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Voices of Recovery

Press Release

The Grand Opening for the Interim Voices of Recovery Center Is Friday October 30th from 4pm to 9pm 200 Industrial Road (at Quarry), Belmont

Mark Church, President of the Board of San Mateo County Supervisors is slated to make the opening address and cut the ribbon for the new interim Voices of Recovery Center. The opening of the interim center is the culmination of more than a year of efforts by San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) and a large grass roots community movement.

San Mateo County Supervisor Mark Church is slated to make the opening address and cut the ribbon for the new interim center. Steve Kaplan, Director of San Mateo County's Alcohol and Other Drugs Services division is also expected to make keynote remarks about the progress that Voices of Recovery has made, and San Mateo County BHRS' vision of recovery for all county residents receiving AOD and Mental Health Services.

The opening of the interim center is the culmination of more than a year of effort led by San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) and a large grassroots community movement. The interim center is located at 200 Industrial Road (at Quarry) in Belmont. Youth and Family Enrichment Services (YFES) generously provided space in their facility for the center until Voices of Recovery's permanent space is available early next year. The new Voices of Recovery Interim Center will be open two days each week (Tuesday and Friday, from 4PM to 9PM) and will be staffed by committee members and volunteers. Initially, the center will offer resource and information services to individuals and families seeking solutions and support.

Voices of Recovery is for people seeking and maintaining long-term recovery from their own addictions, and will offer support to family members and friends who are affected by a loved ones' addiction. Voices of Recovery is meant to be geographically convenient, culturally diverse and open to all people seeking recovery. Voices of Recovery will coordinate efforts already established, connect with alcohol and drug services and treatment providers, other recovery groups (12-Step and non 12-Step), faith-based organizations, alcohol and other drug studies students, mental health groups and professionals, anti-stigma advocates and other potential partners and collaborators as we discover them. Through its well-connected collaborative partnership network, Voices of Recovery hopes to quickly provide information and support for San Mateo County residents seeking help with Mental Health and chemical dependency problems.

Another of Voices of Recovery's primary mission is to advocate to help those suffering from alcohol and drug and/or mental health issues to overcome the stigma attached to those conditions, and to raise awareness of the critical need for recovery treatment and services (for individuals and families), particularly for those suffering with co-occurring disorders (AOD and Mental Health issues).

Individuals and organizations are invited to join and partner with Voices of Recovery as it grows. Volunteers are encouraged to contribute their voice and expertise as we develop programs, partnerships and infrastructure. For more information, contact Ray Mills of Voices of Recovery at (650) 372-6118, or (650) 630-4211 or rayzlas@yahoo.com.

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