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Keynote Speaker

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WELCOME TO EVERGREEN TREATMENT SERVICES' 6TH ANNUAL EVENT: ROOTS OF RECOVERY

Dear Roots of Recovery Attendees,

Thank you for joining us at this very special Roots of Recovery event—coinciding with our 50th Anniversary. For five decades, the Puget Sound region has depended on us to deliver effective long-term care to the members of our community facing hardship and struggle.

Over the last three years we have taken some important steps to strengthen our infrastructure and grow into a more durable, strategic, and sustainable organization. Throughout the fall, we will be updating our strategic priorities for the next three years, and we anticipate a big three years! We are excited about the redevelopment of our Seattle Clinic property on Airport Way,

finding a permanent home for our REACH Division, sending more mobile clinics out into underserved communities, and continuing to work every day to model an effective, compassionate response to public drug use.

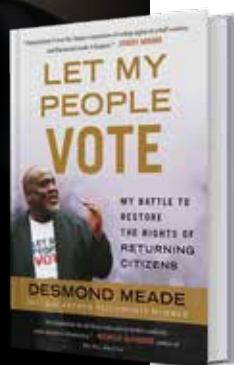
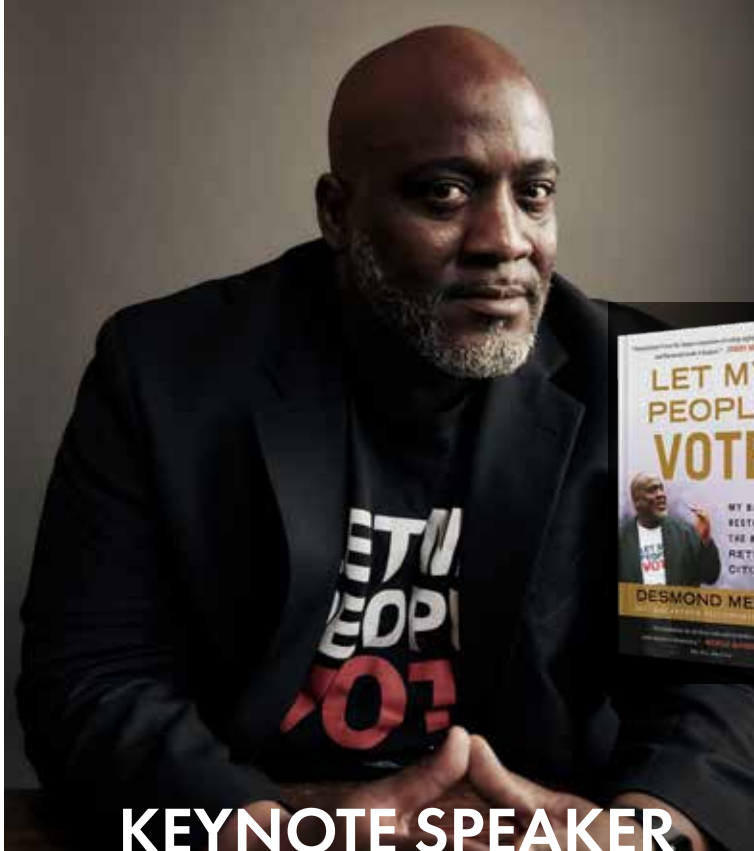
There are days when doing this work seems next to impossible, when the historical momentum of institutional failures, racial and economic injustice, severe housing shortages, regulatory roadblocks, and human indifference seem too overwhelming to take on. It certainly doesn't help when people need to be convinced that the lives of their neighbors are worth saving—that people have inherent worth even when they are living unsheltered, suffer from untreated behavioral health conditions, are engaged in sex work, or carry the weight of a criminal record.

This is why I am so excited to welcome 2023 Nobel Peace Prize nominee Desmond Meade as our Roots of Recovery keynote speaker. Desmond is living proof that every person—no matter how dire their circumstances—has unlimited potential. Desmond's work is a testament to what can happen when diverse cultural, economic, and political interests align around a shared sense of social responsibility, fairness, and inclusion.

Here in Western Washington, we need that same kind of alignment around our approaches to public health and safety. I hope this event and Desmond's visit will inspire and energize all of us to believe we can achieve what currently seems impossible—to bring everyone inside and to recognize and address substance use disorders as health conditions to be treated, not behaviors to be punished.

Respectfully,
Steve Woolworth | CEO, ETS





Desmond will be signing books after the event!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER DESMOND MEADE

Desmond Meade is a formerly unhoused, returning citizen who overcame many obstacles to eventually become the Executive Director of Florida Rights Restoration Coalition and lead a successful campaign to re-enfranchise 1.4 million returning citizens in Florida. His efforts led to him being named one of TIME Magazine 100 most influential people in the world, a McArthur “Genius” Fellow, and a nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2023.

Desmond presently leads efforts to empower and civically re-engage local communities across Florida to reshape local, state, and national criminal justice policies. He has appeared on numerous shows such as Al-Jazeera, Democracy NOW, MSNBC with Joy Ann Reid, FOX News with Dana Perino and Tucker Carlson, Samantha Bee, and All In with Chris Hayes. He was chosen as a “Game Changer” by Politic 365 and recognized as a “Foot Soldier” on the Melissa Harris-Perry Show on MSNBC.

MARK WRIGHT



Mark Wright is a podcast and event host based in Seattle. After 35 years in broadcast news, Mark joined WorkP2P in January of this year as host of the “Beats Working: Winning the Game of Work” podcast. New episodes drop every Monday on all podcast platforms.

As a journalist, Mark’s career spanned 35 years—starting in Public Radio and ending as evening news anchor for KING 5 (NBC) in Seattle. Mark is a four-time Emmy Award winner for his work as an anchor, documentary producer and reporter. His work has aired in markets including Boise, Spokane, Salt Lake City, Seattle, and nationally on NBC Nightly News.

Mark is a respected community leader in Seattle and is deeply committed to public service. As an event emcee, he’s helped raise millions for non-profits.



HAYDEN WARTES

For the last two decades Hayden has committed herself to nurturing safe places of hospitality for her unhoused and housed neighbors to encounter one another. She currently pastors a faith community in North Seattle that a decade ago created Aurora Commons, a neighborhood living room and resource for neighbors experiencing homelessness along north Aurora Ave. She continues to find life, connection, and hope for what Dr. King called the Beloved Community on that corner of Aurora Ave.

CALL TO ACTION: MAKE A GIFT!

During the event, guests will be invited to support ETS’ mission with a financial contribution. In-person guests: raise your paddle! Zoom guests: please visit evergreentreatment.org/roots-of-recovery. Giving levels from \$10,000 to \$50 will be presented.



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CARE IS EVERGREEN



Evergreen Treatment Services, then Central Maintenance Breakthrough Program, opened in May 1973 amid a stigmatizing political and social environment we now know as President Nixon's War on Drugs. Despite the challenges, ETS opened its doors to community members in need of care. Fifty years later, care remains our call to action. For ETS, care is evergreen.

Yet, we cannot celebrate 50 years without also recognizing the harsh realities that give existence to our mission. We have helped many people recover purpose and live their lives with dignity, and we also mourn those who did not receive the care they deserved in this lifetime.

We are here to serve the community for as long as our services are needed, and to combat harmful systems that undermine health equity for all. It is with our team, partners, and community that we have cultivated a network of care and support for our most vulnerable neighbors—it is together that we will sustain and expand our reach to care for many more.



THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING OUR 50TH YEAR WITH US!

Clinic to help opiate addicts opens

Thurston County treatment center uses methadone to battle drugs

BY LORINE THOMPSON

After years of tracking growing heroin use in South Sound, health officials report a methadone treatment clinic this week to provide a new option for battling opiate addiction in the region.

The clinic can serve up to 300 people, using methadone medication and counseling to help drug addicts.

Thurston County officials hope the treatment will

help a long time," he said. "But even before the county health department for heroin abuse services grew from 16 in 1997 to 200 visits in 2005."

In 2005, for the first time, health officials began offering patient treatment at the Providence Elder Center (Providence Elder Center).

Since then, the county health department has opened a new methadone clinic in the county health department's clinical dependency program.

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Thurston County health officials began offering patient treatment at the Providence Elder Center in 2005. (Photo: Lorraine Thompson)

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Though it is an option, it is not a cure, and it is not a permanent solution. It is a clinic, and addicts can get back to normal life and use focus on their recovery and their health.

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Tell us of the places
left when shelters fill each day:
where else but in public spaces
can our ad-hoc homes remain?
How can you tell us when to go,
but never where to stay?
Seems we're see-through when it suits you,
but just as quick, we're in your way.

Tell us of the places
that we ought to go instead
while we wait our turn for housing:
should we vanish—or play dead?
When you're faced with human suffering,
do you act—or turn your head?
Why do you fret over optics
when the focus should be beds?

Tell us of the places
safe from getting towed or swept.
How can we rebuild our lives
with that ever-looming threat?
Constant shuffling does nothing
to get us off the streets, and yet—
we're out of view to ease your conscience
that our basic needs aren't met.

So, tell us of the places
that we always seem to miss.
Tell us of these places—
if you can find them—or desist!
Just tell us: where this place is
that we'll, at last, unclench our fists...
or quit seeking to displace us.
We need somewhere to exist.

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- Morgan Sandys,
Outreach Coordinator

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