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Each year, our nation celebrates Veterans Day on November 11th. Originally called Armistice Day when declared in 1919, it was identified as commemorating the end of World War I. In 1954, Congress replaced Armistice with Veterans, and has since been celebrated as Veterans Day in the United States.

For over 35 years, Victory House of the Lehigh Valley has been providing shelter and transitional services to homeless men, many who have been homeless veterans. The Hope Center, a Recovery Community Organization run by Treatment Trends, Inc., offers a safe environment for those seeking recovery. Collaborating to honor Veterans on this day, these organizations know the importance of recognizing the sacrifices that our soldiers and sailors have made in the name of protecting our country. Honoring our Veterans is not just revering those that served, but includes having community and organizational resources and assistance when individuals are in need. The Hope Center and Victory House offer this support and assistance for those individuals.

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## PRO•A'S 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LEADERSHIP IN RECOVERY EVENT RECAP



*By Nikki Weir*

PRO•A held its 5th Annual Leadership in Recovery Event on November 2, 2022, at the Country Club of Harrisburg. Our theme—Nothing About Us Without Us!—served as a rounding reminder of the need for raised voices and a fiercely bound community in the face of opposition and adversity.

PRO•A incorporated a training conference prior to the Leadership Dinner and award ceremony that offered those participating CEU accreditation. There were three Training Modules which included Tobacco Recovery—Let's Talk about It, facilitated by Tony Klein, MPA, NCACH and William Stauffer, LSW. The second training module was a Survey on Stigma & Medical Professionals in the United States, facilitated by Sean Fogler, MD, Rikki Sargent, PhD, and William Stauffer, LSW. The third training module was on Family Recovery During the Pandemic Panel, the panelists included: Cindy Wanamaker – PPAC, Representative Jim Gregory, District 80 – Legislative perspective and Laurie Johnson Wade – Lost Dreams Awakenings.

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~ Harry S. Truman*

## The Hope Center Collaborates with Victory House of the Lehigh Valley to Celebrate Local Veterans

On Veterans Day 2022, the Hope Center supported Victory House of the Lehigh Valley to celebrate our Veterans in the Lehigh Valley. The celebration, held at the Hope Center in Bethlehem, PA, honored our Veterans with a memorable video slide created by Justin Wright, which shared pictures of those from the Lehigh Valley who served our country. Donations were offered to Veterans to include new coats, boots and socks. The celebration included amazing food, to include Jersey Mike’s, who donated 100 subs for the event. Dieter Brothers Fuel also gave a monetary donation. Many individuals and organizations assisted in making the day a success. As Brian Sabo, Director of Hope Center stated, “It was a true community effort!” Thank you to all those who served our country ... you are our true heroes.



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For more information, please contact Jessica Miller at 717.512.4611 or [Jessica.M@raseproject.org](mailto:Jessica.M@raseproject.org)

Hero In The Fight continues to change the culture on how addiction is viewed in our communities. Proving that you can live and enjoy life without the use of substances, families can heal, and recovery is possible. Our collaboration is designed to let the world around us know that if addiction has impacted your life in some form, you are not alone, there is always hope, and we do recover!



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The trainings were followed up by a brief social networking hour, where our amazing Jazz entertainment, Audra Mariel and Anthony Fuscaldo, set the mood. The ceremony opened with an introduction to the event by William Stauffer and an invocation by Patti Baranowski.

Following a delicious meal, Spoken Word Poet, Joseph Green, brought us all to joyful tears with his powerful presentation. Joseph, an individual in long term recovery, possesses an unmatched gift that pushes and pulls at the far-reaching corners of our hearts and psyches that we try to ignore but must confront and bring to light. Green states, "And now a metaphor for recovery. It doesn't always start how you intended, but if you stick with it, your life will eventually stand in ovation." That is how his evening went—with us all standing in ovation.

Our Keynote Speaker was Dona Dmitrovic, who is the Senior Advisory for Recovery, SAMHSA. She shared her experience in raising public awareness and supporting program development for individuals with substance use disorder through advocacy, policy and program development.

Awards were presented for PRO•A Champions of Service 2022 to an individual, which went to Darron Shanks, VFMC. Institution/Organization 2022 was given to Safer Streets for Tamaqua's Little Feet. PRO•A 2022 Ambassadors of Recovery Award was awarded to Kathy Strain. PRO•A 2022 Lifetime Service to the Recovery Community was awarded to Robin Horston Spencer – The Message Carriers.

As we close this chapter, we can reflect on this year's event as a triumph for the recovery community. There is power in our togetherness and the harnessing of this power invokes inevitable change.

The PRO•A team would like to thank our sponsors and advertisers as well as everyone who worked tirelessly to make this event a success. *Together, we can and do make a difference.* See you next year!



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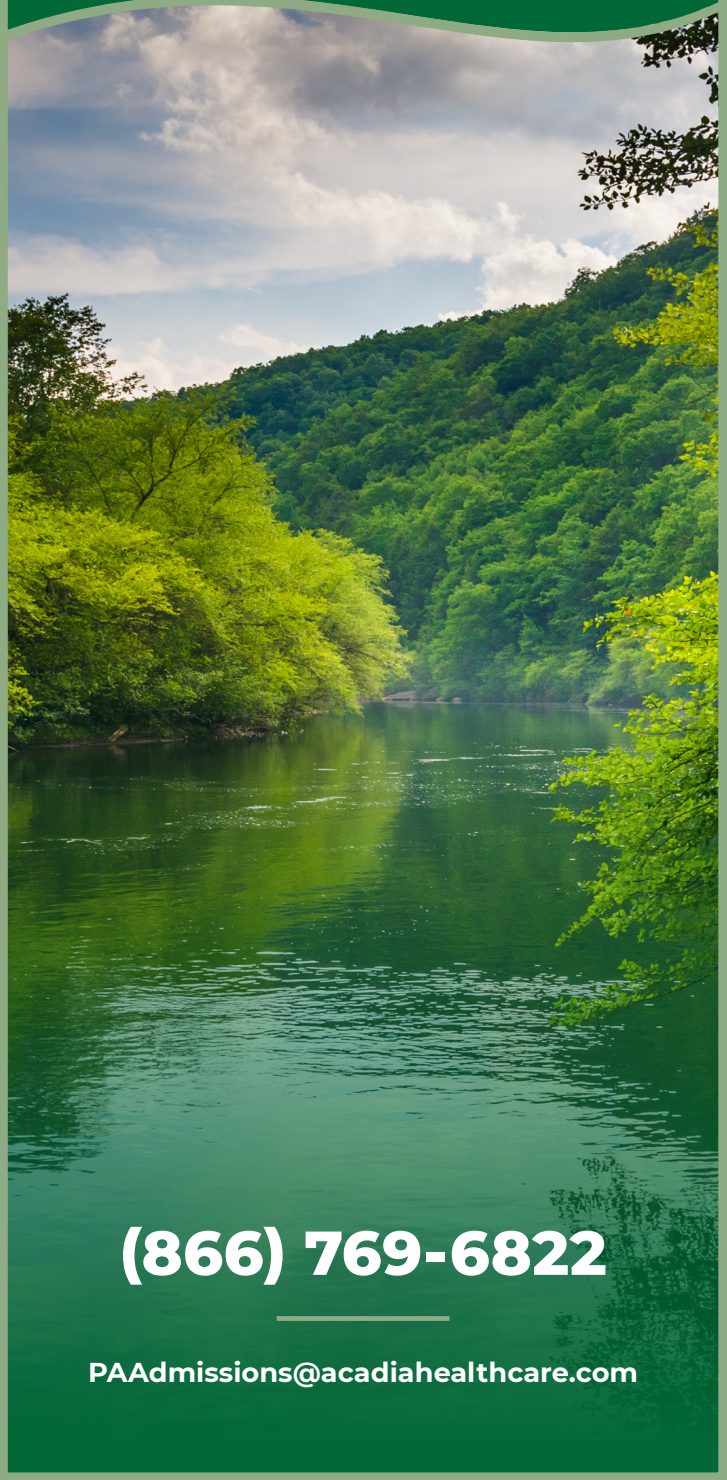
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