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**CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY FOR ADDICTION RECOVERY (CCAR)  
RECEIVES FIRST-EVER JOEL HERNANDEZ VOICE OF THE RECOVERY  
COMMUNITY AWARD**

June 18, 2008 Washington, DC reception announced

**(Washington, DC, April 22, 2008)** – Faces & Voices of Recovery announced that it will honor Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) as the winner of the first-ever Joel Hernandez Voice of the Recovery Community Award, recognizing CCAR as an outstanding recovery community organization on June 18, 2008 in Washington, DC.

“CCAR stood out to us because of the far-reaching impact the organization is making in their state and nationwide as the voice of the organized recovery community,” said Faces & Voices’ board chair Merlyn Karst in announcing the decision. The selection committee reviewed many applicants. “We were very impressed with the range of activities that each of the nominated organizations is undertaking to support recovery and were inspired by the applicants,” Karst commented.

“On behalf of the CCAR board, Executive Director, all staff, volunteers and the recovery community of Connecticut, we humbly thank Faces & Voices of Recovery in selecting CCAR to receive the first annual Joel Hernandez Voice of the Recovery Community award, said Tony Taschner, president of CCAR’s board of directors. He continued, “We are all working together. At CCAR we begin our daily efforts in the recovery advocacy movement by suiting up, showing up, asking our Higher Powers for help and direction and being available. We are inspired and blessed to witness the miracles of recovery on a daily basis and to have had a small part in some of them.”

CCAR will be awarded with a \$2000 check at a reception from 6-8pm on June 18, 2008 at Spriggs & Hollingsworth, 1350 I St. NW, Washington, DC. The award honors Joel Hernandez, whose fight to get his job back under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was a pivotal moment in history for the recovery

movement. The June 18 reception will also highlight Faces & Voices non-partisan civic engagement campaign, Recovery Voices Count.

Information about tickets and event sponsorship are available online at [www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org](http://www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org).

Faces & Voices of Recovery is working to mobilize, organize and rally the millions of people 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).