

# THE HUMAN SIDE OF HEALTH

A VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEALTH PLAY SERIES



AN INITIATIVE PROVIDING  
COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION THROUGH  
THEATRE & DIALOGUE

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# BEHIND THE DATA ARE HUMAN BEINGS WITH STORIES.

*The Human Side of Health* is a new arts and health initiative that uses theatre and community dialogue to explore topics that impact the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities.

Through short virtual plays and facilitated discussions, we create opportunities for learning, reflection, connection, and conversation. Inspired by health observances, community priorities, and lived experiences, each virtual production is designed to raise awareness, spark dialogue, and deepen understanding.

Behind the data are human beings with stories.



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# THEATRE FOR COMMUNITY HEALING

For generations, communities around the world have used theatre and performance to share knowledge, build connection, explore important issues, and make meaning of the human experience.

***Theatre has a unique ability to engage both the mind and the heart.*** While information helps people understand a topic, theatre allows people to experience it through the perspectives, relationships, and experiences of others.

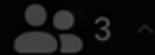
Through characters, dialogue, and shared experiences, theatre invites audiences to reflect, learn, and engage in meaningful conversations. By pairing theatre with community dialogue, we create opportunities to learn about health-related topics while connecting with the people and experiences behind them.



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# OUR VISION

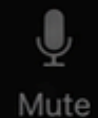
We envision a future where theatre is recognized as a valuable tool (and a standard tool) for community health education, engagement, and connection. By bringing together theatre, public health, human services, education, and lived experience, *The Human Side of Health* transforms health observances into opportunities for learning, conversation, and community building.

# OUR GOALS

- Raise awareness of community health topics
- Spark meaningful conversations
- Promote understanding and empathy
- Support community health education
- Celebrate resilience and lived experience
- Strengthen community connections
- Bring greater meaning to health observances
- Provide creative tools for learning and professional development

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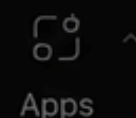
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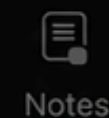
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# OUR VALUES

*The Human Side of Health* is guided by:

- Human-centered storytelling
- Respect for lived experience
- Education through engagement
- Representation and inclusion
- Strength-based perspectives
- Collaboration
- Accessibility
- Integrity

We showcase stories that reflect the richness and diversity of our communities, including experiences shaped by culture, race, ethnicity, age, disability, gender, identity, caregiving roles, professional practice, and lived experience.



# VIRTUAL SETTINGS

*The Human Side of Health* intentionally utilizes virtual theatre. Many health and human service conversations now take place through:

- telehealth appointments
- virtual support groups
- online recovery meetings
- counseling sessions
- case management meetings
- family video calls

...and other forms of digital connection.

By setting plays in virtual spaces, the series reflects how people experience care, support, and connection today. The virtual format also increases accessibility, allowing participants and audiences from different locations to engage with the work.



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**THE STRUCTURE OF  
THE HUMAN SIDE OF HEALTH  
YEAR ONE 2026-27**

# FOUR SEASON STRUCTURE

*The Human Side of Health* is organized into four seasons:

- Fall 2026
- Winter 2027
- Spring 2027
- Summer 2027



Additional special presentations may be offered throughout the year.

Each season features a series of virtual productions connected by a shared health or wellness theme.

# MONTHLY HEALTH OBSERVANCES

**Community Health Topics:** Season themes are inspired by community needs, health observances, and opportunities for meaningful exploration.

**Topics may include (but not limited to):**

- mental health
- substance use/recovery
- heart health
- physical health
- caregiving
- aging
- specific population health topics

...and the experiences of professionals who serve communities



# HOW IT WORKS

Minimum of 3 Plays Per Season



10-Minute Virtual Plays



Rehearsed & Recorded



Public Presentation &  
Community Conversation



Accessible Online



# BRINGING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

The background features three stylized human figures in a dark red color. One figure is positioned at the top center, another at the bottom left, and a third at the bottom right. The figures are composed of simple circles for heads and rounded shapes for bodies, with some lines indicating limbs.

## **Playwrights:**

Playwrights are selected through an open submission process.

Participating playwrights bring meaningful insight to the plays they create through lived experience, professional experience, or both.

## **Ensemble Cast:**

A seasonal ensemble of actors is selected based on the needs of the plays chosen for each season.

## **Virtual Community Conversations:**

Each virtual production is accompanied by a facilitated discussion featuring voices connected to the topic, including health professionals, educators, advocates, community leaders, and individuals with lived experience.

# WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

## **Playwrights:**

*The Human Side of Health* accepts submissions through periodic open calls announced throughout the year.

*Selected playwrights receive:*

- A virtual production of their play
- Participation in a community discussion
- Public recognition as a featured playwright
- A playwright honorarium



Playwrights are selected based on the strength of their work and their connection to the topic through lived experience, professional experience, or both.

# WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

## **Actors:**

Actors are selected through casting processes based on the needs of each season's chosen plays.

## *Selected actors receive:*

- Participation in a virtual production
- Collaboration with playwrights and fellow artists
- Participation in a community discussion when applicable
- Public recognition
- An actor honorarium

*The Human Side of Health* seeks actors who are committed to meaningful storytelling, collaboration, and community engagement through theatre.

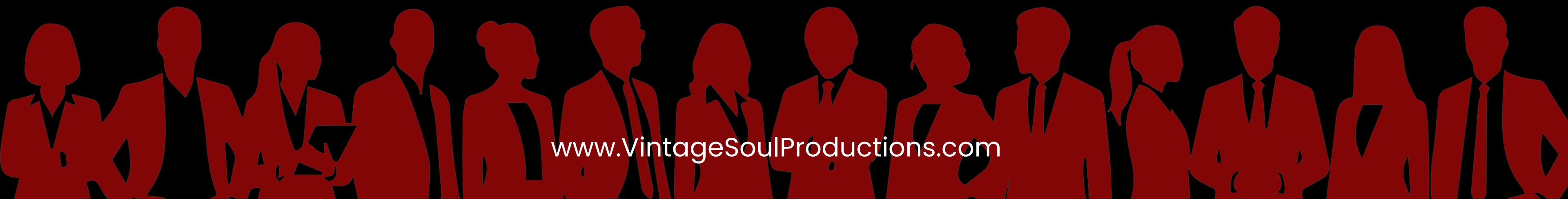


# WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

## **Community Health Professionals & Organizations:**

Health professionals, educators, advocates, researchers, community leaders, and representatives of community organizations may be invited to participate in community discussions related to featured virtual productions.

These conversations provide opportunities to share expertise, highlight resources, contribute to public dialogue, and help audiences better understand the topic being explored.



# WAYS TO SUPPORT

## **Sponsorship:**

Organizations, businesses, healthcare providers, educational institutions, foundations, and community partners are invited to explore sponsorship opportunities that align with the mission and values of *The Human Side of Health*.

### ***Individual Production Sponsor***

Support a single virtual production.

### ***Seasonal Sponsor***

Support an entire season of virtual productions.

### ***Annual Sponsor***

Provide lead support for year-round programming.

# WAYS TO SUPPORT

**Join Our Audience!**

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# THE FUTURE

*The Human Side of Health* is launching its inaugural season in 2026-2027. As a new initiative, future programming will continue to evolve based on community engagement, partnerships, emerging health topics, and lessons learned through production.



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# FOUNDER



**Sharece Sellem-Hannah, MS** is a community health educator, TEDx speaker, award-winning playwright, documentary director, and college instructor whose work bridges community health and theatre. She is the founder of *The Human Side of Health*, holds a Master of Science in Community Health and Prevention Science, directed the nationally screened documentary *Silence on the Streets*, and developed *The Quick Quarantined Play Festival*, a virtual theatre initiative featuring devised performances created during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To learn more about Sharece's work, please visit:

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