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ACTRESS MACKENZIE PHILLIPS WILL SHARE HER RECOVERY STORY

LAS VEGAS - American actress and author Mackenzie Phillips will be the keynote speaker at the 11th annual Foundation for Recovery Awards Dinner.

Every year, the Foundation for Recovery hosts a fundraiser to recognize the achievements made in the recovery community. The recovery community encompasses people in long-term recovery, their families and allies. It also includes recovery-focused professionals and organizations.

Phillips is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *High on Arrival*. She rose to fame with breakout parts in 1973's *American Graffiti* and 70's sitcom *One Day at a Time*. Phillips is also the daughter of *The Mamas and the Papas* lead singer, John Phillips. Her personal struggles with addiction have led her to become an outspoken advocate for recovery.

"This is the first time we are able to highlight a person who is a household name," says Magda Hirsch, Director of Development and Strategic Partnerships at Foundation for Recovery. "Having someone well known like Mackenzie draws more people's attention to the recovery movement and broadens the conversation." Currently, Phillips is playing the role of "Barb" in Netflix's *Orange is the New Black*.

The event celebrates people in recovery and shines the spotlight on individuals that have made a positive difference for people and families impacted by substance use disorder. "What makes the event truly special is that it creates a space not only for the recovery community, its allies and friends but the entire community of Las Vegas to celebrate recovery. The event speaker and our honored awardees also speak honestly and openly about who they are and about experiences from the place of authenticity, vulnerability and strength" says Hirsch.

Foundation for Recovery is the first and only statewide recovery community organization (RCO) in Nevada. A RCO is a non-profit organization led and governed by representatives of local communities of recovery focusing on education, advocacy and peer recovery support services to assist individuals seeking or maintaining recovery.

Recovery Awards Dinner will take place on Saturday May 18, 2019 at the Tuscany Suites and Casino. The registration opens at 6:00pm with networking beginning at 6:30pm. The awards dinner takes place from 7-9pm. Tickets are \$100 each. A block of rooms is available at Tuscany Suites for \$147 per night plus resort fees. Please visit www.forrecovery.org/awards to reserve tickets, tables or hotel rooms.

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