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**CRC HEALTH'S STEVE BRUGGE OF SAN JOSE TO RECEIVE
OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL AWARD FROM JOHNSON INSTITUTE AT
NATIONAL PRESS CLUB,
NOON THURS., SEPT. 25, WASHINGTON, DC, 14TH AND F Streets, NW
*Brugge among "six Americans in recovery who are making a difference
for future generations"*
Christopher Kennedy Lawford to chair event; Gen. Barry McCaffrey to speak**

(Washington, DC) – Steve Brugge of San Jose, CA, the Western Region Business Development Director for CRC Health Group, the country's largest provider of substance abuse treatment, will be honored by the Johnson Institute at the National Press Club, 14th and F Streets, NW, at Noon on Thursday, September 25. The "Outstanding Individual" awards are presented to six honorees selected because they "have successfully overcome their experience with alcohol and other drug addiction, either personally, or as a family member or significant other and are making a difference in their community, their profession, and/or the recovery movement."

Christopher Kennedy Lawford will chair the awards event, the America Honors Recovery Luncheon, a highlight of National Recovery Month declared by the federal government's Department of HHS. Four-Star General Barry McCaffrey, the former U.S. Drug Czar, will speak at the luncheon.

According to a statement by the Johnson Institute, Brugge "exemplifies the philosophy that recovery can change your life. Steve has 24 years in long term recovery, and for over 20 years has worked in the field of chemical dependency as a counselor, a clinical consultant, a mentor, and in business development. He has also been successfully intervening on addicts and alcoholics for over 15 years. Steve has been a long standing supporter and consultant to The Other Bar, a lawyer's statewide recovery group in California that provides confidential assistance to any lawyer with a drug or alcohol problem. Steve was also instrumental in gaining the support of the local treatment providers for efforts in establishing one of the first drug courts in California."

Dr. Barry Karlin, CEO of CRC Health Group (headquarters in Cupertino, CA), stated, "We are very proud of Steve. He has devoted most of his life to assuring that others receive the treatment needed to help recapture their lives and their productivity. He is an example of using our best qualities to help others."