



PRESS RELEASE

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Oxford House Selected As NCADD's 2009 Tree of Hope Recipient.

East Brunswick September 23, 2009. NCADD's eighth annual Tree of Hope campaign is designed to raise the consciousness of our neighbors in Middlesex County to the fact that addiction is an illness from which many do recover, and to celebrate those recoveries.

The 2009 Tree of Hope recipient is Oxford House. And to recognize this outstanding facility, a live evergreen tree will be planted outside of Oxford House's Mill Road House in Edison on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 from 6pm - 8pm.

Oxford House is being honored for the work they do in Middlesex County to enable individuals to continue their recovery while preventing relapse. Oxford House provides individuals with a place where recovery from drug and alcohol addiction is possible. Oxford House is a democratically run, self-supporting and drug free home. The number of residents in a House may range from six to fifteen; there are houses for men, houses for women, and houses which accept women with children. Each House represents a remarkably effective and low cost method of preventing relapse. This was the purpose of the first Oxford House established in 1975, and this purpose is served, day by day, house after house, in each of over 1,200 houses in the United States today.

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The annual Tree of Hope event is one of NCADD's primary fundraising vehicles. Monies raised at this event support the confidential information and referral Helpline the agency provides. Ornaments are offered for sale at \$5 each and special engraved crystal ornaments at \$100 each. Ornaments for the tree can be personalized, as requested, to commemorate the recovery of a loved one, in the hope of recovery for a friend or family member, or to memorialize someone who did not experience recovery. Ornaments may also remain anonymous. Those interested in placing an ornament order can do so by going to the NCADD website at <http://ncadd-middlesex.org/>.

Anyone wishing to attend the ceremony is welcome to come to Oxford House's facility located at the Mill Road House, 2591 Woodbridge Avenue in Edison, New Jersey. The event runs from 6 to 8pm. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling NCADD in advance at 732-254-3344.

About NCADD of Middlesex County

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) of Middlesex County, Inc. is a non-profit health education organization. Established in 1980, NCADD is recognized as the leading resource in Middlesex County for information, education and prevention services on alcohol and drug abuse. Services include: the Jason Surks Memorial Prevention Resource Center, information and referral help line, training, community education programs, early childhood prevention programs Footprints for Life™ and Forest Friends, advocacy for alcoholics and other drug dependent persons and their families, and public awareness campaigns. Additional information is available at www.ncadd-middlesex.org.