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**"Addiction affects the whole  
family. The good news is that  
recovery does, too!"**

**"You are living proof that ad-  
diction recovery is possible:  
Isn't it time you told others?"**

**"Recovery is contagious: Find  
people who have it."**

**"By our silence, we let others  
define us."**

**"Recovery is everywhere."**

# FAVOR GS



## **FACES AND VOICES OF RECOVERY GRAND STRAND**



## OUR MISSION

The mission of FAVOR GS is to promote long-term recovery from substance use disorders through education, advocacy and recovery support services, resulting in healthier individuals, families and communities.

### WHO WE ARE

**Faces and Voices of Recovery Grand Strand (FAVOR GS)** is a grassroots advocacy and service organization incorporated as a 501(c) (3) in 2006.

### WHAT WE BELIEVE

Addiction recovery is a reality in the lives of millions.  
There are many paths to recovery.  
Recovery flourishes in supportive communities.  
Recovery is a voluntary process.  
Recovering people are part of the solution.  
Recovery gives back what addiction has taken away.

### THE PROBLEM

**Alcohol and other drug problems** are among the top ten leading causes of death in America.

**Health insurers discriminate** against people with alcohol and other drug problems.

**Public perception** is that people with alcohol and other drug problems do not recover.

**Research emphasis** has been focused on addiction and its treatment, rather than recovery.

**The war on drugs** has shifted to a war against users, favoring incarceration over rehabilitation.

### THE SOLUTION

**Recognize that recovery** from alcohol and other drug problems is a reality in the lives of millions.

**Require insurers** to reimburse providers as they would for treatment of any other chronic condition.

**Educate the public** that 58% of people with lifetime substance dependence eventually achieve sustained recovery.

**Use the foundation** laid from the study of addiction and its treatment to explore the factors involved in long-term recovery.

**Place the emphasis** on recovery-oriented systems of care and recovery community support programs.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Join a chapter** of FAVOR GS and participate in advocacy events.

**Write or talk** with your legislators and challenge them to introduce and support bills which help those suffering from addiction reclaim their lives.

**Put a face** on recovery. Speak your message of hope. Help break down the myths and stereotypes which are barriers to recovery.

**Celebrate the power** and proof of recovery.

