

## PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

### ROSEMARY TISCH, DIRECTOR, RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

PRESS RELEASE FACES & VOICES FOR RECOVERY, WASHINGTON, D.C.: Rosemary Tisch, PPI Director, will be recognized along with three other activists and one grassroots community organization for their contributions advocating for the rights of people and their families in seeking recovery from addiction by *Faces & Voices of Recovery*, the nation's leading addiction recovery advocacy organization. The AMERICA HONORS RECOVERY AWARDS PROGRAM will be held at the Carnegie Institute for Science on June 27, 2012. Rosemary will receive the Vernon Johnson Award (formerly known as The America Honors Recovery Award) which recognizes people who are in long-term recovery and their allies who have given back to their communities so that future generations can experience the reality of recovery.

The event will feature members of Congress, federal officials and leaders of the nation's addiction recovery advocacy movement. It honors the legacies of three addiction recovery trailblazers who dedicated their lives to removing barriers for individuals and families affected by addiction: Johnson Institute founder, Dr. Vernon E. Johnson, and recovery advocates, Joel Hernandez and Lisa Mojer-Torres and is co-hosted by the Hazelden Foundation's *Center for Public Advocacy*. **FACES & VOICES OF RECOVERY** is organizing the over 23 million Americans in recovery from addiction, 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. **HAZELDEN'S CENTER FOR PUBLIC ADVOCACY** exists to improve public understanding of alcoholism and drug addiction by serving as a leading national expert on issues related to addiction, treatment and recovery. Announcement attached, more information is available at:

[www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org/about/trainings\\_events/ahr\\_2012/awardees\\_2012.php](http://www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org/about/trainings_events/ahr_2012/awardees_2012.php).

## THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

### What Have We Been Doing This Winter?

- **Celebrated transfer of ¡Celebrando Familias!** to NACoA at a wonderful event co-hosted by EMQ-FF.
- **Acceptance of article, *Family Centered Intervention for Substance Abuse in Hispanic Communities*,** for publication, our FIRST peer reviewed article. Thanks to Shirley Sparks Grief!
- **Continued to support local sites** in fidelity and evaluation of *CF!* including Parisi House on the Hill, EMQ-FF, and Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County.
- **Began collaboration with evaluators and sites** to collect data on long range behavior changes of families who participate in *CF!*
- **Continued collaboration with NACoA** supporting national sites and producing materials supporting new *CF!* trainers and presenters , expanding our network of trained presenters.
- **Produced a New Activities Booklet** for trained *CF!* sites, while continuing to work on a 2013 updated curriculum for new sites.
- **Approached by nongovernment groups in Saratov (Russia) and India** about providing prevention training. We are currently clarifying their requests and then will seek funding. Anyone have ideas?

**Rosemary**

Rosemary Tisch, Director, Prevention Partnership International  
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*Celebrating Families!* and ¡Celebrando Familias! are programs of NACoA (National Association for Children of Alcoholics) offering curriculum materials, technical assistance and training services. For more information please contact: [rstisch@preventionpartnership.us](mailto:rstisch@preventionpartnership.us); [www.preventionpartnership.us](http://www.preventionpartnership.us); [www.celebratingfamilies.net](http://www.celebratingfamilies.net)



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### **ADVOCATES TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AT NATIONAL EVENT TO SPEAK OUT ABOUT RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION**

Rosemary has dedicated her life to breaking the cycle of addiction in families. Since entering recovery in 1982, she has focused her energy on prevention, founding Kids Are Special (KAS) in 1983. KAS was one of the first nonprofits working with children of alcoholics, developing prevention programs for school children and Training Institute in Santa Clara County, CA. As the parent of two young children, Rosemary knew that addiction and recovery do not occur in a vacuum.

She has presented locally, nationally and internationally, providing the first prevention trainings in Russia in the late 1980s and later developing a school-based prevention curriculum, *Keys to Healthy Living*, for the Moscow schools. It's used today in 23 Russian cities in a variety of settings.

Rosemary moved on to found Family Education Foundation to support the recovery of children and families addressing multiple issues of addiction, mental health problems, violence and abuse. She has collaborated and consulted with experts in overlapping fields, incorporating innovative thoughts and strategies in new strategies. As she developed programs, founded organizations and her work evolved, she immersed herself in the research and theory of recovery and family therapy. Her knowledge and experience, driven by her desire to break the cycle of addiction in her own family, has helped many, many others.

Over the last eleven years, Rosemary has focused on the development and implementation of *Celebrating Families!*<sup>™</sup> – an evidence-based, multi-family skill building curriculum focused on whole family recovery. *Celebrating Families!*<sup>™</sup> (CF!) is now listed on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices and was transferred to the National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACoA) in 2005. CF! was recently translated and culturally adapted by a team of Hispanic program experts. CF! Is about the children of the next generation not struggling with addiction, providing their parents who are in early recovery the respect and support they need – reuniting families.

She serves as an advisor to a variety of state, national and international bodies. Perhaps what is most powerful about Rosemary's work has been her ability to communicate so successfully with people who do not have direct experience with people in long-term recovery. Rosemary's quiet, intelligent passion about teaching families what they need in order to lead healthy lives motivates everyone with whom she comes in contact.