

## **The Healing Place of Wake County**

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### **Chris Budnick of The Healing Place Nominated for NCSU Department of Social Work Instructor of the Year**

Raleigh NC— The Healing Place of Wake County announced today that recently named Vice President of Programs, Chris Budnick was nominated as instructor of the year by the North Carolina State University's Department of Social Work. Chris has taught the Department's Addiction Recovery and Social Work Practice class as a visiting lecturer each Fall Semester since 2002.

Dr. Linda Williams, Department of Social Work wrote in the lecture of the year nomination form "When we ask students which faculty member has made the most significant impact on their learning, they invariably say, "Chris Budnick." He connects with the most reluctant student and encourages participation in a warm and caring way. He uses his wonderful sense of humor appropriately and effectively with the class."

"Those of us who have worked with Chris over the years," said Dennis Parnell, CEO of The Healing Place, "know how much he has enjoyed teaching the North Carolina State students. Combine this passion with Chris' extensive knowledge and I am not surprised he was nominated for this award."

### **About Chris Budnick**

Since 2000, Chris has served as Director and then Vice President of Programs at The Healing Place. He is an adjunct faculty member with the Department of Social Work at North Carolina State University, where he teaches "Addiction Recovery and Social Work Practice." He received his B.A. in Psychology in 1993 from the University of Rhode Island and his Master of Social Work in 2000 from East Carolina University. He has lived in North Carolina since 1994 and has worked for Charter Northridge Hospital, Holly Hill/Charter Hospital, Wake County Human Services, and Dorothea Dix Hospital.

### **About The Healing Place**

The Healing Place of Wake County is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) recovery and rehabilitation facility for homeless people with alcohol and other drug dependency. The Men's Facility opened its doors in 2001, and the Women's Facility began operation in 2006. During its operation, The Healing Place has provided more than 450,000 beds of shelter to homeless men and women. The nonprofit has also provided thousands of recovery classes and meetings. Remarkably, over 65% of the graduates from the program, with a year of post-discharge sobriety, are still sober. The Healing Place of Wake County is built on the principles of the highly successful Healing Place in Louisville KY, which received the 1998 US Department of Health Resources and Service Administration "Models That Work Award" in recognition of the success of the program. Visit us on the web at [www.hpowc.org](http://www.hpowc.org).