

# ACHIEVEMENTS

## Organizing Achievements

- Released the first-ever **Recovery Bill of Rights** (June 2008), used in campaigns to empower people seeking recovery and their family members to get the help they need
- Launched Online Advocacy Action Center to inform recovery advocates about current issues and to make activism easier
- Organized a National Call-in Day, the day before the House voted to pass the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act, which generated over 3,500 phone calls to Capitol Hill
- Organized media, letter writing, and a call-in campaign to VH1 regarding the portrayal of people with addiction on *Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew*

## Civic Engagement and Policy Achievements

- Launched Addiction Recovery Insurance Equity Campaign to end discrimination against people with addiction
- Launched **Recovery Voices Count**, the organization's 2008 Recovery Community Civic Engagement campaign, to register voters, educate candidates and get-out-the-vote
- Organized New Hampshire Presidential Town Hall Meeting to educate both voters and candidates about recovery-friendly public policies
- Waged a successful 2006 campaign to restore federal funding for the Recovery Community Services Program; waged campaign to restore 2008 funding
- Secured partial repeal of the ban on federal financial aid to students with drug convictions in coalition with allied organizations

## Grassroots Achievements

- In March 2007, 15,000 people attended over 500 viewing parties for HBO's "*Addiction*," a collaborative project with Join Together and the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America (CADCA)
- 30,000 people attended the 2007 Faces & Voices Rally for Recovery at 60 locations across the country and acted to end insurance discrimination
- Trained over 1,000 recovery advocates through the "Our Stories Have Power" media trainings
- Conducted and released the first-ever survey of the general public, finding broad support for changes in attitudes and policies
- Organized around and distributed tens of thousands of "Another Voice for Recovery!" buttons and bumper stickers, organizing Stand Up for Recovery events with the Congressional Caucus on Addiction, Treatment and Recovery
- Produced Science of Addiction & Recovery "Train the Trainer" to train people in recovery, family members and allies to educate the public about the science behind the reality of recovery