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Victory Recovery Partners Expands Offices on Long Island, Helping Fight Opioid Crisis at Critical Time

Rapidly growing outpatient addiction recovery center opens two new offices (with one on the way) in 2019 and helps patients cure the Hepatitis C virus



FARMINGVILLE – Victory Recovery Partners, a growing outpatient addiction treatment service, certified by the New York Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (NY <u>OASAS</u>), recently opened a third addiction treatment facility in Massapequa and is poised to open its fourth in Shirley by the end of 2019 – expanding to four Long Island locations in less than two years since its founding.

"We are delighted to bring our winning formula for substance use disorder treatment to Nassau County, and soon to Shirley," said Dr. Paolo Coppola, co-founder of Victory Recovery Partners. "All of us know how the opioid crisis has impacted our communities in Long Island. We have seen firsthand that Victory's unique outpatient treatment program helps patients break the vicious cycle of addiction and achieve lasting recovery."

With the growing **opioid** crisis that continues to plague New York, and especially Long Island, the vital services offered by Victory Recovery Partners are in great need right now. October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, opioid overdoses now rank as the No. 1 cause of death for Americans ages 50 and under. More than 70,000 people in the United States died of overdoses last year. New York averages nine opioid-related deaths per day. New York Health Department statistics show opioid use and overdose deaths have increased significantly in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Victory Recovery Partners was co-founded in 2018 by Dr. Paolo Coppola, Patrick Haiz, and Dr. Steven Salvatore. These three saw a growing need on Long Island for addiction treatment services. Victory Recovery Partners opened its first location in Farmingville in April of 2018 and a second facility in Riverhead earlier this year. In a little over a year since its founding, the company has quickly expanded its services, staff, and patient base.

Victory Recovery Partners' Farmingville location currently treats an average of over 60 patients each day. It is referred patients from hospitals, urgent care centers, other treatment programs, and medical professionals whose patients need specialized addition care. Victory Recovery Partners adds an average of 25 new patients each week and expects that number to double with the opening of its new treatment facilities. The staff of Victory Recovery Partners has grown significantly and employs over 40 team members (and growing) to accommodate high patient demand.

Victory Recovery Partners takes a comprehensive approach to outpatient treatment that includes medication-assisted treatment (MAT), behavioral therapy, and individual case managers who are dedicated to seeing its patients claim victory over their dependency. Earlier this year, Victory Recovery Partners expanded its comprehensive array of services to include its unique Wellness Care Program. This program is made available to patients via scheduled appointments with experienced physicians who treat the "whole patient." As a result of the program, Victory Recovery Partners has identified and cured many patients with diseases like Hepatitis C. Victory Recovery Partners estimates that about 10 percent of its total patients have Hepatitis C, which is commonly found in people with addiction problems and typically goes undiagnosed. If untreated, this condition could lead to serious health problems. Victory Recovery Partners has cured more than 30 patients who've been diagnosed with Hepatitis C since it began offering Wellness Care and is currently treating many patients that have this curable virus.

Victory Recovery Partners' new center in Massapequa opened in September and is located at 727 N. Broadway (at the intersection of N. Broadway and Jerusalem Ave.). The Shirley office is scheduled to open in early December of 2019 and will be located at 2 Coraci Blvd., just off the William Floyd Parkway. Additionally, Victory Recovery Partners is evaluating other new sites, hoping to eventually manage 8-to-10 facilities with the goal of providing convenient comprehensive coverage all over Long Island.

About Victory Recovery Partners

<u>Victory Recovery Partners</u> was established in 2018 to provide outpatient substance use disorder (SUD) treatment for patients throughout Long Island, NY. The company presently operates three addiction treatment centers in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, with a fourth center under construction and slated for opening later this year. Last February, Victory Recovery Partners' flagship site in Farmingville was granted <u>certification</u> by the New York Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services.

Victory Recovery Partners offers addiction recovery services that include medication-assisted treatment (with Suboxone/buprenorphine and other pharmacotherapies), behavioral health services (including psychiatric medical care, individual counseling, and group counseling sessions), and "wellness care," which consists of medical care for other health issues confronting SUD patients.

Prior to founding Victory Recovery Partners, the company's principals owned and operated STAT Health, a chain of a dozen urgent care centers located throughout Long Island, servicing more than 250,000 patients annually. For more information, visit https://www.victoryrp.com/.

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