2017 was a tremendous year of excitement and with your support we accomplished a great deal at PRO•A.

Our Mission
To mobilize, educate and advocate to eliminate the stigma and discrimination toward those affected by alcohol and other substance use conditions; to ensure hope, health and justice for individuals, families and those in recovery.

Mobilize
Mobilizing the recovery community and our allies is key to changing public perspective of substance use conditions, which impact one in three Pennsylvania families. Over the past year PRO•A has participated in organizing, promoting, facilitating and attending 138 events, conferences, conference calls and meetings. Through these events, 12,137 people mobilized in solidarity for the cause of recovery.

Educate
The recovery community is fundamentally important to the drug and alcohol service system workforce, and PRO•A is the leading trainer for CRS’s in the state of Pennsylvania. We facilitated 9 workshops at conferences, provided a total of 192 technical assistance and Recovery Institute training sessions to Recovery Community Organizations and individuals, offered 17 Recovery Institute Training Series - including 153 training modules and providing 918 hours of training for people to become recovery leaders and Certified Recovery Specialists. Through our training program, we educated 4,620 people across our state in 2017.

Advocate
Our advocacy efforts are targeted to ensure our community is able to get the help they need and to live free of stigma and discrimination. These efforts spanned systems and involved efforts surrounding the integration of peers across systems, addressing substance use and alcohol use conditions in the criminal justice system, and the adolescent service system and recovery resources for young people. At local, state and federal levels, we attended 7 Pathway to Pardons meetings, showed the Our Lives Matter Quilt across the state at 12 locations, and offered a screening of Generation Found with panel discussion twice. Through our advocacy efforts we held meetings, organized statewide conference calls with RCO’s, community leaders, stakeholders, and key legislators. Through our resolve, we were able to extend our efforts of advocacy to 8,559 people.
Year In Review

Additionally, over the past year we were able to:

Send out **53** electronic member messages to individuals, recovery community organizations and professionals across our state, reaching nearly **2000** members to keep people informed of events and news impacting our community.

Distribute our quarterly newsletter electronically and by mail to **3281** individuals, recovery community organizations and professionals across our state providing news and information to support networking and engagement across the state.

Develop two additional fact sheets, a criminal history fact sheet and a recovery fact sheet, to support efforts to educate our community and improve public understanding of addiction and recovery.

Distribute our newsletters and fact sheets at events, and provided newsletters to members, RCO’s and affiliates for use in their common areas and wait areas.

**Esprit de corps** - a feeling of pride, fellowship, and common loyalty shared by the members of a particular group. *We are indeed as a whole greater than the sum of our parts.* – William Stauffer