



# eMpowered for Wellness

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## Healing power of the arts & creativity

*A message from Thomas Lane, CRPS, senior director, consumer and recovery services*

This issue of *eMpowered for Wellness* highlights creativity and wellness. **Creativity** is defined as “the ability to transcend traditional ideas, rules, patterns, relationships, or the like, and to create meaningful new ideas, forms, methods, or interpretations” (Dictionary.com). Individuals may tap into their creativity in all different ways – through writing, painting, dancing, singing, acting, sketching... the list could go on and on.

Creativity has a powerful impact on an individual’s health, healing and overall wellness, from stress relief to mood support. You’ll learn more about creativity’s healing power in the articles that follow.

As always, our goal through this newsletter is to provide the information you need to help improve overall health and well-being through peer support and whole health planning. I encourage you to share it with others so that everyone can benefit from this information. Thank you for your support!

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***"Creativity is the way I share my soul with the world."***

***– Brene Brown***



**Thought leader interview:**  
**Creativity Expert Gayle Bluebird**  
SAMHSA VOICE Award winner Gayle Bluebird has been involved in the development of peer-related programs since the early 1980s. [Read more](#)



**Special announcement! New resource for advancing peer support**  
An interactive map of U.S. mental health peer certification programs is now available. [Read more](#)



**Creativity resources**  
Would you like to know more about the healing power of creativity and the arts? [Read more](#)



***"It's not just about creativity; it is about the person you're becoming while you're creating."*** – Charlie Peacock

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