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Face Addiction Now and Northville Township Police Teaming up for Hope Not Handcuffs

Clinton Township, MI: Face Addiction Now (FAN, formerly Families Against Narcotics), a Michigan nonprofit organization founded in 2007, is partnering with law enforcement in Northville Township to bring hope to people who struggle with a substance use disorder (SUD) and want to find recovery.

On July 7th, the Northville Township Police Department will officially launch the Hope Not Handcuffs program, becoming the latest of more than 150 law enforcement agencies to offer a safe, judgment-free space where individuals struggling with drug or alcohol addiction can go to ask for help.

Since launching in February of 2017, FAN's "Hope Not Handcuffs" initiative has connected nearly 16,600 people statewide with the resources necessary to find recovery.

The concept is simple: When someone visits a participating police department seeking help for their SUD, the officer on duty contacts FAN's Call Center to initiate the process. A trained staff member then works with the individual to coordinate treatment placement and connect them to ongoing support services.

People wanting assistance can also reach out directly to the Hope Not Handcuffs Call Center by phoning 833.202.HOPE (4673). The Call Center is open from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Hope Not Handcuffs also provides trained and certified Peer Recovery Coaches for the individuals who participate in the program, as well as Family Recovery Coaches for family members or loved ones. The goal is to help everyone who's been affected by the disease of addiction find recovery.

Northville Township Director of Public Safety Scott Hilden is excited about the Hope Not Handcuffs launch. "Our participation in Hope Not Handcuffs gives those struggling with addiction,

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some of whom engage in property crimes, a path to recovery instead of jail,” Hilden stated. “Supporting individuals in getting help can not only change their lives, but also reduce repeat offenses and strengthen the safety of our community.”

Kim Baffo, FAN’s Hope Not Handcuffs Program Director, is looking forward to having the Northville Township Police Department on board. “This initiative gives individuals a chance to begin again—with support, not judgment. By joining forces with the Northville Township PD, we’re strengthening the community and replacing stigma with compassion and understanding.”

For more information on Hope Not Handcuffs, visit faceaddictionnow.org/hnh.

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About Face Addiction Now

Founded in 2007 as Families Against Narcotics, Face Addiction Now (FAN) is a Michigan nonprofit that works to educate communities statewide about addiction, dispel the stigma associated with the disease, and compassionately support and assist those affected by it. All of FAN’s programs are offered to the public completely free of charge. The organization has multiple chapters across the state of Michigan, with more in the planning stages. You can learn more about FAN at faceaddictionnow.org/.