

Good morning,

We made a movie.

A group of kids, who wanted to teach us about their struggles with addiction, made a movie.

Their movie has now been seen by thousands, the reaction of their audience always the same.

When the lights come back up, many appear stunned, pale faced, sad. Some are softly crying.

The stories they have just watched are theirs, or those of a friend or a loved one.

There is only one resource throughout our state where they can find the gentle support and direction they need, our Recovery Centers.

Brattleboro, Valley Vista, The Howard Center, Act One, NMC, or any of the other designated treatment resources, can at best provide only brief initial phone support, and the promise of an appointment when one becomes available. They cannot provide an open door within their community, for someone in need of guidance and support when needed, much less the same for others concerned for them, provided for the most part, by a cadre of talented, experienced, caring members of the recovery community.

The Recovery Centers are our most critical, most productive and most needed resources in our conversation around addiction, not just for the hundreds saddened by our movie, but for the thousands of others saddened alone.

Their funding should not be compromised.

Thank you,

Fred Holmes, MD