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I am writing to express my interest in being a volunteer for “You Know Me Now” as a part of Kaityln’s circle of ten. With a strong background in working with people that have been unhoused and substance abuse disorder I feel I would make a great addition to her team. I feel I can help make a positive impact on the lives that “You Know Me Now” looks to help.

In 2019 I graduated from The University of Washington Bothell with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business. After graduating I worked in Homeless Services in Seattle from the fall of 2019 through Winter of 2022. I worked for the HOST Team at DESC that serves our most severely mentally ill unhoused neighbors in Seattle. I then went on to work for the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) at REACH. These positions have allowed me to learn how to effectively meet people where they are at, advocate and support people that are unhoused, formerly unhoused, in active addiction or in recovery from substance abuse disorder.

Beyond my professional roles, I served as an advocate and friend for an individual who lived unhoused for 40 years. I assisted him in navigating the homeless service system in Seattle, ultimately helping him receive housing. This transformative relationship profoundly influenced my life by dismantling my pre-existing stigmas I held towards our unhoused neighbors and individuals grappling with substance abuse disorder. This allowed me to foster a deeper understanding and compassion that I now carry with me in both personal and professional capacities.

I myself am in recovery from active substance abuse disorder. I participate in a Buddhist based recovery program. This personal experience provides me with a deep understanding of the challenges individuals face during their own recovery process. It equips me with empathy, resilience, and a unique perspective that I believe enhances my ability to connect with and support others on their own recovery journeys. My commitment to ongoing personal growth and my firsthand experience navigating recovery contributes to my dedication to fostering a supportive and compassionate environment for those facing similar challenges.

I am excited for the opportunity to use my skills and experiences to help further the mission of your organization.

With gratitude,
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