



Recovery 
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Community

You are cordially invited to a
Grand Reunion & Fundraiser
at our
Celebrate Therapeutic Community Recovery Event!
On
Saturday, October 15, 2016
3pm-8pm

Recovery Connections Community invites our friends, alumni, former residents, and supporters to join us in a celebration and fundraiser to recognize the importance of recovery and what it means to us, as well as to welcome and honor our special guest and keynote speaker, Mary Hogden.

3110 #F County Line Rd
Angier, North Carolina 27501

Purchase your tickets online for the event, including dinner, at
<http://www.recoveryconnectionscommunity.com/celebrate-recovery>
For further information contact Cole Dunlap - (828) 768-4424 or email at
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August 1, 2016

Dear Alumni, Supporters, Former Residents and Friends,

We would like to formally invite you to our program's Celebrate Therapeutic Community Recovery gathering. It will be held at our Angier Farm in the eastern part of North Carolina on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 3pm-8pm. Throughout the afternoon, our residents will share their stories of recovery, hope, and inspiration. We will also have a delicious meal and an unforgettable time of fellowship and networking with friends both inside and outside our community.

Recovery Connections Community is very excited and proud to welcome our special guest and keynote speaker Mary Hogden, who will be traveling from California to North Carolina to spend a week with us and be a part of our Celebrate Recovery event. Mary, the Founding Director and President/CEO for almost 15 years of FIRST, Inc. has been an advocate guiding and helping others to implement recovery as a lifestyle, showing others that there is a new way to live since the early 1990s. She now works for Alameda County Behavioral Health located in Oakland, California and is the director of a similar program there, the Pool of Consumer Champions (POCC). In North Carolina, Mary, a mentor to so many of us, changed the lives of hundreds, perhaps thousands of people, by offering a therapeutic community as an alternative to incarceration. She shared her experience, strength, and hope, by taking us out of a world of suffering in active addiction and taught us a new way of life, where recovering addicts gained the tools to live life on life's terms and become productive members of society. Because of Mary, our director Jennifer Hollowell, was able to start her own life of hope in recovery that resulted in two long-term residential programs, Recovery Ventures Corporation and now Recovery Connections Community. Jennifer considers herself blessed to be able to follow in Mary's footsteps by continuing to show people for over 20 years how to live life on life's terms, manage the disease of addiction and how to nurture lifelong connections.

We look forward to spending the day with you, as we "celebrate recovery" and welcome back and listen to Mary Hogden as she speaks about wellness, recovery, advocacy, and crisis intervention. In addition, we need your help! Our Celebrate Recovery will kick off our Capital Fundraising Campaign. We desperately need funding to

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purchase two facilities we are currently renting, the Farm in Eastern North Carolina and our new men's home in Western North Carolina, near Asheville. We need to raise at least \$125,000 for down payments on these properties in a year's time. Therefore, tickets to our dinner are priced at \$25.00 with one complimentary raffle ticket for a chance to win some great prizes. Art Lovers! We will host a silent auction that will include original artwork by residents rebuilding their lives at Recovery Connections Community, as well as artwork from professional artists and hobbyists from around the state. We would appreciate and gladly accept any generous donation that you would like to give to help benefit our community. We also have a constant need for items which are used for daily operations, like hygiene and household products, gas and gift cards, paper products, as well as animal and office supplies. All donations whether it be monetary or the aforementioned items are tax-deductible! Tickets are available for purchase on our website: recoveryconnectionscommunity.com/celebrate-recovery, and on site the day of the event. Children under 12 are free. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact us. Please R.S.V.P by contacting Cole Dunlap at (828) 768-4424 no later than October 10, 2016, and be sure to bring your family and friends who may also support our mission! We are very excited about our event and hope to see you there!

Sincerely,



Jennifer A. Hollowell, MA, CPSS
The Staff and Residents of Recovery Connections Community

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