women and Recovery, Nashua, Sept. 15, 22, 29

NEW JERSEY:

Rally for Recovery! 2007, Friends of Addiction Recovery-New Jersey, Jersey City

*Back to Reality, Back to Reality Non-Profit Corp., Hammonton, Sept. 28

NEW YORK:

Rally for Recovery! We Recover and We Vote, FOR-Delaware & Otsego Counties, Oneonta
Recovery Walk and Cookout, Recovery Network of New York, Syracuse
Recovery Walk, Bridges-MCCASA, Hamilton

OHIO:

5K Race, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, Lorain

OKLAHOMA:

Recovery Walk, OCARTA, Oklahoma City
*Capitalize on Recovery-6th Annual Recovery Rally, OCARTA, Oklahoma City, Sept. 27

OREGON:

Oregon Celebrates Rally for Recovery, OR Advocates for Recovery, Portland
*Hands Across the Bridge, Recovery Association Project, Portland, Sept. 3

PENNSYLVANIA:

*Recovery Works! Phillies Baseball Game, PRO-ACT/BCCADD, Philadelphia, Sept. 28
*Recovery Talks! 2007, PRO-ACT/BCCADD, Philadelphia, Sept. 14
Message Carriers 2nd Annual Rally For Recovery Walk/Run Celebration, Pittsburgh
*PRO-ACT's Recovery Walks!, Philadelphia, Sept. 9
*Gaudenzia Autumn Blues BBQ, Gaudenzia, Harrisburg, Sept. 29
Recovery Walk, Harrisburg
*PRO-ACT's "Recovery Talks!" Legislative Breakfast, Philadelphia, Sept. 14

SOUTH CAROLINA:

FAVOR Tri-County Rally for Recovery, Rock Hill
Rally for Recovery, Heart Springs, Columbia
Rally for Recovery!, FAVOR Greenville, Greenville
Rally for Recovery! '07, FAVOR Pee Dee, Florence

TENNESSEE:

Recovery Festival 2007, Tullahoma
Together We Can Celebrate Recovery 5K Run

TEXAS:

Rally in the Park, Association for Persons Affected by Addiction, Dallas

UTAH:

Utah's 6th Annual Recovery Day, SAARA-Utah, Salt Lake City

VIRGINIA:

Recovery Fest 2007, The McShin Foundation, SAARA of Central VA, Richmond

VERMONT:

Vermont's 2nd Annual Green Mountain Recovery Walk, Montpelier

WASHINGTON:

*The Second Power of Recovery Walk and Fair, Alliance for Recovery, Seattle, Sept. 22
"ROAR" Reaching Out Advocating Recovery", Spokane
Art of Recovery, Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council's Prevention Center, Spokane
NW Soberstock 2007, Redmond

WISCONSIN:

Celebration of Recovery, WAAODA/ AFRA, Madison

WYOMING:

Recovery Walk & Western Family Bar-B-Q, Cheyenne

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