

YOUR MEMBERSHIP

WHY JOIN US!

Recovery Force is an organization made up of people impacted by addiction, including people in recovery, our families, friends and the families and friends of victims lost to a substance use disorder and families still struggling. We are the advocacy organization for you if you fall into one of these categories.

Our work focuses on ending the addiction stigma and fighting for the availability of the best prevention, treatment and recovery support solutions for families in the Atlantic City and surrounding area. At the heart of our work are children at risk of developing problems with mental health and addiction due to no fault of their own. We provide education and support and everything is always free to the public. We have no paid staff and are made up 100% of volunteers. Everyone impacted by addiction benefits from our work, directly or indirectly.

Your membership means that you support this cause and our work. It means that you stand up for recovery. Membership fees help support the costs of keeping our voice alive and raising awareness of the issues and practices involved in creating a culture of recovery in our community.

DID YOU KNOW

- Due to discrimination and human rights violations, a movement created by people in recovery and their families to end this started over 20 years ago. The movement was called the New Recovery Advocacy Movement.
- One outcome was the creation of a national office to advocate for people with substance use disorders and their families.
- The national office oversaw the creation of local grassroots advocacy organizations led by and for people impacted by addiction to fight for adequate responses to problems experienced.
- Addressing the addiction stigma became a top priority for all local advocacy organizations
- Recovery Force, founded in 2015, was the 102nd grassroots advocacy organization established nationwide and the first in New Jersey.
- The voices of each local recovery community organization are joined together through the national Association of Recovery Community Organizations (ARCO).
- There are 23 million people living in long-term addiction recovery in the United States.
- A variety of pathways have been equally effective in helping people to attain life after addiction.
- Recovery Force is a 501c3 charity organization 100% volunteer organization that remains independent of all organizations that require payment for services so that advocacy may remain authentic.
- All services provided by Recovery Force are free to the public.
- Recovery Force programs are funded through a membership base and the generosity of the local recovery community,

WE ARE PEOPLE AND FAMILIES IMPACTED BY ADDICTION DEDICATED TO IMPROVING LIFE



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Recovery Force was founded to provide advocacy and support for people and families impacted by addiction because the world we live in is ridden with stigma that makes it difficult to always be treated fairly and competently. Without voices that ask questions and get answers and hands willing to knock on closed doors and have them opened, people with substance use disorders (SUD) and their families would have no choice but to continue accepting inadequate responses. The system assures that shame will maintain silence and enable these unacceptable responses to persist. Half the country still believes addiction is a moral failing or character weakness and not the medical condition it is. These false beliefs lead to contempt toward people and their families, which drives the need for advocacy.

The work of Recovery Force is the product of the national Recovery Advocacy Movement, created by people in recovery and their loved ones to confront a system and society that mistreats people suffering from or in recovery from a substance use disorder (SUD) and their families. People with SUDs and other mental health disorders are often punished for their symptoms instead of being treated for them as if they were voluntary choices.

STIGMA

Those who have experienced a substance use disorder in their family are well aware of the isolation that results from a stigma that harshly and unfairly judges this situation. This isolation and fear causes families to try and fix a treatable medical condition at home, keeps people from getting help early on when successful outcomes are at the highest and keeps people who have recovered and are living life after addiction invisible.

We strive to create a community culture where public perception is based on science and a rich recovery culture emerges.

Our work is directed by what people and families tell us is needed based upon their experiences and is informed by national experts and the strategic framework for ending addiction as a major health problem.

OUR CAUSE IS YOUR CAUSE



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COLLATERAL BENEFITS



DIRECT BENEFITS

- Links to Resources
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Access to Membership Areas of Website
- Invitations to Events
- Contribute to Creating A Culture of Support
- Improve Conditions and Outcomes for Future Generations of Family Members
- Participation in Recovery Community Surveys
- Will Receive All Call to Action Requests
- Merchandise Discounts