

Hello, my name is Kathy. I have been at Ankors for 6 months now as an Outreach worker, peer worker, and with harm reduction when I first started, I didn't know what to expect. It was mentally exhausting, very sad and overwhelming as the days turned into months. I have found the connection trust with folks is very rewarding. Some days their heartwarming moments and some days are very frustrating. We do our best with what we have, making nutritious meals when we can. The amount of folks that are living on the street or up in the encampments are rising along with the cost of water, food, rent, basic necessities, and places to live. I think the most frustrating thing "is where do folks go when there's nowhere to go ", overall I find this work deeply fulfilling due to the genuine human connection. The chance to save a life or make their day just a little bit brighter when they could be having the worst day of their life.