RHIP Mini-Grant Final Report for SriPonya

"Wisdom of Trauma Movie Screening & Homeless Panel Discussion"

Reviewed by the Upstream Prevention Workgroup

Summary of Results:

- SriPonya collaborated with The Bethlehem Inn, Shepherd's House, BendFilm, and Out Central Oregon to bring the documentary, Wisdom of Trauma to the Tin Pan Theater.
- Following the screening of the movie was a panel of individuals in our community who have experienced homelessness.
- There were three panelists, two from the Shepherd's House recovery program and one board member from The Bethlehem Inn who had experience homelessness.
- The panelists shared the trauma they experienced while living homeless, and how difficult it has been to recover from that experience.
- They also shared their lived experience, strength and hope.
- We had an engaging conversation about substance abuse disorder, mental illness and homelessness.

Quote:

"The panelists felt very honored by being given the opportunity to share their lived experience, strength and hope. After experiencing the affects of mental illness, living poverty, homelessness, and substance use disorder, to be able to provide each of them with an opportunity to share the most painful parts of their life with our community and have it be a gift to the community just filled everyone who was present with gratitude, humility, compassion and love. It was truly a healing event."