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Sharing Our Stories

By Alysha Clark, Director of Advocacy & Operations

This year, we hosted our first-ever Chrysalis Storytelling Event. Eight people with lived experiences shared their stories of hope.

I can't tell you how much I enjoyed the [Storytelling Event]. The Chrysalis team has really created an environment that exudes care, wellness, and recovery!

- Julie Meister, Dane County CCS Administrator

Please consider donating to Chrysalis. Your support lets us continue this environment of care, wellness, and recovery. Donations can be mailed to our office or made online at <http://workwithchrysalis.org>.

Your donations are important to us. They greatly impact our ability to advocate for our community, one that thrives through sharing and supporting our unique stories.

A sincere “thank-you” from all of us at Chrysalis!

Advocating for the Peer Workforce in Wisconsin

By Riley Hays, CPS-LC Trainer & Administrative Support Specialist



Chrysalis celebrates individuals with diverse lived experiences and strives to amplify their voices in the community. Through the peer-led Certified Peer Specialist Learning Community (CPS-LC), we promote peers as capable service providers and leaders of Wisconsin's growing peer support movement.

Each year, the CPS-LC offers an array of services, from consultation to technical assistance, designed to support new, emerging, and established organizations in peer support integration, expansion, and advocacy.

In 2023, we hosted a cohort of 19 learners from 8 organizations across Wisconsin to learn about best practices, supervision strategies, and special topics in peer support. In our training, *The Role of a Peer Specialist: A Training for Non-Peer Specialists*, we demystify peer specialist roles in recovery-oriented systems of care, and share tips for peer advocacy at any level. Our best tips? Get to know Peer Specialists. Endorse peer support and social justice movements. Support legislation that benefits underserved communities. Encourage system disruption for just and equitable care practices. **You, too, can lead the way for change as a peer advocate!**



Next year, we will be celebrating The Big Share by hosting our community Storytelling Event—**Shared Threads: Stories that Weave Us Together**.
Save the Date:
Tuesday March 5, 2024
More information to come!

Putting Chrysalis Values to Work

By Dani Rischall, Executive Director

Defining Chrysalis values was a top priority this year. Having a shared sense of purpose has always been important to our work. As we continue to expand our team and services, the importance of being grounded in our values has also grown.

Hope is sharing lived experience. It is peer support and celebrating our accomplishments.

Healing is all feelings and experiences being welcomed and honored as part of growth.

Wellness is holistic self-care and community care.

Inclusion is everyone being valued and heard, and belonging.

Social Justice is challenging harmful stigmas and pushing for systems change.

Connection is shared humanity and building community partnerships.

Respect is honoring people as experts of themselves and their care.

Transparency is access to information and collective decision making.



We put these values into action through expanding the Chrysalis Clubhouse, growing our statewide Certified Peer Specialist Learning Community initiative, and supporting 269 participants in their work and recovery goals.

We are grateful for your continued partnership and support in these efforts. **Your donations of any size make a huge impact and are so appreciated.**

Thank you, and please take care of your whole self!

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Magic Wash has been a successful work environment for me because of their flexibility, compassion and understanding when things have been difficult, and their willingness to continue to provide a work environment for me that is geared toward my interests and allows me to work independently on tasks. My connection with my manager, Chris, has allowed me to be able to build more skills and makes coming to work enjoyable for me.

- Magic Wash Employee
& Chrysalis IPS Participant

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