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FCHD Recognizes National Recovery Month in September

FREDERICK, MD -- The Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) will observe National Recovery Month, held annually every September. In honor of Recovery Month, FCHD and Frederick County Department of Social Services will be hosting the annual Recovery Month Kickball tournament held this year on September 21, 2024 at Pinecliff Park (8350 Pinecliff Park RD Frederick, MD 21704) from 9am-3pm. This event is open to the entire community to celebrate our friends and family members who are in recovery.

Before the start of the tournament, Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater will be presenting the Recovery Month proclamation and the Honorable Joanmarie R. Brubaker will give a keynote address. The event will also feature testimonies from individuals with lived recovery experience as well as tables from community treatment partners.

Now in its 35th year, Recovery Month celebrates the gains made by those in recovery, just as we celebrate improvements made by those who are managing other health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma, and heart disease. This year's theme is "Embracing Healing: Every Person, Every Family, and Every Community."

Recovery Month works to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the emergence of a strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members across the nation who make recovery in all its forms possible. The health department joins others in the community in lighting our main building at 350 Montevue Lane with purple lights during the month of September, which is the color associated with Recovery Month. The community is also invited to wear purple during September to bring awareness and understanding of substance use disorders and celebrate those in recovery.

For more information about recovery services in Frederick County, visit Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Recovery. For more information on the kickball tournament, email jthompson2@frederickcountymd.gov.

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