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LISA MOJER-TORRES AWARD ANNOUNCED

NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED ADVOCATE FOR ADDICTION RECOVERY TO BE HONORED AT ANNUAL AMERICA HONORS RECOVERY EVENT

(WASHINGTON, D.C., June 22, 2011) – *Faces & Voices of Recovery*, the nation’s leading addiction recovery advocacy organization, announced that it has created an award in the memory of Lisa Mojer-Torres, the organization’s first board chair. Mojer-Torres, who passed away after a prolonged struggle with cancer, was a tenacious fighter for the rights of individuals with addiction.

Faces & Voices board chair Stephen Gumbley announced the award at the America Honors Recovery event in Washington, DC. The awards ceremony fosters excellence in advocacy related to recovery from addiction and is co-hosted by the Hazelden Foundation’s *Center for Public Advocacy*.

Dr. Westley Clark, Director of the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s Center for Substance Abuse Treatment read from a 2008 interview with Mojer-Torres that ended with, “We need to find a way past the obstacles created by the stigma and to appeal to the pool of hundreds of persons like myself to help push the snowball and to assure the visibility of the true faces and voices of medication-assisted recovery.”

To learn more about Lisa Mojer-Torres go to <http://www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org/about/Lisa-Mojer-Torres.php>.

To read the 2008 interview with Lisa Mojer-Torres go to http://www.williamwhitepapers.com/leadership_interviews/.

ABOUT *FACES & VOICES OF RECOVERY*

Faces & Voices of Recovery is organizing the over 20 million 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.

ABOUT HAZELDEN'S *CENTER FOR PUBLIC ADVOCACY*

Hazelden's *Center for Public Advocacy* exists to improve public understanding of alcoholism and drug addiction by serving as a leading national expert on issues related to addiction, treatment and recovery. In 2009 The Johnson Institute transferred key program, including *America Honors Recovery*, to Hazelden's *Center for Public Advocacy* to keep the Johnson Institute's 43-year legacy alive for future generations.

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