



## Chevron Houston Marathon Run for a Reason Corporate Partners Program

The Chevron Houston Marathon Run for a Reason Program (RFAR) connects the philanthropic community to passionate race participants willing to raise funds and create awareness for meaningful causes. The Houston Recovery Center invites your corporation to be an active participant. Your company will be recognized through a variety of advertising, marketing and networking benefits before, during and after race weekend. Showcasing your charitable initiatives demonstrates social responsibility throughout the city of Houston and in the community.

- Involvement aligns your brand with the positive, inspirational imagery of race weekend.
- Corporate partners ARE NOT required to have runners.



### WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

#### Participation Guidelines

1. Complete the 2024 Corporate Partnership Program Registration online at: <https://houstonmarathon.wufoo.com/forms/m15b20rq0cj4q6l/>
  2. When you register, please select Houston Recover Center as the official Charity to receive your donation
  3. Corporate Partnership Program registrations must be completed by November 10, 2023 to receive benefits.
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## The Big Texas Rally for Recovery

Houston celebrated the 13th annual Big Texas Rally for Recovery (BTRR) on September 9, 2023. For more than 30 years, during the month of September, communities, and local organizations from across the country host celebrations in honor of the National Recovery Month observation. These activities take many forms that bring public attention to recovery and challenge negative attitudes, stigma, and discrimination while celebrating the recovery of individuals, families, and entire communities across Texas. The Houston Recovery Center (HRC) joined the Rally, along with Leonard Kincaid - HRC Executive Director, Sheriff Ed Gonzales, Suzanne Jarvis, and Jeff Bagwell.

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## How I Got Here, by Jay Ropp

At the age of fifty-five I was picked up by the police – passed out on the side of the road on Capital Street in Houston. By an act of providence they took me to the Sobering Center at the Houston Recovery Center. I say act of providence because I know in my heart that if I would had gone to jail I would have gotten out and gone right back to the streets.

I know I would have been back on the street once again if I would have gotten arrested. After almost a day at the Sobering Center, while one of the staff members was working on discharging me, she asked if I had things that I needed taken care of such as physical or emotional issues. I told her I needed glasses, a lot of dental work, identification, a social security card, cloths, etc. She told me if I would like to go somewhere and get all that taken care of along with my addictions.

I don't know why but I said yes. Something about that staff member and most of the staff being so supportive and having a real desire to help, made me feel comfortable. I got a case worker that bent over backwards to help me. My case worker at the Sobering Center is still involved with me and helping me achieve my goals to become an independent productive man in recovery. Recovery comes first. I now have more counselors and people in my life helping me. None of this would have been possible if it wasn't for the Sobering Center at the Houston Recovery Center and the people there. Thank you so much! You literally saved my life.

By Jay Ropp



## Texas Recovery Housing Law HB 299 is now in effect.

September, 2023 / [www.recoverypeople.org](http://www.recoverypeople.org)

### What It Means for Referral Agents

Throughout Texas, recovery housing has continually been misinterpreted and miscategorized; creating stigma and preventing Texas recovery homes from effectively operating.

With the passage of HB 299, Texas has established a definition of recovery homes and a voluntary accreditation process for recovery homes that is consistent with national industry standards and ensures the use of best practices. The law, taking effect September 1, 2023, has created ethical and legal considerations for referral agents to examine before referring clients to a recovery home. The Texas Recovery Oriented Housing Network (TROHN) and Oxford House, Inc. (OHI) are the only approved accrediting organizations recognized by the state of Texas for the purposes of this legislation. Both TROHN and OHI have already developed and well established national best practice standards in Texas.

The measures generated by HB 299 ensure that as a provider you are acting in the best interests of your clients by referring to recovery homes that meet quality standards established by the state and prohibit patient brokering, solicitation, and false advertising. Effective September 1, 2025, the bill prohibits a recovery house that is not accredited from receiving state money. Any state funds disbursed after September 1, 2025 relating to recovery housing, such as rental assistance or bed fees, may only be used for TROHN accredited and OHI chartered homes.

Read more at: <https://House Bill HB 299>

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## Stigma kept people with substance use disorders "in the shadows." Now, they're fighting to "recover out loud."

BY KERRY BREEN

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Nearly three-quarters of the over 29 million adult Americans who identify as having substance use disorder are in recovery, new federal data shows. In September, hundreds of advocates in the field gathered in Washington, D.C. to call for political action and support for people in recovery, who make up a significant percentage of the population of U.S. adults. The parties gathered at Mobilize Recovery, a conference now in its fifth year, hosted by a federal nonprofit organization of the same name. In addition to connecting people in the recovery field to each other, the conference aims to make people in recovery a visible, viable political group that can push for political and social change.

"Stigma has kept us silent and in the shadows, and as a result, people with our illnesses are in the shadows and are marginalized," said Patrick Kennedy, the [former congressman from Rhode Island](#). "While we can remain anonymous in our own personal recovery, it doesn't mean that we can't be active citizens of our country and really fight for our fellows who are dying, especially today at record numbers."

Dr. Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon



Read the complete article at: [Stigma kept people with substance use disorders "in the shadows." Now, they're fighting to "recover out loud." - CBS News \(amproject.org\)](#)

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## IN THE NEWS

- **Marijuana and hallucinogen use, binge drinking reached historic highs among adults 35 to 50.** NIH-funded study also shows younger adults reported marijuana, vaping, and hallucinogen use at or near historically high levels. [NIH.gov/news](#)
  - **Only 1 in 5 U.S. adults with opioid use disorder received medications to treat it in 2021.** In 2021, an estimated 2.5 million people aged 18 years or older in the U.S. had opioid use disorder in the past year, yet only 1 in 5 of them (22%) received medications to treat it. [NIH.gov/news](#)
  - **What is the color for recovery? PURPLE!** While the theme of Recovery Month changes every year, purple is always the official color of Recovery Month. Other colors may be incorporated into the celebration of this month, including turquoise awareness ribbons for Addiction Recovery Awareness.
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- **Drug Prevention Month.** Each October, Houstonians unite to observe Drug Prevention Month, a month-long public awareness campaign. Drug Prevention Month educates the public about substance abuse; encourages citizens to take an active role in preventing and reporting illegal drug activity. The entire community mobilizes to prevent the first time use of drugs, and to encourage the community at large to get involved in the effort to educate the public about the dangers of drug abuse.

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The mission of Houston Recovery Center is to provide compassionate care to underserved individuals affected by substance use through early intervention and community care coordination to help them achieve lifelong recovery.

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