

HOPE SHINING BLUE

A Denim Day celebration honoring survivors of sexual and domestic violence
Benefitting Aurora Healing & Advocacy Services and Aurora Abuse Response Programs across Wisconsin
Wednesday, April 30, 2025
Eagles Ballroom in Milwaukee



Thrive Award honoring **Franny Delzer**

Franny Delzer has been a client of The Healing Center for many years since she moved back to Milwaukee, WI in 2008. Franny found a community by attending many groups during her time with the Healing Center. One highlight includes the improv healing group where she and three other survivors performed an improv show at ComedySportz to raise money for The Healing Center. Franny was a Survivor Model in 2018 at Hope Shining Blue. She walked the runway again as an Alumni Survivor Model for the tenth anniversary and volunteered at the event last year.

Professionally, Franny works on the Inpatient Behavioral Health unit at St. Francis Hospital as a Psychiatric Nurse. Franny formerly worked as a Reiki Master Practitioner at the nonprofit CORE El Centro in Milwaukee, WI for two and a half years where she worked with trauma survivors, sharing the gift of Reiki to help clients heal themselves spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically. Franny was originally sent to CORE El Centro from The Healing Center for eight free sessions where she experienced Reiki for the first time. This additional space to work on her own trauma along with the help of the therapists at The Healing Center helped Franny to heal. This is what led her to start her own journey to becoming a Reiki Master.

Franny also started her own business in November 2023 called Spiritual Arts with Franny where she offers Reiki and other services focused on healing of the spirit. She is also working toward her Reiki Master Teacher certification and advocating for patients at St. Francis Hospital.

The Annual Thrive Award was established in 2014 to recognize a sexual assault survivor who is healing and thriving in life, and whose work in the community benefit survivors and promote awareness of sexual assault issues.



Hope Shining Award honoring **Mark Huber**

Mark Huber retired in May of 2024 after more than 50 years of public service and community health in Wisconsin. In his most recent position as SVP of Community Health & Engagement for Advocate Health, he provided strategic direction and oversight of Community Health and Community Engagement across the enterprise, and Faith Health Outreach in the Southeast Region – a team of over 500 care givers.

With a dedication to improving the health of people and communities, Mark held various volunteer leadership roles across Wisconsin related to advocacy for the health and wellness for all. Over the past 30 years at Aurora, Mark played a significant role in the development and administration of the Aurora Healing and Advocacy Service program. Using his significant experience as a lobbyist, health educator, nonprofit administrator and public health policy analyst in the voluntary and public health sectors, he guided its leadership team and helped navigate internal, governmental and philanthropic processes to secure resources for its growth. Mark was a founding member of the Healing Center in Milwaukee, as well as the Giving Circle. During his tenure, Mark led government, United Way and community fundraising efforts that secured more than \$9,700,000 for abuse response programs.

Mark has received numerous awards and recognition, including Distinguished Service to Public Health and Outstanding Public Health Leadership awards from the Wisconsin Public Health Association and the Martha Katz Award for Strategic and Innovative Team Leadership from the National Public Health Leadership Institute and the Centers for Disease Control.

On occasion, Aurora Abuse Response programs presents the Hope Shining Award to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the local community that directly benefits survivors of sexual violence or elevates awareness of the issue.