

Light Stone  
Development Director  
Healing Warriors Program  
lstone@healingwarriorsprogram.org  
C: 415-867-9243  
O: 970-776-VETS (8387)  
1044 West Drake Road, Suite 202  
Fort Collins, CO 80526  
[www.HealingWarriorsProgram.org](http://www.HealingWarriorsProgram.org)



2.10.2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for Matty Bovard and Distributed Creatives in their mission to foster a thriving, collaborative, and innovative artistic community in Boulder. As the Development Director for Healing Warriors Program, I have witnessed firsthand the importance of community-driven initiatives that support mental well-being, resilience, and engagement. Distributed Creatives offers a unique and much-needed platform that aligns with our vision of holistic care and healing.

Healing Warriors Program has been serving Veterans, service members, and their families since 2013, providing non-narcotic, complementary alternative medicine therapies such as acupuncture, craniosacral therapy, and Healing Touch. Our mission is to improve wellness and prevent suicide among those who have served our country. Through over 40,000 treatment sessions, we have seen the profound impact of holistic care in alleviating pain, reducing stress, and restoring hope.

Despite our success, we face ongoing challenges in increasing access to care and ensuring that Veterans receive the resources they need. Many of the individuals we serve experience isolation, PTSD, and difficulty reintegrating into civilian life. This is where initiatives like Distributed Creatives become essential. The cultural and artistic engagement opportunities they provide can help foster a sense of belonging, purpose, and creative expression—key components in mental health and resilience.

We were introduced to Distributed Creatives through our engagement in Boulder's wellness and cultural landscape and artistic festival scene. We immediately recognized the synergy between their mission and our own. Distributed Creatives' focus on community collaboration, creative problem-solving, and fostering meaningful connections presents an incredible opportunity for our Veterans and their families to engage with the broader Boulder community in a supportive and innovative environment.

Healing Warriors Program envisions multiple ways to collaborate with Distributed Creatives. By integrating creative expression with healing modalities, we can provide our clients with additional outlets for self-expression and community engagement. Whether through art workshops, storytelling initiatives, or interdisciplinary wellness projects, we believe that

Distributed Creatives can play a significant role in helping us address the holistic needs of our clients. Their platform offers a much-needed space where Veterans can share their experiences, explore creative healing practices, and connect with a diverse and inclusive artistic community.

From a broader community perspective, Boulder has an ever-evolving cultural landscape with immense potential for deeper connections between wellness organizations and the arts. The need for inclusive, accessible, and interdisciplinary spaces is more pressing than ever. Distributed Creatives fills this gap by providing innovative programming, fostering collaboration across disciplines, and offering a hub for creative and cultural engagement. We see their work as a vital addition to Boulder's arts scene and an invaluable partner in our shared mission of improving well-being.

I wholeheartedly support Matty Bovard and Distributed Creatives in their efforts to expand and strengthen their impact. I encourage any organization or funding body to recognize the immense value they bring to our community. Healing Warriors Program looks forward to potential collaborations that bridge the gap between healing and creative expression, furthering our mutual goal of a healthier, more connected Boulder.

Sincerely,

Light Stone  
Development Director  
Healing Warriors Program  
lstone@healingwarriorsprogram.org  
C: 415-867-9243  
O: 970-776-VETS (8387)  
1044 West Drake Road, Suite 202  
Fort Collins, CO 80526  
[www.HealingWarriorsProgram.org](http://www.HealingWarriorsProgram.org)