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# Press Release

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## **THE JUSTIN FOUNDATION RECEIVES CAADAC APPRECIATION AWARD**

The Justin Foundation of Danville, CA was honored last night with a surprise award and plaque at the California Association of Alcohol and Drug Counselors' (CAADAC) 27<sup>th</sup> annual convention in Rancho Cordova, California. The plaque read, "In appreciation for your exceptional contributions and tireless efforts in California; especially regarding the implementation of higher standards of competency for the Addiction Profession." This is the second appreciation award bestowed upon The Justin Foundation by CAADAC; the first was in 2005.

The Justin Foundation endorses the California Association of Alcohol and Drug Counselors (CAADAC) as the only certifying organization in the State of California with competency based standards that are nationally and internationally recognized as benchmarks for quality.

The California Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (CAADAC) is the largest AODA counseling certification (CCBADC) organization in California. Since its origination in 1979, it has conferred certification upon thousands of counselors who have successfully treated clients struggling with the disease of addiction.

Cathie Smith is Founder and President of The Justin Foundation. After losing her 22-year old son in a car accident due to supervision by untrained counselors and lax facility regulation enforcement, Cathie formed The Justin Foundation to facilitate consumer education and protection of individuals in substance abuse treatment facilities. The Justin Foundation is a Non-Profit Corporation founded in 2004 and incorporated under the laws of the State of California.

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