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I first started with Ankor's a few winters ago helping with the Emergency Winter Response. I was at that time an employee with Community Connections working at the homeless shelter. I noticed right away the stark differences between the two. I have now been employed for just under 1 year fulltime with Polly and the team. The transition has been a wonderful eye opener to the true definition of "low-barrier". The connections we create with our clients through Ankor's mandate (which is totally awesome by the way) are truly remarkable in the sense that as staff our jobs are constantly evolving and adapting to what is happening in the community around us. We walk beside our community on their journeys. I cannot think of any workplace where every employee receives such a high level of trust and autonomy in their positions. I see every person on our team gaining valuable knowledge, experience and confidence because of our fluid work dynamic.

Our future is so bright...we gotta wear shades!