

Recovery Day Windsor-Essex
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Dear

Thank you for joining in the celebration of Recovery Day Windsor-Essex on Sept 15, 2018. On Recovery Day, Canadians in recovery from addiction joined with family and friends to build awareness, challenge stigma and celebrate the role that recovery plays in improving the lives of individuals, families and communities. We believe recovery saves lives. We envision a world in which recovery from addiction is a common, celebrated reality – a world where individuals will not experience shame when seeking help.

On behalf of the committee, I wish to thank you for your generous support. Community Partners, Financial Partners and Volunteers like yourself made our 5th Annual Recovery Day a successful event. This year, we here in Windsor and Essex County joined with 27 other cities across Canada in celebrating Recovery. We appreciated the participation of the following Community Partners: HDGH Withdrawal Management, HDGH On-Ward Assessment Referral, HDGH Transitional Stability Centre, HDGH Problem Gambling, Windsor Residence for Young Men, Victoria Manor, Can-Am Friendship Centre, Brentwood Recovery Home, Ontario Addiction Treatment Centre, Nar Anon, AIDs Committee of Windsor, Windsor Life Centre, WCF – Celebrate Recovery, WCF – Genesis Change Group, Downtown Mission Phoenix Group and WYC, House of Sophrosyne, W.E. Community Health Centre, Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre, Canadian Mental Health Association and Mental Health Connections. The Financial Partners we would like to recognize are Windsor and District Labour Council, Unifor Local 240, Windsor Christian Fellowship, Bitacola Insurance Brokers and Davids Tea. We heard words of encouragement from 14 Testimonial Speakers including Matt “Elvis” Martin. None of this would have been possible without the many hours put in by Committee Members and valuable volunteers. I would like to thank our setup /tear down team from Windsor Christian Fellowship and WRYM, the BBQ team, our Master of Ceremonies, DJ Matt Tavolieri, and artist Asaph Maurer.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Brandon Bailey our Past Chair for his hard work and dedication for the last 5 years as he is pursuing other endeavors.

Recovery Day Windsor-Essex would like to introduce our new Chair Brian Trevail. Brian has 25&1/2 years of sobriety, Celebrate Recovery leader for 4 years and 6 years of program experience with Genesis Process Relapse Prevention Group. Brian has served with the Recovery Day committee for 5 years.

At this time I would like to draw your attention to our new name. We have changed from Recovery Windsor to Recovery Day Windsor-Essex to better recognize the community that our Partners serve.

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Looking forward to our 6th Annual Recovery Day 2019, the committee is aware of necessary improvements to be made to the event. We are looking at ways to better inform the community. Our goal is to increase attendance at the event and thereby increase exposure and access to the services our Community Partners have to offer.

To help navigate our growth and respond to your needs Wes Mussato of WJM Web Design will be developing a new Website and Facebook page. Having been in the community for the past 5 years we have a chance to evaluate our approach to celebrating Recovery with your ideas and concerns. We will contact you again in the near future so we may work together on plans for 2019. Once we have confirmed the date for Recovery Day 2019 we will send you a "Save-the-Date" notice.

Sincerely,

Sally Charlton,
Secretary,
Recovery Day Windsor-Essex