

# AmeriCorps Member of the Year

## Angel Brown

### *Marshfield Clinic Health Systems AmeriCorps - Recovery Corps*

Governor's  
Service Awards



For the past four years, Angel Brown has made a difference in the lives of numerous Wisconsinites through her AmeriCorps service. Angel has served as a recovery coach with the Marshfield Clinic Health Systems AmeriCorps Recovery Corps program for three terms, providing support to individuals with substance abuse disorders and in recovery. Before that, Angel served for a year with the Tribal AmeriCorps Program as a mentor for students and supporting children in multiple classrooms and programs.

Angel is committed to helping her clients where they are at in their recovery journey, providing them with resources, guidance, and her own lived experience in recovery. She makes sure to be available for them however and whenever possible, from scheduled visits to phone calls and text messages in the evenings and weekends.



Angel never gives up on her clients despite the challenges they encounter. If a client experiences a relapse, Angel listens whole-heartedly to them and is committed to helping them get back on the path of recovery. If clients have long periods of time without contact, she will send endless text messages and phone calls, letting the clients know she is still there to offer recovery coaching service when they are ready.

In addition to her dedication to serving her clients, Angel is a powerful advocate for those in recovery in many ways, including attending coalition meetings and sharing her own recovery story at different organizations and events. Angel and her daughter delivered a powerful presentation at the 2021 Hope Conference to hundreds of people, highlighting her own experience finding sobriety and working her recovery journey and the impact it has on family members.

Reflecting on her four years of service Angel describes that "AmeriCorps has helped make me who I am today. It has changed my life tremendously. It's not only gave me the opportunities to be there for others who are struggling, but it has given me the motivation and dedication to change my own life. I'm doing things today I never thought possible; from speaking at public events and sharing my own personal journey...to being able give others hope when they thought they had none left. I will never forget these last four years because they will always be the first four years that molded the rest of my life."

