

# *A Special Message* from President & CEO Chuck Ingoglia

## THE POWER OF US

It's difficult to remember a year as successful as the year we had in 2022. This annual report ensures we will never forget, and I'm honored to present it to National Council members and all of our audiences.

Congress, the Administration and the American people all recognize how important it is to support access to substance use and mental health care. The story outlined in this report is one of achievement. Of perseverance. Of progress.

And it's our story.

National Council members faced overwhelming challenges last year. You also overcame those challenges and emerged stronger than ever. More people have access to the substance use and mental health treatment they need, and there is broader understanding about the importance of your work.

I couldn't be prouder of your efforts. And I couldn't be prouder of the work we accomplished on behalf of National Council members. Our advocacy efforts on behalf of the more than 3,100 members of the National Council changed the field of substance use and mental health treatment.

Today, National Council members have more resources than ever to provide lifesaving care. We are raising awareness about the work you do. We are breaking down barriers to care.

That's our story. But the story isn't over.

Our future is bright. Opportunities abound. We are looking forward. Still, we know challenges await. The workforce shortage so many of you face represents an ominous threat to our collective wellbeing.

Guided by our vision and values, we will continue providing support for National Council members, so you have the resources you need to meet the challenges you face.

We will continue leading efforts to improve the field of substance use and mental health treatment. And we will do everything we can to make mental wellbeing, including recovery from substance use challenges, a reality for everyone.

Be well,



Chuck Ingoglia  
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