



# Annual Report



2025



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*“Life doesn’t get easier, better,  
fairer or happier.*

*Instead, we get wiser, stronger,  
and more resilient.*

*And in this rich pattern of life  
and all its experiences,  
we come to answer life’s most  
profound questions ....*

*Who am I as a person of  
contribution?*

*and*

*How will I make a difference?*

*-Tina Olivero*



### RALLY FOR CHANGE



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THE WEEKENDER WEEKLY

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## Ben's Benefit urges action for addiction care

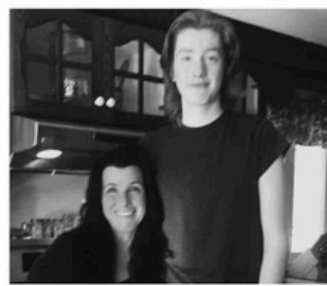
By *Aysmie White*  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

**ST. JOHN'S** — Tina Olivero is turning her family's tragedy into something meaningful to help the thousands of families who struggle with similar circumstances. After a seven-year battle with his mental health and substance abuse, Ben, Olivero's son, passed away.

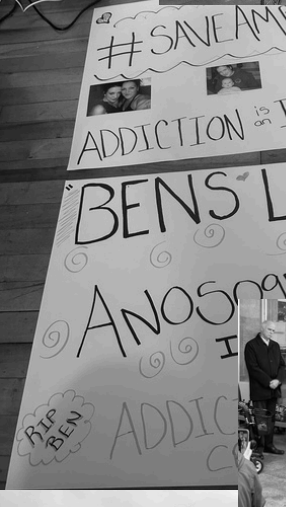
"Ben was a beautiful, wise soul. He was six foot six. We called him Gentle Giant, and he was very old soul with a purpose far beyond what I had ever envisioned for his life, and while Ben's death has been devastating, it's become a huge catalyst for change," said Olivero. "Speaking to the hearts of many people across the province with mental health and addictions, it's almost like we popped a bubble and made the conversation of mental health and addictions one that is truthful and

that Ben didn't have, trying to make change for the loopholes in the system and trying to be there for other parents who are going through this tragedy. Because I don't think until you live through it, you have no idea what it's like to watch your child slowly die in front of your eyes and not be able to do anything about it. It was frustrating, infuriating, and, denying, stressful, took a toll on my body. It was unbelievable. The story of what parents have to go through has still to be told."

Ben's struggles lasted for almost a decade. "We have mental health issues in our family, bipolar. So the moment that he smoked weed, it unlocked almost like a bipolar (effect) in Ben's brain. And he had no cause and effect, and he had no ability to see that he was even sick, which is called anosognosia, and that's prevalent in 40 per cent of people with



Above: Tina Olivero with her son, Ben, in happier times. Below: Tina Olivero works to help other families going through similar situations. — Submitted photos



### RALLY FOR CHANGE



WE ALL NEED A LITTLE MORE FUN AND HAPPY TIMES



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED FOR COOKIES AND COFFEE



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# Letter from Founder and CEO Tina Olivero, Guardians of Recovery

Dear Community Heroes,

Two years ago, I lost my son Ben to a lethal fentanyl overdose. As hard as I fought, I could not stop it. That moment broke me.

But it also ignited something fierce inside me—a conviction that this could not be the end for anyone else’s child.

From that heartbreak, **Guardians of Recovery** was born with a clear mission: to build a world where recovery is not an option, but the first choice, and where every person battling addiction has a real, safe path forward.

Our journey has been difficult, but filled with hope. We began as a grassroots group—volunteers and donors who refused to accept the system’s failures. We didn’t just talk about change; we acted. We lobbied, did media interviews, created a magazine, launched a podcast, built a strong social media presence, and hosted awareness events like **Ben’s Benefit**. We became a national non-profit, achieved Charity status, and this year opened our **first recovery-first sober home**—a safe place where people can heal, rebuild, and move forward free from addiction. We are saving lives.

Our vision continues to grow. We are working toward a **network of sober shelters and long-term sober living homes**—places where individuals can step off the streets, out of trap houses and low-barrier shelters, and into structured, supportive environments that put recovery first. These are not just houses, but communities built on accountability, mentorship, and life skills that create lasting change.

Along the way, we’ve built a passionate team: a **board of community leaders and recovery experts**, dedicated volunteers, and donors who believe in changing the trajectory of addiction before another family is lost. Every person who joins us becomes part of a movement—one that is rewriting the story of addiction, crime, and despair.

**Here’s what we are advocating for and building:** On-demand detox and rehab access with no waiting  
Recovery-first sober shelters, Long-term sober living homes, Peer mentorship, and life skills programs, Community advocacy and policy change.

Imagine a community where neighborhoods hold hope instead of despair, where recovery replaces addiction, and where every life gets a second chance. That’s the world we are building at **Guardians of Recovery**—and it’s a world you can help create.

When you join us, you are more than a donor or volunteer. You are a **Guardian**—part of a story where the ending is not tragedy, but triumph. You help save lives, reduce strain on healthcare, and justice systems, and restore hope to families who feel lost.

We cannot do this alone. Every volunteer, every donation, and every shared story brings us closer to transforming the addiction crisis into a culture of recovery. Together, we can write a new chapter—one where recovery comes first, and communities thrive.

We chose the name **Guardians of Recovery** because a Guardian **protects and empowers life**. Guardians stand against addiction, create recovery spaces, foster hope, and save lives. It will take a nation of **Guardians** to change the trajectory of this deadly epidemic.

So I leave you with one question...  
**Are you a Guardian of Recovery, too?**



**Tina Olivero**  
Founder & CEO



# Charity Status and Good Governance

## Charitable Status Achieved

**Guardians of Recovery** is now a registered charity with full charitable status, operating under strong governance, transparent financial models, and a national board of directors committed to accountability and impact. This milestone allows us to expand our life-saving work with credibility, oversight, and long-term sustainability.

## Why Support Guardians of Recovery

Donating to **Guardians of Recovery** means becoming part of a national movement that puts recovery first. Your support directly helps:

- Save lives by expanding access to recovery-first sober housing and support programs
- Reduce strain on healthcare, emergency services, and the justice system
- Restore hope to families impacted by addiction
- Build safer communities through prevention, mentorship, and advocacy

Donors don't just give — they become **Guardians**. You are part of a mission that transforms grief into action and replaces addiction, crime, and despair with recovery, accountability, and second chances.

## How to Donate or Get Involved

Donations can be made directly by direct deposit.

tina@guardiansofrecovery.foundation.

Charitable CRA-compliant receipts will be issued for your tax deduction purposes.

For individuals, organizations, or partners interested in deeper involvement, sponsorship, or strategic collaboration, we welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss how your support can create lasting, measurable impact.

**MILESTONE REACHED**  
**Charity Status Achieved**

# GUARDIANS FOR RECOVERY CORPORATION

## Identity & Non-Profit Incorporation & Charity

In September 2023, Guardians of Recovery was born, and with it, a powerful brand was created to represent our mission of healing and hope. At the heart of our identity is our logo, featuring the symbolic image of a mother bird and her chicks—a representation of motherhood, family, and the unbreakable bond that holds us together.

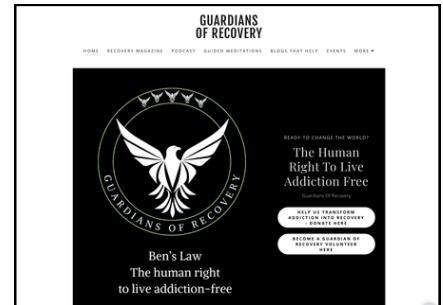


This symbol embodies the strength, compassion, and support that form the foundation of our organization. Over the course of the year, we established a robust platform to reach and inspire communities across Canada.

Our achievements include:

- Website Launch: A central hub for resources, support, and connection.
- E-Newsletters: Informative updates to keep our members engaged and informed.
- Podcasts: Meaningful conversations on recovery, addiction, and mental health to educate and empower.
- The Recovery Magazine: A publication dedicated to stories of resilience, recovery, and hope.
- Non-Profit Incorporation: Solidifying our structure to serve families better and individuals navigating the challenges of addiction and recovery.
- Charity Status - Guardians For Recovery Corporation - Now a charity providing tax-deductible donation receipts.

Through these initiatives, Guardians of Recovery is building a strong foundation to champion recovery, foster connection, and support families nationwide. Together, we are building a recovery revolution.



# Guardians Of Recovery Board of Directors & Board Assists



TINA OLIVERO -  
Chairperson Of The  
Board



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National Advisor &  
Director Sober Living  
Homes



MICHELLE FERRERI -  
Director National  
Communications and  
Stakeholder  
Engagement



JULIE GOULD - Director  
of Finance -  
Comptroller



JADA COSTELLO -  
Director of Addictions  
Recovery With Lived  
Experience



MIKE PERRY - Lived  
Experience Board  
Advisor - Pre-treatment  
& Sober Living Homes

A national board amplifies the voice and network of Guardians of Recovery.

Our board, with members like Earl Thiessen, Executive Director of Oxford House Canada, oversees 27 sober living homes in Alberta and has brought significant lived experience expertise in the addiction recovery field. Earl has provided us with a blueprint and foundation for success with sober recovery homes in Newfoundland and Labrador.

## Guardians Volunteers: The Heart of Our Mission

Our community of 7,600 members and dedicated volunteers is the backbone of our work. In the last 29 months, we have had well over 4000 hours of volunteer time, committed to the success of the Guardians of Recovery's mission and vision.

### **VOLUNTEER HOURS SUMMARY:**

Tina Olivero: 2,200 + volunteer hours dedicated to advocacy, direct support, media outreach, and organizational leadership in the establishment of the Guardians of Recovery.

Together, we are turning grief into action and creating a recovery revolution to support individuals and families impacted by addiction. Every single day...we are not just talking about change—we are making it happen.



# VOLUNTEERS - NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



## Wanda Dray

Wanda is a devoted mom to a son in recovery. Out of that lived experience, Wanda leads a peer-led Guardians of Recovery Support Group for parents and families of addicted loved ones as well as supporting those battling addiction in Placentia, NL



## Andrea Feather

Andrea is a retired nurse, who has a huge heart for people in recovery. She runs events and the peer support group, "Recovery is Possible", in Port Aux Basques, NL



## Mike Perry

Michael Perry is a Newfoundland-based community leader, advocate, and social-impact entrepreneur dedicated to mental health awareness, addiction recovery, and workforce reintegration.



## Julie Gould

Julie Gould supports recovery events and those in recovery on the West Coast of Newfoundland. She is also a Board Member and comptroller for Guardians of Recovery Corporation.



## Jeff Butt

Jeff lives in Clarendville. He tragically lost his son to an overdose. He advocates for increased accountability for those who commit drug offenses, and advocates for supports for those who struggle with addiction.



## Wanda Fitzgerald

Wanda is a retired nurse who lives in Corner Brook, NL. Wanda's deep understanding of addiction comes from personal experience with a loved one who is in active addiction.



## Sheila Andrews

Sheila has been a volunteer with Guardians of Recovery since April 2025. Growing up with a loved one who struggled with alcohol addiction, she witnessed firsthand, the impact addiction had on her family.



## Beverley Allen

Bev grew up in Corner Brook. She found her "safe place to land" when she joined Guardians of Recovery - a community of understanding, compassion, and shared strength.



## Donna Mitchell

Donna leads the Parents Support Group ONLINE. She is someone who understands firsthand, the deep and lasting impact addiction has on every member of a family, including the person who is struggling.



## Brenda Howell

Lives in New Wes Valley, currently serves as Deputy Mayor. She is active in her church, the local entertainment scene and line dances.



## Erica Humber-Shears

A dedicated leader, Erica has served on Town Council for eight years and now leads as Mayor, focusing on strengthening community connections, recreation, and infrastructure.



## Yvonne Yates

A devoted volunteer with Guardians of Recovery since the organization began. After losing two very close loved ones to mental health challenges and addiction, Yvonne felt called to make a difference.

# VOLUNTEERS - NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



## Brad Clarke

Brad is a videographer and graphic designer who supports those battling with addiction by telling their stories and bringing much needed awareness. He believes reducing stigma and elevating solutions is key.



## Tracy Spencer

Port-aux-Basques, NL. Tracy is a home support worker, a devoted mom, and a parent walking the hard road of loving a child with addiction. She supports all those focused on recovery. She's also a voice for justice in recovery



## Kelly Butt

Kelly has a son in addiction. She's learning, growing and supporting other parents who are struggling with an addicted loved one. She is a strong voice and advocate for recovery.



## James Hatch

Called by the Spirit of the Lord, James supports those in addiction with his lived experience and commitment to supporting others with 12 step recovery and church. James is an angel on the planet.



## Bev Murphy

Bev Murphy supports people in homelessness with her "warm sock mission." She has a son in addiction and wants to help out where ever she can. She supports Guardians with advocacy, speaking up, lobbying and our documentary.



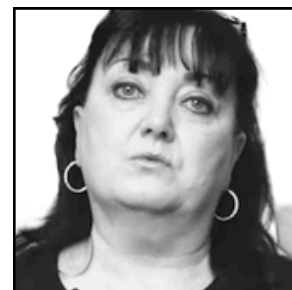
## Classie Tufts

Classie supports Guardians of Recovery with a Peer-Led support group in Port-aux-Basques for families with addicted loved ones. Classie is also bust-a-gut funny as heck.



## Michelle Fowler

Michelle has been a PCA in St. John's for 15 years. She helps out at Guardians every chance she can get, in very thoughtful ways such as: needed drug tests, supporting advocacy and the documentary and is not heading up hiking missions for those in need.



## Annette Gosse

Annette is a fierce advocate for those in recovery. You will find her speaking up at every rally, advocating for her daughter and helping out with all of the Guardians of recovery speaking opportunities.



## Betty Nofle

Betty is a great advocate for recovery. She is the powerful co-ordinator of our Chuck-A-Puck Fund Raising initiatives for Guardians of Recovery.



# The Vision



# The Mission

## **GUARDIANS OF RECOVERY**

**We don't just talk about it, we are doing it!**

A world where recovery is the first choice—not the last resort—and where every person struggling with addiction has immediate access to safe, structured, and compassionate pathways to healing.

We envision communities where addiction no longer defines outcomes, families are spared unnecessary loss, and hope replaces despair through recovery-first solutions that save lives and restore dignity.

**Guardians of Recovery** exists to transform the addiction crisis into a culture of recovery. Born from personal loss and driven by action, we provide recovery-first housing, peer mentorship, life skills, and advocacy that remove barriers to treatment and long-term sobriety. We work to ensure on-demand access to detox and rehab, create sober shelters and long-term recovery homes, and build supportive communities grounded in accountability, compassion, and lasting change. Through prevention, education, and policy advocacy, we protect lives, strengthen families, and help individuals reclaim their future free from addiction.

## Advocacy and Lobbying for Systemic Change

**Guardians of Recovery** continues to lead advocacy efforts that push for real, measurable policy change across Canada, grounded in lived experience, community action, and systemic reform. As a registered charity, our advocacy work amplifies the voices of families and individuals impacted by addiction, elevating the urgent need for recovery-first solutions at every level of government.

Reflecting the core values of our Founder, Tina Olivero, our work transforms personal loss into national action, challenges stigma, and demands accountability from systems that too often criminalize rather than heal. In 2025, we have focused on challenging the criminalization of addiction, advocating for reforms that reduce unnecessary incarceration and improve access to compassionate treatment, including specialized psychiatric care instead of prison settings, particularly for individuals experiencing severe substance use and mental health crises.

We are also driving policy calls for on-demand access to detox, recovery programs, long-term supportive housing, and sober living environments, replacing short-term fixes with sustainable recovery infrastructure. Legislative and funding reform remains a central priority, as we work to ensure that sober shelters, long-term recovery housing, and community-based programs in Newfoundland and Labrador and across Canada receive the attention and resources they deserve.

Additionally, we push for legal and policy changes that reduce barriers for parents and families to support their loved ones, challenging laws and practices that prevent effective intervention, care, and recovery opportunities.

Our advocacy in 2025 has included dozens of formal meetings with provincial and federal representatives, health ministers, and justice officials to elevate the need for recovery-centered policies. We have organized and led community rallies and letter-writing campaigns that bring public attention to the human impact of addiction, supported by media coverage and direct outreach to government leaders. Empowered by this work, the voices of our volunteers spoke up to media outlets, participated in open line radio discussions, and contributed to in-depth articles, ensuring that lived experience and community perspectives reach a national audience. Alongside these efforts, we collaborate with healthcare professionals, advocacy groups, recovery organizations, and families nationwide, ensuring that lived experience informs every step of the policy conversation and that the voices of those affected remain at the center of systemic change. If you want, I can also make it even more punchy for grant applications or donor reports without losing any of these accomplishments. Do you want me to do that?



## Guardians of Recovery Facebook Group: A Community of Hope, Advocacy, and Transparency

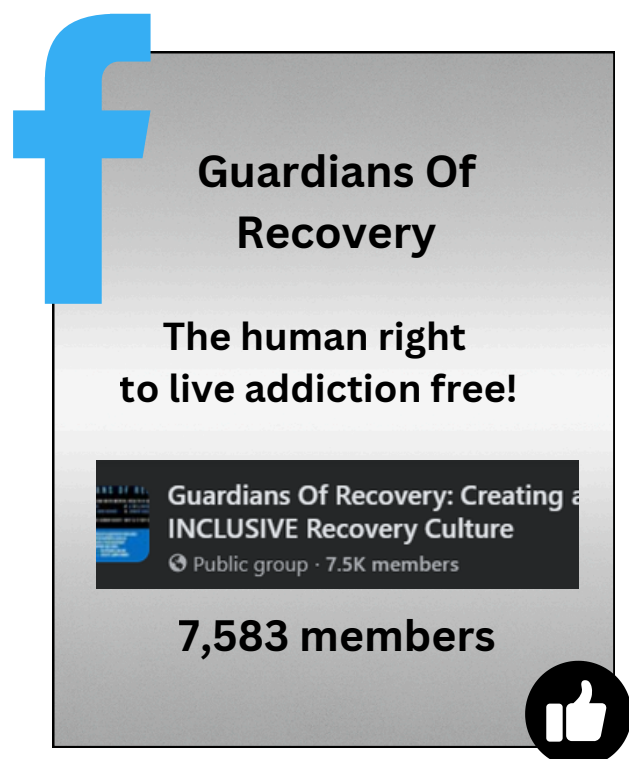
The Guardians of Recovery Facebook group has become a powerful hub for 7,600+ members. It is a community of concerned citizens, advocates, and individuals committed to creating meaningful change. This group champions sober solutions, recovery homes, and sustainable long-term recovery models while fostering a transparent and supportive environment for all. With daily updates, the group promotes transparency by sharing what's truly happening in our communities—stories, challenges, and progress that often go unreported in mainstream media.

This includes:

- **Unfiltered Community News:** Updates on local events, initiatives, and developments that shed light on critical issues impacting recovery efforts.
- **Resources and Tools:** Practical guides and connections to help individuals and families navigate their recovery journeys.
- **Recovery Testimonials:** Real, inspiring stories of resilience, progress, and hope that motivate others.
- **Motivational Posts:** Daily encouragement to uplift those working toward or maintaining sobriety.
- **Programs and Events:** Information about recovery classes, workshops, and support programs available to the community.
- **Celebrating Recovery:** Highlighting individuals making strides in recovery, recognizing their successes, and inspiring others.

This group provides a transparent window into the realities of addiction and recovery—addressing topics and stories often overlooked by traditional media. It gives a voice to those impacted, celebrates recovery successes, and advocates for solutions that prioritize sustainable, long-term recovery.

By fostering connection, sharing unfiltered updates, and advocating for change, the Guardians of Recovery Facebook group empowers its members to be part of the solution—supporting individuals, families, and entire communities on the path to healing and transformation.



## Direct Support: Helping Individuals and Families

At the core of Guardians of Recovery is a simple truth born from loss: no one should face addiction alone. Every day, we receive two to three calls from individuals struggling with substance use and from parents, partners, and loved ones desperately seeking help. These calls are often made in moments of fear, exhaustion, and heartbreak — the same place where this mission began.

We provide compassionate, practical guidance to those navigating addiction and to families caught in the chaos of a system that is often difficult to access and slow to respond. Our team helps individuals and families navigate barriers to detox and recovery programs, offers emotional support during crisis moments, and advocates for life-saving interventions within healthcare and legal systems when time and lives are at risk. We currently have online peer-Led support groups every Wednesday from 6-7 as well as in-person support groups around the province in areas such as Port-Aux Basques, Placentia, Corner Brook and more.



In 2025 alone, Guardians of Recovery supported 82 individuals in their journey toward recovery and provided guidance to more than 300 families searching for safe, recovery-first pathways for their loved ones. Each call answered, each family supported, and each life redirected represents a step away from tragedy and toward hope — reaffirming our belief that recovery must be the first choice, not the last resort.

# Weekly Support Groups (In-Person & Online)

Guardians of Recovery offers weekly in-person and online peer support programs designed to meet individuals and families where they are — emotionally, geographically, and personally. Rooted in lived experience and mutual understanding, these gatherings provide safe, judgment-free spaces where people affected by addiction can be heard, supported, and connected to a recovery-first community. While we are not clinicians or a treatment program, our peer-led approach ensures support grounded in real-life experience, shared understanding, and mutual encouragement.

## ATTEND AND BE SUPPORTED

- A safe, judgment-free space to talk and be heard
- Support from people who truly understand addiction and recovery
- Shared lived experience and real recovery journeys
- Connection, purpose, and community
- Opportunities to give back and make a difference

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday – 7:00 PM

- Location: United Church Hall, Port aux Basques
- Peer support for individuals in addiction recovery and families of addicted loved ones
- Facilitator: Andrea Feaver

### Monday – 7:00 PM

- Location: Placentia Public Library, Placentia
- Support and encouragement for parents and families of addicted loved ones
- Facilitator: Wanda Dray

### Tuesday – 6:00 PM

- Location: Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium (Recreation Space), Town of St. George's
- Recovery Support Group
- Facilitator: Laurie Lee

### Tuesday – 7:00 PM

- Location: Victory Community Church, 10 Pearl Place
- All Addiction Support Group for anyone facing addiction
- Facilitator: Mike Perry

### Wednesdays – Online (Zoom)

- 6:00–7:00 PM – Family Support Group  
A safe space for families to share, learn, and receive support  
Facilitator: Donna Mitchell
- 7:00–8:00 PM – Volunteer Group  
Connect with fellow volunteers, get involved, and find meaningful ways to serve the recovery community

# Guardians Of Recovery

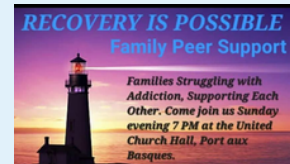
## WEEKLY

# SCHEDULE



**SUNDAY**  
7 PM

In-Person Peer Support Group  
United Church Hall  
Port Aux Basques  
**Facilitator: Andrea Feaver**



**MONDAY**  
7 PM

In-Person Support Group  
Placentia Public Library  
**Facilitator: Wanda Dray**



**MONDAY**  
7 PM

Support For Families & Friends Affected  
By Addiction  
Pentecostal Church, Pasadena NL  
**Facilitator: Julie Gould**



**TUESDAY**  
6-7 PM

Recovery Support Group  
Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium  
(Recreation Space), Town of St. George's  
**Facilitator: Laurie Lee**



**TUESDAY**  
7:00 PM

All Addiction Support Group  
In person - Victory Community Church  
- 10 Pearl Place  
**Facilitator: Mike Perry**



**WEDNESDAY**  
6-7 PM

Support For Families  
with addicted loved ones  
ONLINE - **Facilitator Donna Mitchell**



**WEDNESDAY**  
7-8 PM

Guardians Of Recovery  
Conference & Events Volunteers  
Online Zoom Meeting



# Network of Professionals and Thought Leadership

**GUARDIANS OF RECOVERY**

We are creating a  
**RECOVERY CULTURE**  
for our kids and our people!

**BREAKING THE CYCLE**

**BREAKING THE CYCLE OF ENABLING ADDICTION**

I lost my son to a fentanyl overdose on the streets of downtown St. John's. That sentence still feels unreal, like a nightmare replaying in my mind. He was caught in a system that enabled his addiction rather than helped him recover.

[To Read More Click Here](#)

**INCLUSIVE RECOVERY CITIES**

**INCLUSIVE RECOVERY CITIES - THE FUTURE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS**

Tune in to this podcast about the future of recovery, focusing on the emergence of "Inclusive Recovery Cities" worldwide. This conversation holds the potential to offer innovative solutions to the global illicit drug crisis. We will embark on a visionary conversation about inclusive recovery cities with Professor David Best who is the leader behind groundbreaking initiatives at the Centre for Addiction Recovery Research (CARR) at Leeds Trinity University.

[Click here to watch the full podcast](#)

We've established a strong network of business, legal, and healthcare professionals who are passionate about addressing the mental health and addiction crisis.

**ACTION ITEMS INCLUDED:**

- Sharing regular updates and insights via our E-News platform, featuring blogs on key topics to inspire systemic change.
- Taking addiction "out of the dark and into the light" by revealing the truth of what's happening on the ground.
- Our thought leadership inspires action, and accountability, and creates meaningful change in our communities.

**NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION**

Guardians of Recovery Monthly Newsletter currently reaches over 20,110 individuals in the government, municipalities, and business sectors of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador as well as families and individuals who are impacted by the drug epidemic and addiction.

# Ben's Benefit - A Powerful Recovery Concert

Ben's Benefit has become an annual event where music and healing converge to bring attention to the drug epidemic and addiction recovery.

## **ACTION ITEMS INCLUDED:**

- Covered live by NTV, provided national exposure for the event, allowing a much-needed look into the world of addiction and its community impact.
- Local musicians donate their time and talents to create a show that inspires and encourages a recovery mindset and culture.
- This event serves as a platform for education, advocacy, and fundraising, bringing together families and individuals impacted by addiction.
- Our fundraising auction helped us sustain our programs to better serve the recovery community.



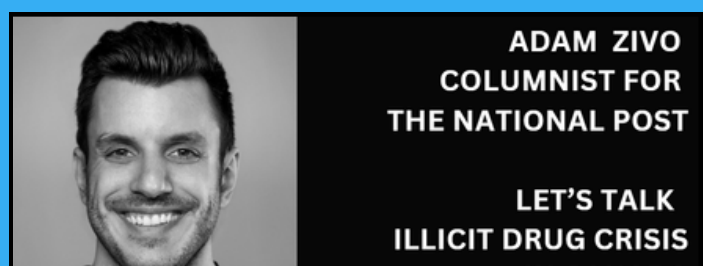
# Guardians of Recovery Podcast

Our Guardians of Recovery Podcast amplifies stories of hope, resilience, and systemic reform, while fostering national expertise and solutions to support the reform of the illicit drug crisis.

## **ACTION ITEMS INCLUDED:**

- The podcast features experts such as Earl Thiessen, Executive Director of Oxford House Canada, oversees 27 sober homes in Alberta.
- Tackles critical topics like the dangers of enabling addiction and exploring recovery pathways.
- The podcast serves as a catalyst for public dialogue and systemic change.

## Interviewing Global Leaders in Addiction & Recovery



# The Recovery Magazine

The Recovery Magazine highlights stories of sobriety, transformation, and resilience, emphasizing the "We do recovery" narrative.

**ACTION ITEMS INCLUDED:**

- Showcasing inspiring recovery journeys and family stories on the devastating impact of addiction.
- Advocating for systemic change and highlighting innovative programs to create new solutions.
- Serving as both a beacon of hope and a call to action for policy change.



# Media Advocacy

Tina Olivero has conducted 57 interviews with television and newspapers across Newfoundland and Labrador and Canada, sharing insights into the addiction crisis and advocating for change.



## ACTION ITEMS INCLUDED:

- Raising awareness about the fentanyl crisis and the lack of systemic support.
- Challenging misconceptions about addiction and recovery.
- Tina says, "It's my personal goal to fix every loophole my son Ben fell through in this systemic tragedy—from inadequate medical care to being enabled in a drug culture that supports substance abuse over recovery."



# Sober Living Homes Government Proposal

In response to the urgent need for long-term recovery housing, we lobbied the government. Although the Premier and Ministers have yet to approve recovery homes in our province, we remain committed to this vital cause.

## **ACTION ITEMS INCLUDED:**

- Submitted a proposal for a sober living facility in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Focused on structured programs including life skills, job training, and counselling.

## **EXCITING NEWS UPDATE:**

The incoming PC Government has funded sober living homes in the following areas: Bell Island, CBS, Carbonear, Central, St. John's, and Corner Brook. More to come!



# Financial Statements

Guardians for Recovery Corporation  
Balance Sheet  
31-Oct-25

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	2025	2024
<b>Assets</b>		
<i>Current</i>		
Bank Account	2,330	5,943
<i>Long Term</i>		
Computer	1,891	2,702
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>4,222</b>	<b>8,645</b>
 <i>Liabilities</i>		
<i>Long Term</i>		
Payable to Director	15,725	2,635
<i>Equity</i>		
Retained Earnings	(11,504)	6,010
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>4,222</b>	<b>8,645</b>

On behalf of the Board

  
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Director

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Director

Guardians for Recovery Corporation  
Income Statement  
31-Oct-25

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Private Donations	14,020	2,592
Fundraising	12,171	21,902
Gov of NL	<u>2,300</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>28,491</b>	<b>24,494</b>
Rent	713	2,000
Repairs	-	799
Supplies	421	1,707
Legal Fees	14,180	-
Program Development	19,400	11,922
Communications	2,491	1,040
Bank Charges	168	117
Data Processing	6,537	900
Travel	1,284	-
Depreciation	<u>811</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>46,004</u></b>	<b><u>18,485</u></b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b><u>(17,514)</u></b>	<b><u>6,010</u></b>

On behalf of the Board

Director



Director

Guardians for Recovery Corporation  
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	2025	2024
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Tina Olivero, Director, has worked over 2000 hours in each of the past two years. Her contributions to the organization include the co-ordination of three benefit concerts, interviewing people with lived experience through podcasts, and reaching thousands of people.

Tina Olivero has developed and attended weekly meetings for the sole purpose of providing support for the families and loved ones affected by mental illness and addiction. She has organized groups of volunteers and holds weekly meetings. She has conducted research and opened the first Sober Living Home in the province. She has written proposals and applications for funding.

Time Contributed at a rate of \$20/hour for 2000 hours	80,000	40,000
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Out of pocket expenses	<u>5,027</u>	<u>5,027</u>
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	<u><b>85,027</b></u>	<u><b>45,027</b></u>
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