

Title: Peer Support & Outreach Specialist:

My name is Sarah Capanna and I currently work as a Community Inclusion Peer Support. I have worked in the human service field for many years. I was also a hairstylist for over 40 years until I went back to school and received my Master of Human Service degree. I am very passionate about the field of Mental health/Drug and Alcohol. One reason is, I have personal lived experience with these challenges, and I feel I have the greatest skill to reach and support individuals because of my experience, and welcome people with open arms, without judgement.

Some of my current duties here at Hopeworx/Communityworx are assisting the unhoused population in Montgomery County by providing food, clothing and toiletries and any information they may need to survive on the street for another day. We work with other community-based agencies in the area however the beautiful thing about my job is that people can come and relax in a safe environment while making the necessary connections right here in Hopeworx. I have the honor of sharing with some of our members and, I get the pleasure to watch those same individuals get housing, get jobs and become productive again. We also provide them with furniture and household items to get them started.

In conclusion, I would like to say that it would take me many pages of typing to tell you how much reward I feel by being a part of Hopeworx. I love what I do, and I love the people I work with as well as my co-workers.