



**6TH ANNUAL 5K
RACE FOR RECOVERY**
MAY THE FOURTH
STOP ADDICTION

When? May 4, 2019 @ 10:30am

Where? East Pkwy Pavilion of Overton Park

Why? "Good; sober is" - YODA

Register @ www.racesonline.com

All proceeds go to Shelby Co. Drug Court

6th Annual Race for Recovery is Scheduled!

The Shelby County Drug Court Foundation is pleased to announce the 6th Annual Race for Recovery 5K has been scheduled for Saturday, May 4th at 10:30am. The event will be held at the historic Overton Park in Midtown. All proceeds from the 5K will go toward providing much needed services for drug court participants. Runners and walkers of all ages are welcomed to participate in the race. Plan on gathering at the East Parkway Pavilion in Overton Park before the race starts, at 10:00am. A brief awards ceremony will be held after the race. Packet pick up will be held at Judicare (300 North Bellevue) Friday, May 3rd from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Packets can also be picked up prior to the start of the race from 9:00am-10:00am. Register anytime by clicking the "Registration" link below.

We would love to have you or your organization sponsor the race! All sponsors will have their name or logo included in the registration packet and the opportunity to advertise inside the runners' registration packets. There are four sponsor levels available. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please email Bryan Owens at bryan.owens@shelbycountyttn.gov.

Registration Link: <https://www.racesonline.com/events/race-for-recovery>

SCDC Coordinator Elected as TARCP President

The Tennessee Association for Recovery Court Professionals is a state-wide organization that supports recovery courts by providing training, technical assistance, education, legislative advocacy, resource sharing and networking opportunities for recovery courts and their partners in the effort to help reduce substance abuse, crime, and recidivism in Tennessee.

Last year, SCDC's Coordinator, Angela Parkerson, was elected TARCP's President and will serve a 2 year term. Shelby County Drug Court is honored the new TARCP President is a part of our team and are looking forward to the amazing work she will do with TARCP.

From Angela Parkerson, TARCP President:

"I am honored to serve as the president of the Tennessee Association of Recovery Court Professionals. All that have held the office have done an outstanding job leading the organization; I have some big shoes to fill. I look forward to growing the organization as we expand and continue to promote, advocate, and support Recovery Courts throughout the state.

In 2006, I began working for Shelby County Recovery Court as a case manager. Since 2008, I have been director of the program which is the largest in the state. I have worked to grow the budget and sustain funding to keep the program at capacity. In 2012, I joined board of directors for TARCP as representative for the western district. I have also served as Treasurer and Vice President.

I look forward to working with everyone across the state in this role for the next 2 years as we work to make recovery available to everyone in Tennessee."

SCDC Hits Major Milestone with Their 250th Graduation

This month marks Shelby County Drug Court's 250th graduation, a major milestone for the program since its inception in 1997. "It is a true honor and privilege to be a part of this program," says the honorable Judge Tim Dwyer, who has presided over Shelby County Drug Court from the beginning. Over 2,600 participants have graduated from the program and it is currently the largest treatment court in the state of Tennessee.

Shelby County Drug Court works diligently to provide treatment to participants who suffer from the disease of addiction. Clients in need of rehabilitation are identified and given treatment instead of a jail sentence in order to prevent them from committing another crime. To date, 72% of all Drug Court graduates have not been rearrested.

Shelby County Drug Court extends an invitation to all who would like to attend the 250th graduation. Past graduates will also be recognized during the ceremony. The graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27th at 1:00pm in the 201 Poplar Auditorium.

Taking a Chance with a Second Chance

Routinely, a defendant will come through the court system in need of alcohol and drug treatment, but has no means to make a bond to be released from jail. These defendants end up staying in jail for several months, wasting tax dollars, ignoring the underlying cause for their incarceration, which is drug addiction. Judge Dwyer implemented a program which he would significantly cut a defendant's bond or release them on their own recognizance (ROR) so they can get out of jail and into treatment. These individuals are under the intense supervision of Judge Dwyer and the Shelby County Drug Court staff.

To date, of the 256 participants currently in the Drug Court program, 157 of the participants qualified for the bond reduced program and were released on their own recognizance in order to begin treatment. Over 50% of participants in Drug Court benefit from this program, giving participants a chance they would not have otherwise been able to afford and allowing them to tackle the root of substance abuse, which ultimately reduces the chance of them reoffending and ending back up in the criminal justice system. Over 75% of participants in the bond reduced program have pending felony cases.

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2018 Hall of Fame Inductees Awarded at December Ceremony

On December 19th, 4 individuals were inducted into the Shelby County Drug Court (SCDC) Hall of Fame for 2018. Every year, two SCDC alumni are selected who have continued to show a positive impact in the community after they have graduated from the program.

Danny Jones, who graduated in 2013 and helped found the Shelby County Alumni Association, actively participates in all alumni events and has helped support the alumni foundation by sponsoring the Race for Recovery. He continues to maintain ties with the recovery community by hiring individuals in recovery and speaking to inmates of Shelby County Corrections, monthly.

Daniel Moscon, who graduated in 2014, also participates regularly in alumni events including sponsoring the Race for Recovery, hiring individuals in recovery and sharing his testimony at Lakeside.

The other two Hall of Fame Inductees are community members who have contributed to the success of Shelby County Drug Court.

The late Walter Henderson, former owner of ESCAPE, served many Drug Court clients and made a great impact in their lives and involvement in recovery. His wife, Dr. Lucy Henderson accepted the award on his behalf.

Dr. Stueart Hudsmith has partnered with Drug Court for many years, treating clients with dental issues at no cost. His faithful dedication to serving our clients has positively impacted clients, ultimately helping to rebuild their self-esteem through their smiles.



Hall of Fame Awardees (left to right): Danny Jones, Lucy Henderson on behalf of the late Walter Henderson, Dr. Stueart Hudsmith and Daniel Moscon