

## Marsha Robinson receives McLester Spirit of Recovery Award for Community Service



**Austin – May 11, 2011** — Over 300 people attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “Give to Keep™” Friendraiser & Awards today in Austin, Texas. Communities for Recovery presented the Mac McLester Awards: The Champion for Recovery and The Spirit of Recovery. The awards were created in memory and honor of the late Ulysses “Mac” McLester, a recovery icon and advocate for over 25 years in Austin. Mac had a unique “tell it like it is” approach that endeared him to everyone he touched...and there are thousands who are in recovery today because of him. Through honoring Mac, his memory lives on by providing hope to those who seek recovery from chemical addiction and dual disorders.

The Spirit of Recovery Award was presented to Marsha Robinson, founder of [SOBERAUSTIN.com](http://SOBERAUSTIN.com), who has been a driving force in the recovery community. Marsha has organized numerous community projects and stays active in promoting recovery resources and treatment programs. For ten years, she has organized and implemented multiple community projects, educational programs, and events for the addiction recovery community to include Beauty Swap, Sober Santa, Gateway to Recovery, Addiction 101, Not My Child, and the first Addiction Symposium. Her community service website, [SOBERAUSTIN.com](http://SOBERAUSTIN.com), provides hundreds of listings and resources for both individuals seeking help and professionals in the recovery field. Marsha provides leadership to numerous professional organizations and is an active board member for Heart of Texas EAPA Chapter (Employee Assistance Program Association). Marsha runs a marketing consulting firm assisting organizations and professionals in the addiction recovery field.

[Communities for Recovery](http://CommunitiesforRecovery.org) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization partnering with treatment centers, courts of law, and permanent housing services providing Peer Supported Recovery programs and services to people seeking relief from substance abuse and dual disorders.