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THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS IN HOMES, RECOVERY CENTERS, JAILS AND  
CHURCHES HOLD HOUSE PARTIES TO WATCH AND REACT TO PORTRAYAL  
OF ADDICTION ON NATIONAL TV

Addiction Recovery Advocates Get Out Their Message of Hope

Washington, DC – July 30, 2005 – Faces & Voices of Recovery, a Washington, DC-based national addiction recovery advocacy campaign, organized over 70 house parties across the country last night. Thousands of Americans came together to watch Dateline NBC's program, "Saving Carrick," a documentary about a 20-year old's struggle with addiction to heroin and to discuss ways to speak out about the power and possibility of recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs.

Noted addiction recovery advocate William Moyers kicked off the house parties by phone with a message of hope and inspiration.

Deirdre Drohan Forbes, who is spearheading Friends and Voices of Recovery, Westchester County, NY, her husband Thom and daughter Carrick, all featured in the program, are active recovery advocates. They and their son, Duncan, also on the show, have launched a web site at [www.elephantonmain.com](http://www.elephantonmain.com).

"We are part of a growing movement of people working to mobilize, organize and rally people in recovery from addiction, our families, friends and allies to end discrimination; broaden social understanding; and achieve a just response to addiction as a public health crisis," said Drohan Forbes.

"The house parties are just one way that we are coming together to speak out about recovery from addiction," said Lisa Mojer Torres, chair of Faces & Voices of Recovery. "We do get better and our friends and neighbors need to hear our voices and see our faces. We have stopped using alcohol and other drugs and now hold jobs, pay taxes, raise families and contribute to our communities."

For more information on the house parties and the Faces & Voices of Recovery campaign, visit [www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org](http://www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org).

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