

FACES & VOICES OF RECOVERY

Dear Recovery Advocate,

On behalf of **Faces & Voices of Recovery**, thanks so much for all that you and your organization are doing to help make recovery a reality for even more of our friends and neighbors. Your work and advocacy are critical in our combined efforts to change public perceptions of recovery, promote effective public policy in Washington, DC and in all 50 states and demonstrate that recovery is working for millions of Americans.

We are pleased to send your organization our new Recovery Advocacy Toolkit, *Making Our Voices Count*, which we believe will help build our growing recovery advocacy movement.

The Recovery Advocacy Toolkit was designed to give you tools and resources to work on two important Faces & Voices initiatives as well as local campaigns that you are involved in:

- **The Recovery Bill of Rights**, a statement of the principle that all Americans have a right to recover from addiction to alcohol and other drugs. It was developed and adopted by Faces & Voices of Recovery's Board of Directors and has been endorsed by our national allied organizations.
- **The Recovery Voices Count** campaign, our nonpartisan civic engagement effort to mobilize the recovery community so that our voices can be heard in the local, state and national arenas.

We have used both of these initiatives as examples in the tools that are included in the comprehensive kit. There is a fold-out poster of The Recovery Bill of Rights as well as a PDF file on the enclosed CD that you can use to print out copies to use in your community. We will be distributing additional hard copies. Stay tuned for more information about how to get them in the eNewsletter.

The kit includes media outreach templates, event organizing "how-to" materials and many other resources. We plan to make this a "living document." The information will be available online and, we will be sending out additional materials as we develop new campaigns and organizing strategies.

I would like to thank Reckitt Benckiser Pharmaceuticals Inc., makers of Suboxone, for providing us with an unrestricted educational grant and our growing membership for their support of our work on the **Recovery Advocacy Toolkit, The Recovery Bill of Rights** and the **Recovery Voices Count Campaign**.

Sincerely,



Merlyn Karst
Chair, Board of Directors

P.S. Please take a minute to fill out the toolkit feedback form and feel free to contact Pat Taylor, our Executive Director, or Tom Coderre, our National Field Director, at info@facesandvoicesofrecovery.org for any other information that you would like about the Toolkit and our growing recovery advocacy movement.