

# Friends

of Addiction Recovery  
New Jersey

**Our Vision:** To make the positive aspects of recovery visible to the public, to support and sustain the recovering community, and to overcome the stigma that affects all addicted individuals.

## RALLY FOR RECOVERY 2007 ADVOCACY TENT

### ADVOCACY TENT:

- We had wireless internet access laptops available to tap into our TAKE ACTION / CAP WIZ sites. These sites allow citizens to send pre-written letters to their representatives in a very easy manner.

#### EXAMPLES:

<http://capwiz.com/ncaddnj/state/main/?state=NJ>

[http://capwiz.com/ncaddnj/issues/alert/?alertid=11025106&type=CU&show\\_alert=1](http://capwiz.com/ncaddnj/issues/alert/?alertid=11025106&type=CU&show_alert=1)

### VOTERS (ELECTION GUIDE):

-We send a survey each year asking current candidates what their positions are on specific drug and alcohol issues. (alternate years: federal candidates, state candidates)

-We develop an election guide each year (alternate years: federal candidates, state candidates -2008 will be a federal guide).

Here is the link to last year's guide: <http://www.ncaddnj.org/2008/Advocate/eguide2007.asp>

### VOTER REGISTRATION & PETITIONS:

- We had voter registration forms
- Volunteers to canvas crowd with clipboards and pens
- Stickers were given to each person that registered or signed a petition
- LESSON LEARNED-There should have been volunteers at all entrances to register potential voters and have them sign petitions
- 2007 petition: THE WELLSTONE ACT
- We arranged to mail in the petitions and voter registration forms (this allows us to track our successes as well as further encourage the registrants to get to the polls)

### ADVOCACY BENEFITS:

1. Every registrant received a lapel sticker for each action i.e. voter registration, petition signing
2. Each registrant with all available stickers were entered into a prize drawing (there were a number of prizes)

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