

Recovery Association Project
presents:
HANDS ACROSS THE BRIDGE 2007
CELEBRATION of ADDICTION RECOVERY
Saving Lives, Saving Dollars

For Immediate Release

Labor Day, Monday September 3rd

10 a.m -- Noon

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It has become a **Labor Day** tradition, as an estimated 2000 residents will celebrate freedom from alcohol and other drug addiction by joining hands to span the **Interstate 5 Bridge** that connects Oregon and Washington. People in recovery, people supporting loved ones in recovery and those praying for someone who needs recovery will take part in the Labor Day event.

Elected officials from both Oregon (Representative Chip Shields and County Chair Ted Wheeler) and Washington (Senator Craig Pridemore, County Chair Steve Stuart, Mayor Royce Pollard) will join the celebration to show their support of the work done by the recovery community in reclaiming lives and helping people realize their full potential as human beings.

The sixth annual Hands Across the Bridge event organized by the **Recovery Association Project**, together with their sponsors and partners, set for Labor Day, Monday September 3rd, begins at 10 a.m. It will feature ceremonies on both sides of the Columbia River to kick off National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. The national campaign aimed at promoting the benefits of substance abuse recovery and treatment.

The Recovery Association Project (RAP) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to creating a vehicle for people in recovery to speak out and challenge the stigma on substance abuse related issues.

Who: Recovery Association Project
What: Community event to Celebrate National Recovery Month
When: September 3, 2007 10:00 – Noon
Where: OREGON
Red Lion Inn
909 N. Hayden Drive, Portland, OR.
WASHINGTON
Vancouver Landing (West of the Inn at the Quay)
100 Columbia St., Vancouver, WA

“On Labor Day we will all stand together to show that the bridge to recovery is the bridge to our transformed lives at home, at work, and in our neighborhoods,” said co-organizer Patty Katz of Vancouver Recovery Association Project (RAP). “Recovery and treatment programs create healthier families and a more productive workforce, while lowering health care costs and reducing crime rates. Recovery is real and communities heal!”

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