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Story Prompts for Building Community

Section One:  
INTROSPECTION
Take some time to explore your stories and values.
  ● What are three things or moments that inspire you?
"As they become known to and accepted by us, our feelings and the honest exploration of them become sanctuaries and spawning grounds for the most radical and daring of ideas." Audre Lorde
  ● What feelings stand out for you most at this time?
  ● Are your emotions connected to any lessons you are learning?

Section Two:  
MAKING CONNECTIONS
Consider creating moments to share and build community amongst staff and with clients.
  ● A song that lifts my spirits...
  ● When I am stressed, it helps if I...
  ● My hidden talent/superpower...
  ● One day I hope to meet...
  ● My favorite thing to do as a child was...
  ● If I were granted one wish, it would be...
  ● One of the best days of my life...
  ● The best advice I ever received was...
  ● I am creative when it comes to...
  ● I would like a second chance to...
  ● I would love to appear on this tv show...
  ● If I had a time machine I would...

Section Three:  
SPREADING THE WORD
Consider how to best share stories that illustrate impact.
  ● Consider sharing stories that communicate who is doing the work and why?
  ● What is a challenge you’ve addressed?
  ● How is your work impacting both individuals and communities?
  ● Who can help to tell your stories your leadership, teams, clients, artists?
  ● Website, social media, newsletters, brochure and print media, meetings, gatherings