Exponents Shows Up and Shows Out at St. Barnabas Hospital Rally.

For those of us on the front line of the overdose epidemic, we know first hand that the crisis is not over. In 2018, there were still 1,444 overdose deaths in NYC, an average of 4 individuals dying every day. Troubling still is that the data also reveals for black men and for all women, the rates of overdose deaths have increased. On August 9, 2019, Exponents’ staff and program participants showed up in force at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx to lead the public demand that the New York State Legislature enact measures that would enhance access to treatment and remove the dangerously prohibitive law that requires pre-authorization for Medication Assisted Treatment.

For nearly 30 years, Exponents has demanded a seat at the table where decisions are made – our message has been, “Nothing About Us – Without Us”! This is why we went to St. Barnabas to rally and to testify before the Joint NYS Senate Task Force on Opioids, Addiction and Overdose Prevention. I was invited to appear and provide testimony before the Subcommittee and I informed them that all barriers to treatment must be removed and SUD services provided on demand.

The overdose crisis is not going away and indeed, we will not make significant progress unless and until we expand successful, evidence-based harm reduction engagement and treatment to drug users.

Come join the celebration! EXPONENTS’ 2nd Annual Benefit, “Heroes of Hope: Dinner for a Cause” is being held on November 21st. This year our MC will be renowned inspirational TED Talk speaker and author, Robin Joy Meyers, MS, PCC. In addition, we will be honoring some amazing trailblazers of our field: Dr. Oni Blackstock of the NYC Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene, Roy Kearse, Vice President of Samaritan Daytop Village, and longtime board member and lastly, we will honor our largest supporter, the Judith L. Chiara Charitable Fund, Inc.

This fantastic event will benefit men and women across New York City with histories of HIV/AIDS, substance use, incarceration, and behavioral health challenges. We have been helping under served and at-risk individuals for close to 30 years, and with your help we will continue to empower people to reclaim their lives.

If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact the Fundraising & Events Manager, Patrice Bocci at pbocci@exponents.org or 212-243-3434, ext. 347.

You can purchase tickets on our website at www.exponents.org/event/annual-benefit.

We look forward to seeing you there!
OUR MISSION

We are a nonprofit organization located in the heart of New York City compassionately dedicated to serving those impacted by HIV/AIDS, substance use, incarceration and behavioral health challenges. We deliver these services through a client-centered, strength-based approach which greatly improves health outcomes and promotes overall wellness in our communities.

Welcome to “Our” Place
The Grand Opening of the JLC Recovery and Wellness Center

On October 8, 2019, Exponents opened its doors to its friends and supporters to celebrate the grand opening of its newly funded JLC Recovery and Wellness Center. Over 100 guests, including human service agency heads, former program participants, Board members and Exponents’ staff welcomed our keynote speaker, Arlene Gonzalez-Sanchez, Commissioner of the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS). Commissioner Sanchez informed the guests that OASAS sees Exponents as a stellar example of person-centered and strength based care of individuals in need of services. Joseph Turner, Exponents’ President and CEO, stated that the JLC Recovery and Wellness Center will make a reality of our philosophy of “meeting people where they’re at, but not leaving them there!”
Thank you for helping us bring hope to those in need. Because of you our work will continue.

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This month we spotlight our very own Peer Extraordinaire, Charles Edwards. Charles is a native New Yorker hailing from The Bronx. He came to Exponents in October 2007 to attend the ARRIVE program, graduating with Cycle 97. During his tenure with ARRIVE, Charles was known best for his impeccable punctuality, service, style, and overall great outlook. His colleagues refer to him as being the life of the party and always eager to place a smile on the face of others especially in times of despair. Charles was recognized at his ARRIVE graduation with the Thomas F. Green Award for his great enthusiasm and team spirit. Prior to Exponents, Charles had over thirty-plus years working within the human service field specializing with at risk youth in juvenile detention and group home facilities. Building a strong rapport, Charles still mentors and maintains contact with several of the youth from the facilities. He completed his CASAC training with Argus Community and attained his CASAC-T certification in 2002. Shortly afterwards he worked with the Argus Community's MICA facility as a clinician however after 2005 Charles wanted to venture into other areas of counseling. After graduating ARRIVE He was chosen by the Executive Team to join the Recovery Support Services and work alongside Juan Jordan, where he mentors and assist fellow peers at Exponents. As a man who truly wears a multitude of hats, Charles affectionately refers to himself as Exponents' "Swiss Army Knife," while providing services always with a smile. We salute you and appreciate all that you do Mr. Edwards!

Charles Edwards
Exponents' Peer & Proud graduate of Cycle 97

Great News @ Exponents!

Exponents’ Peer Spot Light

- Odyssey House Run for Your Life 5K Run & Recovery Walk - Sept. 14th
- JLC Recovery and Wellness Center Outing - Sept. 11th

US Health Resources Services Administration, HIV Care Services
US Center for Disease Control (CDC)
NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)
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Town Hall Meeting @ Exponents

On July 17, 2019 Exponents made history by opening its doors for our "First Annual Town Hall Meeting."

On that day, we brought together all Exponents’ staff, peers, volunteers, and program participants to engage in an afternoon of transparency, information, and community building.

We honored the legacy of Exponents by ‘walking down memory lane’ to share priceless moments from inception to our dynamic present day. We also identified key policy and advocacy issues as voiced by the people that are affected by them - our participants. We discussed important policy and advocacy issues such as access to harm reduction services and treatment, racial justice, LGBTQ and gender justice, access to affordable housing and wellness.

Finally, we looked for consistent ways to match our mission with every service we offer - “To Meet People Where They're at, but Not Leave Them There.” All in an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and cohesion of the Exponents Family.

"We Got Something to Say About This" - Policy & Advocacy

"AJA" - Ask Joe Anything: Q & A Session with Joe Turner

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