

Governor Christie To Host Candlelight Vigil With Recovery Community

TAKING A STAND FOR RECOVERY: Tomorrow evening, Governor Chris Christie, joined by members of Facing Addiction Task Force, including former Governor Jim McGreevey, Pastor Joe Carter and The New Hope Baptist Church Choir, will host a candlelight vigil on the State House front steps supporting the people, families and loved ones affected and to honor the memories of the lives taken by addiction.

[Click here](#) to watch the preview video.



The disease of drug addiction has impacted each and every one of us from every walk of life in some way or another –mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, classmates, neighbors, colleagues and sometimes the people we least expect. The fact is, addiction can happen to anyone. The Christie Administration has been committed to changing the way we view addiction for the disease that it is and removing the stigma associated with it.

Tomorrow evening’s vigil will serve as call to action for eliminating the stigma surrounding this disease, bringing together public leaders, treatment professionals, advocates and survivors of drug addiction.

Take A Stand



For Addiction & Recovery

Please Join A Call To Action Hosted By:

Governor Chris Christie

along with

The Facing Addiction Task Force,

Pastor Joe A. Carter and The New Hope Baptist Church Choir

Candlelight Vigil

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Wednesday, December 21, 2016

4:30 pm Start - Please arrive at 4:00 pm

Front Steps of the New Jersey State House

125 West State Street

Trenton, New Jersey 08608

R. S. V.P

With your Name, Email Address, Phone Number and Organization (if Applicable)

GiftofSupport@nj.gov or (609) 777-2500

Special guests will include:

- Kevin and Mary Ann Meara, Founders of the non-profit City of Angels
- Sgt. Renee Nauyoks, Detective Sergeant of the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office
- Donna DeStefano, Founder and CEO of the non-profit P.I.C.K. (Parent's In Connection for Kids)
- Vanessa Vitolo
- Kyle Sherwood

GIVING THE GIFT OF SUPPORT: The vigil comes just days after the Governor announced his "Giving the Gift of Support" campaign, which includes [radio ads](#) featuring him and Pastor

Carter. The ads are running now through December 31 and urge those needing help during this difficult holiday period to call [2-1-1](tel:2-1-1), the state's 24-hour-a-day, 7-days-a-week hotline. It's free, anonymous and confidential. They can also live chat with an operator 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Monday-Friday at <http://www.nj211.org/chat-now>.



Last week, Governor and Mrs. Christie visited the [Center for Great Expectations](#) in Somerset to lend support to the adult and young women and their children who the non-profit assists through homelessness, pregnancy and addiction recovery.