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**The 2008 Election Cycle and the Recovery Community**  
Answering the Call of Civic Engagement and Public Service

**(Washington, D.C., February 27, 2008)** – Former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis calls on people in recovery, their families, friends and allies to get involved in the 2008 election cycle to engage political leaders on both sides of the political aisle to take action to address alcohol and other drug problems in the nation in the latest issue of *Rising!* “Our job between now and the first Tuesday in November is to make sure they do,” said Dukakis.

The Winter 2008 issue of Faces & Voices of Recovery’s quarterly publication *Rising!* features interviews with recovery advocates who helped organize a 2007 Presidential Town Hall Forum in New Hampshire and tools for educating the public and candidates for public office at all levels of government – five questions for candidates and a candidate’s pledge.

In his regular column, *Our History*, Bill White describes personal recovery as a catalyst for community participation and public service, “Those on the front lines of the New Recovery Advocacy Movement in the United States are writing new chapters within that tradition.” Other contributors include Faces & Voices of Recovery board chair Merlyn Karst and National Field Director Tom Coderre on the organization’s Recovery Voices Count nonpartisan civic engagement campaign. *Rising!* is available at no cost on the Faces & Voices web site at

<http://www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org/publications/rising.php>

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:

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