



**For Immediate Release:**

**PEACE Zone Receives Consumer Operated Business Grant from Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction**

*Evansville, Indiana – May 30, 2013* – PEACE Zone is pleased to announce that it was recently awarded \$49,080 from the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction. The grant will help cover administrative and program development costs through June 2014.

PEACE Zone is a peer-run recovery center supporting individuals living with mental illness through peer support, recovery education, socialization opportunities, advocacy, and referrals. Since opening on February 28, the Center has had 899 visitors, with 145 of those being unique visitors.

"The community response to the PEACE Zone has been even better than anticipated. Peer support is such a crucial component in the recovery process for those struggling with mental health issues," says Beth Barchet, PEACE Zone board member and Director of Programs at Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

Proposals were evaluated based on adherence to the consumer movement and methodology to measure the success of the project.

For additional information about PEACE Zone, contact Lori Rivera at [rival@peaceevansville.org](mailto:rival@peaceevansville.org) or 812.436.4352.

**About PEACE Zone Recovery Center**

**(Peer Empowerment & Advocacy in the Community of Evansville)**

PEACE Zone is a recovery center assisting individuals in recovery from mental illness through peer support, socialization opportunities, recovery education, referrals, and advocacy. Visitors will find a supportive, safe, and stigma-free environment. The "Zone" does not provide nor should be a replacement for professional treatment. It is a non-clinical, unstructured peer-run center run *for* and *by* its members.

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PEACE Zone is a nonprofit organization relies on grants and donations to operate. For information on donating, please visit [www.peaceevansville.org](http://www.peaceevansville.org).

**HOURS:**

Tue 3-7,

Wed-Sat 1-4

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