



## ***3rd Annual “Taking Steps for Addiction Recovery” 5K Run/Walk Scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2025***

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*Green Bay, WI* - We are pleased to announce that we will be holding our 3rd Annual “Taking Steps for Addiction Recovery” 5K Run/Walk on September 27, 2025 at Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve in Suamico, WI. This time of year was chosen because September is Recovery Month. The primary goal for the 3rd Annual 5K Run/Walk is to support those in recovery and bring awareness to those affected by gambling disorders. All are welcome!

“This 5K Run/Walk provides a positive and active outlet for individuals of our community to come together,” shared Pat Jirovetz, Board President of the Wisconsin Gambling Council on Problem Gambling. “This is a terrific opportunity to continue our awareness campaign about gambling addiction with a positive activity such as a walk run.”

Did you know that 2 million Americans meet the criteria for severe gambling problems and 4-6 million Americans suffer from problematic gambling habits? According to a report released by Eilers & Krejcik Gaming (<https://ekgamingllc.com/downloads/eilers-total-u-s-gambling-spend-by-category-2024/>), the total amount spent on gambling in the United States in 2024 reached \$172 billion. This is a 3.3% year-over-year increase with digital gaming accounting for a large share of the growth.

For more information about the 3rd Annual “Taking Steps for Addiction Recovery” 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, September 27, 2025 visit our website at : <https://www.wi-problemgamblers.org/events/celebrating-recovery-hope-and-support/>

***If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-426-2535, Text at 1-850-888-4673 or Live Chat through the WCPG website at [www.wi-problemgamblers.org](http://www.wi-problemgamblers.org).***

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