

PLENARY
FEBRUARY 20, 2025 | 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM



MINDFULNESS, ART AND STORYTELLING: SIMPLE STRATEGIES TO CENTER COMMUNITY VOICE

Facilitator: *Daniel Hatcher and Anna Almerico*

Room: *Juniper/Laurel*

AmeriCorps members are uniquely positioned to become trusted voices in local communities. This interactive workshop will share simple strategies to support members in elevating stories and celebrating community voices. We'll also emphasize the power of embracing our own story through mindfulness and art, essential as we support others. Through solo reflection, 1-1 and group activity, attendees will leave feeling better connected to themselves and each other.



CLOSING SESSION
FEBRUARY 20, 2025 | 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM



A RESPONSIBILITY TO BUILDING COMMUNITY

Facilitator: *Shari Baber*

Room: *Juniper/Laurel*

This session will be a conversation with people, about people, and for people around building community. With the goal to create spaces of empowerment, inspiration, and unity for all who cross our paths.

Shari Baber is a visionary hairstylist, educator, and community leader with a career spanning 44 years. Her passion for empowering others extends far beyond the salon. In 2019, she reintroduced Boise's *Soul Food Festival*, revitalizing a cherished cultural celebration. She is also the CEO and founder of *Brown Like Me*, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting Black children adopted into non-Black families in Idaho.

Shari's unwavering commitment to education, inclusion, and community service has earned her the nickname, "*The Spacemaker*" – a testament to her ability to create spaces of empowerment, inspiration, and unity. Her work continues to uplift and transform lives, making a lasting impact on all who cross her path.