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Welcome to the America Honors Recovery Gala!

Leaders of the addiction recovery advocacy movement from across the nation will be honored at the America Honors Recovery (AHR) Gala on October 4, 2021. AHR salutes the legacies of dynamic recovery trailblazers who dedicated their lives to removing barriers for individuals and families affected by addiction and honors the future of their legacies.

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Master of Ceremonies

WILLIAM C. MOYERS

Vice President of Public Affairs and Community Relations



William C. Moyers is the vice president of public affairs and community relations for the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, based in Minnesota.

Since joining the organization in 1996, Moyers has used his own personal story to highlight the power of addiction. And the promise and possibility of recovery from it.

Moyers is committed to eliminating barriers to recovery

by smashing the stigma of addiction. His life is dedicated to helping people and families find hope and healing.

As a public advocate, he has appeared on Larry King Live, Oprah Winfrey, Good Morning America and National Public Radio.

He is the author of several books, including a memoir *Broken: My Story of Addiction and Redemption*. It was a New York Times best-seller and remains in print 15 years later.





Agenda Breakdown

7:00 pm Welcome	David Mineta* Elizabeth Edwards*
7:08 pm Welcome -Emcee	William Cope Moyers
7:13 pm Special Guest Speaker	Dr. Joseph Lee, CEO Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation
Special Guest Speaker	Charles Ingoglia President & CEO National Council for Mental Wellbeing
7:23 pm William L. White Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation	Presenter: Kateri Coyhis* Recipient: Ron Williams
7:31 pm Dr. Calvin Trent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award Presentation	Presenter: Andre Johnson Recipient: Dr. Dietra Hawkins
7:39 pm Lisa Mojer Torres Award Presentation	Presenter: Shelly Weizman* Recipient: Zac Talbott



7:47 pm Joel Hernandez Award	Presenter: Laurie Johnson Wade* Recipient: Advocates for Recovery Colorado
7:55 pm Vernon Johnson Awards Presentation	Presenter: Ruby Takushi* Recipient: Bobbi-Jo Reed
	Presenter: Philander Moore* Recipient: Donna Woods
	Presenter: Jeremiah Gardner Recipient: Pam Lanhart
8:15 pm Closing Remarks	William Cope Moyers
8:20 pm Closing Remarks	Matt Boggs* Chan Kemper* Lawrence Medina*

**Board Member*



William L. White Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award

The William L. White Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award honors the tremendous contributions made to the recovery advocacy movement, in honor of William L. White, renowned recovery historian and author.

Recipient: Ron Williams

Ron is a founding board member of Faces & Voices of Recovery and the co-founder of the Recovery Association Project, a recovery community organization in Portland, Oregon. He has been a local and national leader in recovery advocacy since 2001 and is a person with lived experience in substance use disorder, homelessness, and engagement with the criminal justice system. Ron has held various leadership positions in organizing and social justice policy advocacy. He currently Co-Chairs the Oregon Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act Oversight and Accountability Council and is the Director of Outreach for the Health Justice Recovery Alliance. Congratulations Ron for receiving the 2021 William L. White Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award!



Dr. Calvin Trent Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award

Dr. Calvin Trent Jr. was a nationally recognized expert and advocate for substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery. Dr. Trent was widely lauded for his fierce advocacy for the recovery community. As a nationally known proponent of the Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) transformation, he helped to modernize how citizens suffering from the disease of addiction are viewed and treated by the health care providers. The Dr. Calvin Trent Award is named in his honor, in recognition of those who exemplify his passion for creating authentic, diverse, equitable, just, and inclusive recovery communities.

Recipient: Dr. Deitra Hawkins

Dr. Deitra Hawkins is a licensed Clinical Psychologist who holds a faculty appointment as an Assistant Clinical Professor at Yale University School of Medicine, Program for Recovery and Community Health. Dr. Hawkins has spent nearly two decades helping individuals, communities, and organizations apply research-based approaches to diversity, equity, and inclusion. She is a published author and frequent speaker for workshops addressing Appreciative approaches toward system change, Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC), Asset-Based Community Development and Inclusion, and the Healing of Racism.



Dr. Hawkins is a mother, a wife, a Black Catholic, and an ally for all people in recovery, whose work is rooted in the values of faith, integrity, humility, collaboration, and inclusion. Congratulations Dr. Hawkins for receiving the first annual Calvin Trent Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award!



The Lisa Mojer-Torres Award

The Lisa Mojer-Torres Award honors a tenacious fighter who believed in the dignity and rights of every person. Her inquiring and challenging mind offered new insights, and, by example, she encouraged us to stand up and speak out on behalf of all pathways to recovery, including the use of medications. She was instrumental in the founding of Faces & Voices of Recovery. In her service as our first board chair, her leadership and presence at our helm contributed to a significant shift in understanding about addiction recovery and the need to end discriminatory policies and practices.

Recipient: Zac Talbott

Zac Talbott, a native of Eastern Tennessee, is an individual in long-term, sustained recovery from prescription pain medication and heroin addiction. Zac serves as the current President of the National Alliance for Medication Assisted Recovery (NAMA Recovery), the oldest and largest national advocacy organization specifically focused on the rights of and advocacy for buprenorphine and methadone patients. He is the President and CEO of Talbott Legacy Centers, operating comprehensive opioid treatment programs in Eastern Tennessee and North Georgia. Zac credits the success of his recovery to comprehensive medication assisted treatment, and he is a passionate advocate for the inclusion of buprenorphine and methadone patients in the larger recovery community and fighting for their rights. Congratulations Zac for receiving the 2021 Lisa Mojer-Torres Award!



Joel Hernandez Voice of the Recovery Community Award

The Joel Hernandez Voice of the Recovery Community Award honors a champion whose protest in the face of discrimination inspires us all. The award recognizes one local, state, or regional recovery community organization for its success in assessing the specific needs of their community and carrying out a vision and mission of mobilizing resources within and outside the recovery community to increase the prevalence and quality of long-term recovery from substance use disorder.

Recipient: Advocates for Recovery Colorado

Advocates for Recovery Colorado (AFRC) is the statewide authentic Recovery Community Organization in Colorado, and their Mission is, "We strive to be the voice of hope, empowering those affected by substance use through advocacy, education, and peer recovery support services in all Colorado communities."

All of AFRC's staff and board members are people with lived experience in recovery or family members of people affected by substance use. The organization is committed to the Core Values of Authenticity, Empowerment, Equity, Inclusivity, Integrity, and Service and serves as the "VOICE" for the Colorado Recovery Community. AFRC started as an advocacy organization in 2001 and focused on putting a "Face and a Voice on Recovery" in Colorado. They have continued that work and advocate for statewide policies that will enhance access to recovery support services in all Colorado communities. Congratulations Advocates for Recovery Colorado for receiving the 2021 Joel Hernandez Voice of the Recovery Community Award! The award is accepted by Tonya Wheeler, the Executive Director of Advocates for Recovery Colorado.





Vernon Johnson Awards

The Vernon Johnson Award honors the legacy of a man who devoted his life to spreading the message of recovery and helping others find recovery. Vernon Johnson was a person in long-term recovery and an Episcopal priest. After getting into recovery in 1962, he began challenging the then-popular conviction that people with alcohol and other drug use disorders had to hit rock bottom before they could begin to recover. As a result, he advocated for early intervention — a position that may be one of the priest's most valued legacies.

Faces & Voices of Recovery presents awards to individual and family recovery advocates who have devoted their life and work spreading the message of recovery and helping others find recovery.



Recipient: Bobbi-Jo Reed

Bobbi-Jo Reed is a person in long-term recovery with 25 years of continuous sobriety. She is the Founder and CEO of Healing House, Inc. which currently houses 200 adults and 30 children in the Historic Northeast Kansas City, Missouri. She has provided safe, transitional housing for nearly ten thousand individuals over the past 19 years. Her passion in life is to help those suffering with substance use disorders find their purpose. The award-winning documentary film, *Bobbi Jo: Under The Influence*, was released on various streaming platforms in 2021 and continues to be recognized amongst film festivals internationally. Her autobiography, *Beautifully Broken*, continues to bring others out of darkness and “Welcomed Home”. Congratulations Bobbi-Jo Reed for receiving the 2021 Vernon Johnson Award!





Recipient: Donna Woods

Donna Woods refers to herself as a woman in recovery first and then a professional. After receiving her certification as an alcohol and drug counselor, Donna put her formal education on the back burner while she founded the Oklahoma Citizens Advocates for Recovery and Transformation Association in February of 2002 and began advocating for the rights of individuals, families, and those in recovery with addiction to receive help. As a great listener full of integrity, Donna's primary role is to motivate others and manage the vision and purpose of the organization. She has traveled throughout the state of Oklahoma to promote Community Sentencing programs, Drug Courts, and Peer Recovery Support Specialist programs. With Donna at the helm, OCARTA continues to move forward with its mission of grassroots advocacy, education, and peer recovery support services for all those affected by addiction and/or mental illness. Congratulations Donna Woods for receiving the 2021 Vernon Johnson Award!



**Recipient: Pam Lanhart
(family advocate)**

Pam Lanhart has lived in the shadow of addiction her entire life. Growing up in a family where substance use was prevalent, Pam was determined that addiction would not impact her family. So when her son became affected at the young age of 12, she set out on a mission to understand the disease, how it impacted families and what the recovery process looked like not just for her son, but for herself as well. As a result, Pam started a non-profit in Minnesota called Thrive Family Support which helps families nationally connect to resources, education and support. Pam is also a certified family recovery coach, peer recovery specialist, Invitation to Change and CRAFT practitioner and Arise interventionist. Pam is passionate about helping families use evidence based best practices to move their loved ones toward change and believes that a healthy family gives their loved ones the best opportunity to activate their own personal recovery. She is also a fierce advocate for humane treatment of those suffering from substance use, the availability of harm reduction and the de-stigmatizing of those suffering from the disease of addiction. Congratulations Pam Lanhart for receiving the 2021 Vernon Johnson Award for the family advocate category!





Special Guest Speaker

DR. JOSEPH LEE

CEO, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation

In 2021, Dr. Lee became the eighth president and CEO of the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation and the fifth president of the Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School of Addiction Studies.

As the medical director for Hazelden Betty Ford's youth services the past 11 years, Dr. Lee has established himself as a thought leader on matters related to all matters related to addiction, mental health and recovery.

A triple-boarded physician, he completed his Adult Psychiatry residency at Duke University Hospital and his fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry from Johns Hopkins Hospital. He is a diplomat of the American Board of Addiction Medicine and is a member of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry's Substance Use Disorder Committee.

Dr. Lee's experience with families from across the country and abroad provide him with an unparalleled perspective on emerging drug trends, co-occurring mental health conditions, and the ever-changing culture of addiction. Given his unique degree of specialization and powerful messaging, Dr. Lee has been featured in numerous media venues and national academic conferences alike. He is the author of *Recovering My Kid: Parenting Young Adults in Treatment and Beyond*, which provides an honest guide for parental leadership in times of crisis.



Special Guest Speaker

CHARLES INGOGLIA, MSW

CEO and President, National Council for Mental Wellbeing

Chuck Ingoglia leads the national charge to ensure people living with mental health and substance use challenges have access to comprehensive, high-quality care that affords every opportunity for recovery. To accomplish this, he harnesses the voices and support of the more than 3,200 National Council members who serve over 10 million individuals nationwide.

Chuck draws from personal experience and a deep knowledge of the field acquired from more than 28 years' professional experience in the field, including site-of-service technical assistance, to members. He effects change at both the national and state level by playing a major role in policy advocacy and analyses on issues relevant to behavioral health.





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