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**Faces & Voices of Recovery Receives Grant to Further Nationwide Addiction Recovery Advocacy Effort**

**Washington, DC, December 6, 2004** -- The Legal Action Center on behalf of Faces & Voices of Recovery, a national addiction recovery advocacy campaign, has been awarded a \$390,000 grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in support of its campaign to end discrimination and broaden recognition that addiction to alcohol and other drugs is a public health crisis.

Faces & Voices of Recovery (Faces & Voices), launched in 2001 in St. Paul, Minnesota, is governed by recovery advocates from around the country. With this grant and support from other funders and individuals, Faces & Voices is planning a National Summit of recovery advocates, training sessions aimed at developing leadership within the growing national addiction recovery advocacy movement, and other activities in 2005.

“In addition to providing ammunition for our efforts to combat stigma and discrimination, this grant will help to refine and affirm the unique voice of the recovery community,” said Lisa Mojer-Torres, chair of the Faces & Voices Board of Directors. “We are grateful to The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for its continued support of the Faces & Voices campaign”

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant allows Faces & Voices to support the growth of recovery community organizations around the country as well as develop a sustainability program for the next five years. In early December 2004, the recently incorporated organization will begin accepting nominations for its expanded Board of Directors.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, based in Princeton, N.J., is the nation’s largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to health and health care. It concentrates its grantmaking in four goal areas: to assure that all Americans have access to quality health care at reasonable cost; to improve the quality of care and support for people with chronic health conditions; to promote healthy communities and lifestyles; and to reduce the personal, social and economic harm caused by substance abuse – tobacco, alcohol and illicit drugs.

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Faces & Voices of Recovery is working to mobilize, organize and rally the millions of Americans 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](http://www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org).

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