

# **Building and Supporting Recovery Ready Communities on the Southern Kenai Peninsula**



**KACHEMAK BAY**  
Recovery  
Connection

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# Our Mission Statement:

*KBRC is a recovery community organization for people affected by addiction offering recovery support, access to resources, and fulfilling connection to a sober community from Ninilchik to Nanwalek.*



## Some of our objectives:

- Reducing stigma
- Normalizing recovery & sobriety
- Overcoming barriers through peer support services
- Fostering hope & connection through a sober community



# “Recovery Community Organization”

**What we are:** *A recovery community organization (RCO) is an independent, non-profit organization led and governed by representatives of local communities of recovery.*

\*Faces & Voices of Recovery is a national organization that supports RCOs and promotes best practices. KBRC has partnered with Faces & Voices to help guide the growth and development of our organization.\*

## RCO's SUSTAIN LONG-TERM RECOVERY

“Peers provide navigation and advocacy to underserved and vulnerable populations across the continuum of the recovery process, and their services **help individuals and families initiate and stabilize early recovery and sustain long-term recovery.**”

*Healing Hands*

## RCO's REDUCE RELAPSE RATES

“Studies (on peer recovery supports) demonstrated **reduced relapse** rates, increased treatment retention, **improved relationships** with treatment providers and social supports and **increased satisfaction** with overall recovery experience.”

*Psychiatric Services*

**Recovery** → a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives, and strive to reach their full potential.

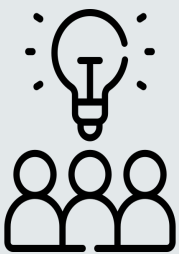
([samhsa.gov](https://www.samhsa.gov), 2025)





# KBRC Timeline

## Conception



Recovery Ready Community concept identified as top need to help address local substance use disorder issues

2021  
December

## Outreach



Began community outreach at Salmonfest Sober Tent & HCOA Recovery Month event bringing in the first donations of about \$300.

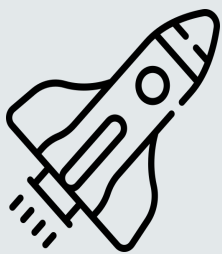
2022  
June

2022  
August

2023  
January

Today

## Taking Action

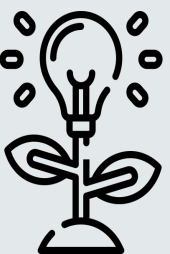


Monthly sober events, National Recovery month activities, Recovery Community Center, Peer Support services & ongoing stigma reduction.

## Community Partners

*All Things Recovery: South Peninsula Hospital, local Behavioral Health agencies, SVT, NTC, Homer Police Department, SoA Court System.*

## Formation



KBRC Incorporates Creating a new 501 c3 Recovery Community Organization (RCO) & receives mentorship by Faces ad Voices of Recovery.

## Progress



Awarded grant from from the Kenai Peninsula Borough Opioid Settlement Fund grant program to conduct outreach and education.

# Service Area





# Mobile outreach to villages





# Peer Support Specialists



Peer Support Specialists are people who use their **lived experience with recovery from substance use** to support others on their recovery journey.

Examples:

- **Share lived experience** – Use their own recovery stories to inspire hope and show that recovery is possible.
- **Provide emotional support** – Listen without judgment, validate experiences, and offer encouragement during tough times.
- **Help build recovery skills** – Teach coping strategies, relapse prevention tools, and healthy ways to manage stress.
- **Offer resource navigation** – Connect people with community resources such as housing, treatment, jobs, food support, or recovery groups.
- **Bridge to community** – Reduce stigma and help participants feel less isolated by connecting them with supportive networks.





# Harold's Peer Support Experience:

*Helping others find  
joy in recovery*

(Run for Recovery, 2025)



# “The Living Room”





# Measuring our Impacts

The Recovery Data Platform (RDP) tracks:

- Participant demographics
- Attendance records
- Volunteer hours
- Assessment data
- Goal achievement
- Event types
- Recovery plans

The RDP uses quantitative and qualitative data to identify vital signs of recovery, analyze progress, and provide analytics for funding and growth.



**RDP**

Recovery Data Platform

## ***What some of our participants are saying ...***

- **“KBRC has been such a wonderful part of my recovery! Especially in the early days, the events showed me how to have fun in sobriety and that I am not alone.”** - *Nicky, former participant & Peer Support Specialist*
- **“Kbay Recovery had a huge impact on my personal recovery because it taught me how to live a productive, meaningful, and peaceful life without any substances. The people in the community offered love, empathy, and hope when I needed it most. The activities and sincerity from the sober community is what I needed to become the man I am today.”** - *Shane, Compass Treatment Center graduate*



# Some of our partners and collaborators:

- Seldovia Village Tribe
- Cook Inlet Counseling
- Ninilchik Tribal Council
- Set Free/Compass Men's Residential Treatment Center
- South Peninsula Hospital
- Homer Police Department
- Alaska State Court in Homer
- Freedom House Transitional Housing, Homer
- Megan's Place, Harm Reduction Program
- Central Peninsula Hospital (Serenity House, Diamond Willow, Care Transitions)



# Recovery Speaker Series: *Stories of Hope*



COME & JOIN US FOR A FABULOUS EVENING!



## JUNE RECOVERY SPEAKER SERIES

**FREE BBQ  
and music by  
THE SPIT CITY SLICKERS**

**FRIDAY  
JUNE  
28  
2024**



**AT KACHEMAK CITY  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
corner of East End Rd.  
and Bear Creek Dr.**

On-site playground for children

Followed by guest speaker John Solomon,  
CEO and Executive Director of Alaska  
Behavioral Health Association. John will  
share the story of his inspiring journey  
from addiction to recovery.

For more information, call (907) 394-6993



# *Creating a sober space and offering recovery support at music festivals*







# Outdoor activities: *Fun in Recovery!*



TODAY AT 11 AM – 5 PM  
**Recovery trip to Seldovia**  
Public · Event by Kachemak Bay Recovery Connection  
and All Things Recovery





# Honoring the lives of Alaskans who lost their lives to overdose.





# CRAFT NIGHT & POTLUCK



## BEADED EARRINGS



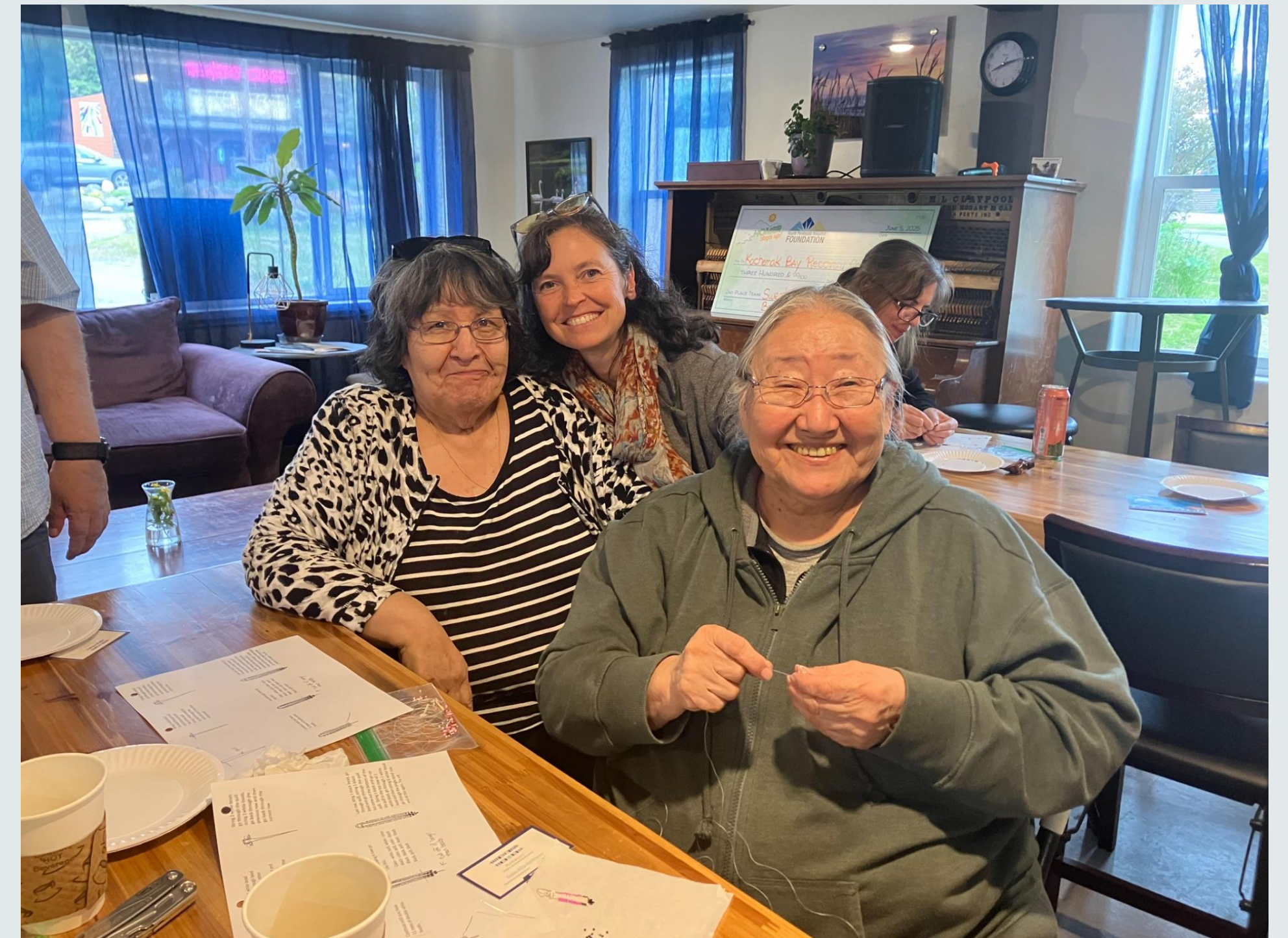
Mae Silook from Seward will be joining us to teach beaded earrings. All supplies provided and all abilities welcome!  
Bring a dish and let's craft!  
KBRC will provide main dish.



Friday, September 26

5:30 - 8:00 PM

111 W Pioneer Ave  
Homer, AK 99603





# 5k Fun Run/Walk \* Music \* Social

## August 30, 2025

Deep Water Dock ~ Homer Spit

community welcome to join after race: social 11:30-2:00



Walkers start: 10:30 am Runners start: 11 am  
\$25/person, Free for children 12 & under

Day of registration 9am-10:15am  
\$35/person, Free for children 12 & under

FREE if you can't afford it - just show up!



*Music by Cody Burch*

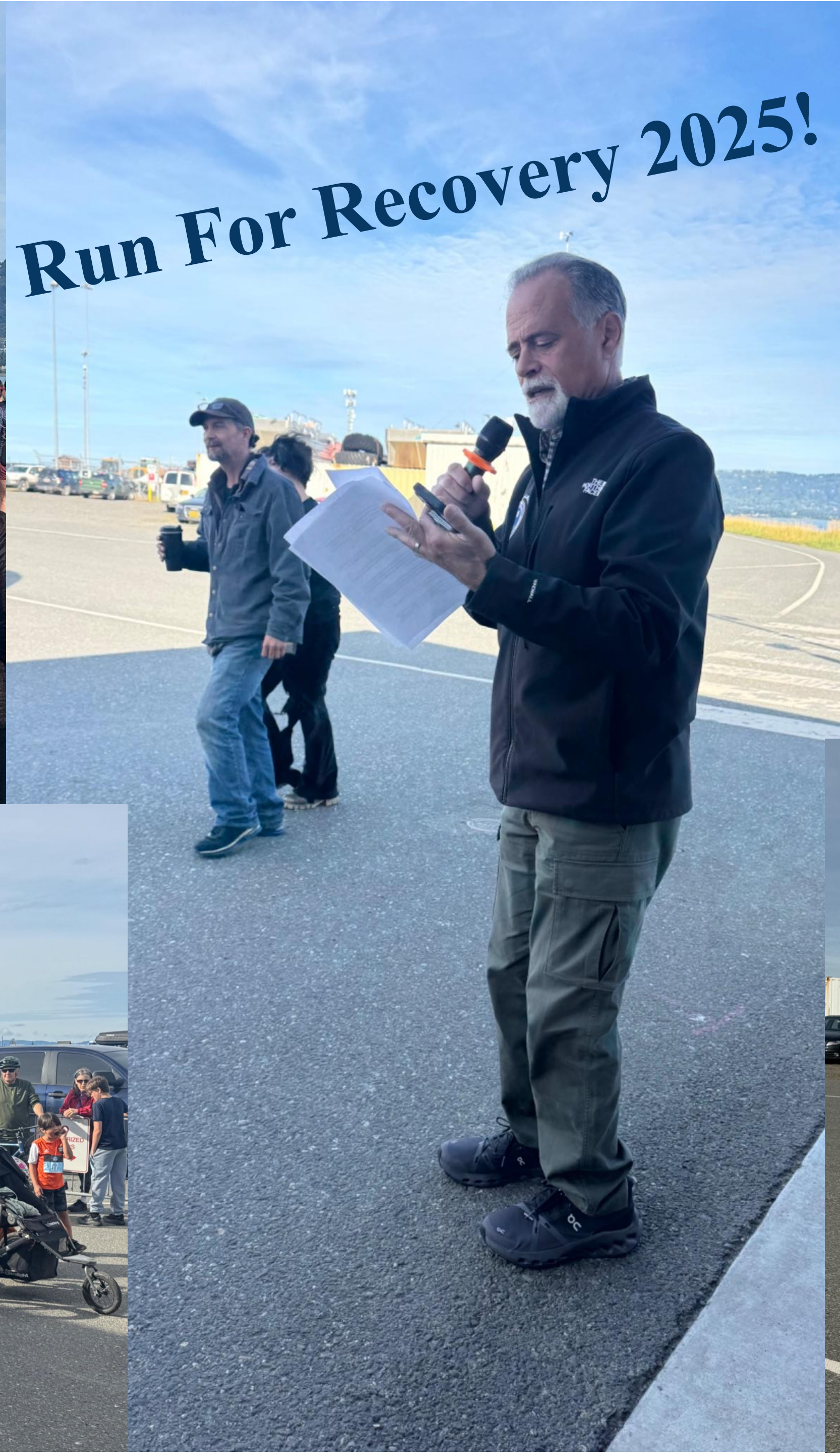


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# NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH



## EVENTS ALL RECOVERY MONTH LONG!

Friday 09/06

Overdose Awareness Day Memorial  
3:00 pm  
WKFL Park

Wednesday 09/10

Bingo & Sober Sippers  
6:00-8:00 pm  
The Living Room (KBRC Building)

Wednesday 9/17

KBBI Coffee table program  
890 AM - call in with your questions!  
9:00-10:00 am

Sunday 09/21

Frequency of Hope Documentary; Set  
Free  
*KBRC sharing on local recovery  
resources*  
6:00 pm  
The Porcupine Theatre

Friday 09/26

SVT Craft Night & Potluck  
5:30-8:00 pm  
The Living Room

Tuesday 09/30

Quarterly Recovery Speaker Series  
5:30-7:00  
The Living Room



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*We are grateful for our financial support!*





**Thank you for the  
opportunity to present!**



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