

MAAR makes a difference by...

- enhancing recovery visibility in Maine through educational & advocacy efforts
- establishing an active recovery presence through publicized events within Maine communities:
 - 1) in 2004, MAAR hosted an informational booth at Bangor Mall to raise awareness that recovery works on a busy Saturday during Recovery Month
 - 2) in 2005 & 2006, **Maine Walks for Recovery** graced the streets of Augusta & Capitol Park during Recovery Month
 - 3) MAAR initiated a community-based volunteer planning coalition to put together the 2007 Recovery Celebration! and Rally for Recovery!
 - 4) MAAR members served as the presence of recovery during the annual State Capitol Hall of Flags substance abuse awareness events
 - 5) MAAR Coordinator participated on the expert panel during a Bangor community preview of the HBO '**Addiction**' special
 - 6) MAAR has displayed our memorable '**Faces of Recovery**' photo exhibit throughout Maine communities
 - 7) MAAR initiates recovery-related media coverage in local newspapers and radio; through regular printed columns in Bangor Daily News '**Finding a Fix**' series & article in the **Maine Women's Journal**, Fall / Winter 2006
 - 8) MAAR Coordinator served as the MC at the Blaine House Annual Silver Teas (2006 & 2007) to honor women in recovery
- partnering with the Office of Substance Abuse & MASAP treatment providers to work on the **Advancing Recovery** grant project funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – by engaging people in recovery to add their voices of experience to the direction of these efforts
- maintaining participation in integrated treatment initiatives and in collaborating with state & community provider-based groups as a recovery advocacy organization
- participating as a member of the monthly Substance Abuse Services Commission, representing people in recovery
- educating legislators about recovery-related concerns & needs; and by recommending policy & funding changes that will lessen barriers to recovery
- developing a strategic plan that will strengthen our recovery advocacy efforts, increase membership and lead to future peer support opportunities for Maine

We have received letters of thanks from recovering people around the state for our presence, activities and efforts, and we greatly appreciate the support of our communities.

We welcome those in recovery and people who are recovery supporters to work with us to make the reality of recovery visible in our state.

Hope is ever-present and we are living proof!

