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## COMMUNITY MURAL BRIGHTENS TRC

The walls of the Tasks Resource Center have come alive with a vibrant mural, funded by a grant from Hennepin County. COMPAS visual artist Katrina Knutson guided the project.

Over the course of two weeks, Tasks Resource Center program participants came together to brainstorm and sketch out their responses to prompts from Katrina. Questions such as “What makes you feel comfortable?” and “What do you love about this space?” served as catalysts for the creative process. The new mural spans the length of a wall within the Resource Center, and evokes feelings of warmth, comfort, and belonging.



## IN CONVERSATION WITH CEO TREVOR JOHNSON

Since joining Tasks Unlimited as CEO in January, Trevor Johnson has made it a point to build connections across the organization, from staff to participants to community partners. In that spirit, Tasks Peer Specialist Tasha Mitchell recently sat down with Trevor to talk about his background and his first few months on the job.

**Where did you go to college?** I attended Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, Minnesota. While earning my B.A. in Psychology, I played intramural ultimate frisbee, worked at the help desk in the IT department, and joined the Green Club, working to keep our environment healthy. [Editor's note: Tasha also learned this "little golden nugget," as she put it: Trevor was also a DJ for the college's weekly techno music program!]

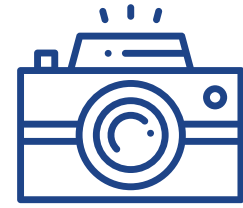
**What past experience most influenced who you are now?** I've witnessed, directly, the impact that mental illness has on people and their families. It is that, combined with the influence from my family and friends, my education and work history, my values, connections to community organizations, and witnessing the path to recovery that inevitably paved the road to my destination at Tasks.

**Will you share an inspiring connection or conversation you have had with a program participant or staff member?** Intensive Residential Treatment Services Coordinator Linda K.'s empowerment and engagement is an inspiration. She uses the knowledge and experience she brings to connect with new participants, helping them to feel at ease, and helping them reach their goals.

**How will you ensure that Tasks continues to prioritize participant-centered care?** Opening and maintaining conversation and communication with participants. My door is open to everyone and I will use my role to ensure we have feedback from participants, staff, and families.

**What is a skill or experience that you bring from your past work, that you think is most helpful here at Tasks?** Connection! I come to Tasks with fresh eyes that will bring new energy to our work today, and set the stage for services that can be developed in the future.

This is an edited, excerpted version of the full conversation, which you can find on our website: [tasksunlimited.org/trevor\\_johnson](https://tasksunlimited.org/trevor_johnson)



## 2023 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

While our annual report is in the works, we thought we'd share a sneak peek of Tasks' 2023 impact.

### Here are a few quick highlights:

**114** people visited the Tasks Resource Center in its first year to access low-barrier mental health services, referrals to employment, healthcare, and housing—and more. Many were repeat visitors who found a sense of community in this safe space.

**161** people experiencing homelessness found support at our other drop-in site, the Northeast Outreach and Opportunity Center (NOOC).

**391** people connected with Tasks' Case Management Services as we expanded services in Ramsey County to continue growing this program in 2023.

**181** people accessed our employment and vocational services to forge their path to meaningful work.