

Recuperacion For Today Group History

Founded December 12, 1988

On December 12, 1988 a meeting was held in a bookstore basement on East 7th Street. The following recovering addicts were present:

John A., David, John, Joe, Linda, Sandra, Brenda, Aimee, Angel P., CJ, John R, Willie, Albert, and Javier

- John A opened the first business meeting
- The first agenda was the following:
 1. Name for the Group
 2. Election of trusted servants
 3. Group format
- Angel R motioned for the meeting to be a bi-lingual meeting.
- Motioned passed

Next was naming the group. The following 5 names were suggested:

- Group member Willie suggested **Recuperacion For Today**
- Group member John suggested Recovery in the basement.
- Group member Albert suggested La Cueva de N.A.
- Group member Linda suggested Today Yo Vivo
- Group member John suggested No Te Apures, Be Happy.

Recuperacion For Today was chosen and it continues to be our name today.

Next was the First election of trusted servants. The following were elected:

Chairperson	John
Co-Chair	David
Secretary	Sandra
Treasurer	Joe
H&I Rep.	Brenda
Hospitality	Willie

The following positions were tabled for the next business meeting:

GSR

PI

RFT

Disbursement of funds was the payment of rent - 10.00 per week, which left a zero balance. A motion to close was made by Angel first business meeting official closed. The group remained at this location until 1989.

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In 1989 the group relocated to a new location called Charas (the old P.S. 64) on East 9th Street, between Avenue B & C. Still held on Fridays, 7:00 -8:30 PM. The group did not have an anniversary celebration for the first 3 years of its origin. The first group anniversary was held December 18th, 1991 celebrating 3 years of keeping the doors open and delivering a message of hope to the still sick and suffering addicts. Providing a recovery atmosphere for non-English speaking bilingual addicts, a place to share in their primary language, Spanish. 12 men and 1 woman attended the first celebration. Food and beverages consisted of potato chips and soda and a message of hope.

The second group anniversary was held the following year 1992 and there were 20 recovering addicts at this celebration, entertainment was courtesy of Julio D, who brought in his boom box. Recuperacion for Today continued to flourish and grow with membership attendance. One of the challenges the group encountered at this location, was, that we never knew in what area in this former school building we would have our meeting every Friday night. Some times we met on the lower level, other times in a cramped classroom. The room size varied from week to week.

In 1998 the group had to move to another location. We moved to the Housing Works building located on East 9th Street, corner of Avenue D. Angel R, may he rest in peace, met with the management, looked at the room housing works would rent to us to make sure the new room would have adequate space for the group. The new location provided us with air conditioning and heat as needed.

In 2000 our group noticed that we had a large number of deaf and hearing impaired recovering addicts attending our meeting regularly. Our group recognized the need and rose to the challenge. A motion was passed at our business meeting to hire a sign language interpreter to sign for the deaf and hearing-impaired addicts with the financial help of New York City Area. The group never strayed from its bilingual group tradition. Six months later we discontinued the special service because a group was created in the area for hearing impaired recovering addicts.

Our group remained at Housing Works on 9th Street & Avenue D for approximately 3 years, but we found that we had outgrown this space. With the increase in attendance the celebration of anniversaries were becoming difficult to manage. Around this same period St. Marks was closing and most of the groups there were looking for space to hold their meetings. The management began to take in so many groups that there were times that other group's times would overlap, creating challenges for our group to set up on time. A motion to seek a new location was made at our business meeting and passed. An Adhoc committee was formed with the purpose of finding a space large enough for us to hold our meeting and keep our Friday night and time

After several months of searching we were able to find a space at La Salle Academy located on East 2nd Street and Second Avenue. This space was ideal for our group, large enough to accommodate a large group's needs. It also had a gym next door with a kitchen for us to hold our group anniversaries. The only challenge our group encountered was that during the summer there was no AC. We did purchase fans, which made so much noise it made it difficult to hear during the qualifications and sharing from the floor.

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until 2008 when we were informed by the management that the building was being sold to NYU and we had approximately 4 months to move out. Once again an Adhoc committee was created to find a new location. After searching for the right place, the Ad Hoc committee was able to find another space to hold our meeting on Fridays and keep our time at the Emmanuel Church on East 6th Street between Avenue C & D. Our group remained at this location for 2 years, Our attendance dropped due to the location, poor access to parking and the heavy church restrictions. Once again the group faced a relocation challenge. Another Adhoc committee was formed. On June 1st, 2010 our group was blessed to find a new location with adequate space at the All Saints Church located at 206 East 11th Street. We were able to keep our meeting on Friday nights, but had to change the time fifteen minutes earlier to 6:45 PM – 8:15 PM.

In 2015 Recuperacion for Today, being the innovative group that it is, incorporated the traditions and concepts into the format.

Recuperacion For Today is now 28 years old as of December 12, 2016. We are celebrated on January 7th 2017, at the same place as last year; still holding the doors open, providing a message of hope in a bilingual format to the still sick and suffering addict.