

Somava Saha: Stewardship for me is about holding things for the greater good for the community as a whole. It's not only about representing your particular interests, it's about saying what's needed in this process or in this community for everyone to thrive and being willing to both put your own assets in and create a space that's safe for everyone else to be able to contribute what they have in a trustworthy way.

Erin Morton: I think what stewardship is, is not necessarily a model it's not necessarily a program. It's a way of being, it's a way of thinking, it's a way of making decisions, it's a way of casting culture. And I think that's really what stewardship means to me is that we've all come to this focus on taking care of our community and being responsible for people who aren't necessarily linked to our organization and that's not just going to be one small thing. It's going to be a series of decisions and behaviors that change for us.

Lisa Gentz: I think one of the key characteristics of a good stewarding organization is being willing to be a partner. Coming to the table with other entities. Our bigger systems tend to work in silos and try to solve every problem in our communities or fill every gap in our communities by doing it on our own, within our own walls of our own organization. But we were never able to do that. We weren't able to optimize the strengths of each of our organization, really stretched the money that we had available in our communities to really be able to provide much more extensive support where it was needed, when it was needed.

Madison could be anyone in our community. Madison was born and raised in this area and she was a hypothetical case that we utilize to clinically walk through all of the potential gaps in our system and we really realized that if we focused more on those vital conditions, we could really change outcomes for people in a really profound way and stop the unraveling that oftentimes can take years for people to recuperate from, if at all.

Somava Saha: Part of that shared stewardship journey is knowing is keeping ourselves not just open, but seeking those who might hold other pieces of the puzzle. And intentionally recognizing that we exist in the context of systems of racism and income inequality and other structural inequities. At some level prioritizing the inclusion of pieces of the puzzle that would historically be left out.

Erin Morton: The way we take care of patients is different. How we define health is different. And so I think it's important that stewardship is here as a roadmap, as a playbook, because everyone's eventually going to be moving forward and trying to take this on.

Somava Saha: When you lift the and change the systems that are holding many people back from contributing, it releases enormous abundance. Not just money, it does do that often, but often what it releases is what's possible. It releases countless assets that then create new possibilities of what a community could do. It's a journey of personal reflection and transformation.