



THE EMBER COLLECTIVE

LIGHT WORK

A Year of Building Community
Through Connection

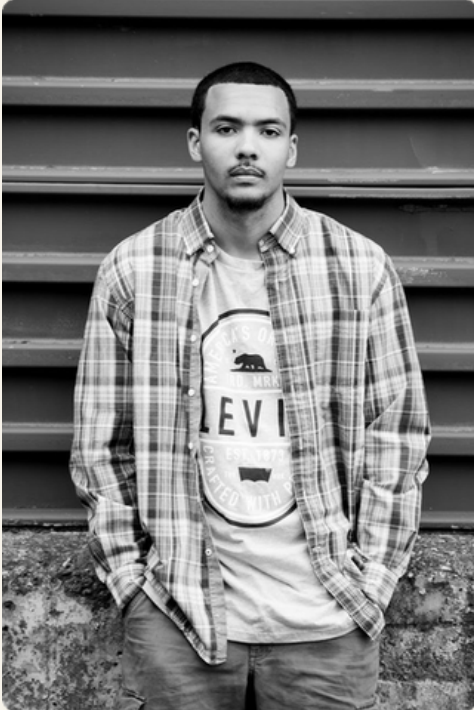
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"Every conversation is another ember."

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The Light That Started It All



EVERY EMBER HAS AN ORIGIN.

Before there were community conversations, youth programs, caregiver circles, and healing-centered spaces, there was a young man whose life continues to remind us why connection matters.

The Ember Collective exists because one life inspired another way forward. Anthony's legacy lives on in every safe space we create, every young person we encourage, every caregiver we support, and every act of compassion shared throughout our community.

As we celebrate our first year, we honor the light that continues to guide this work.

In loving memory of Anthony J. Perry.

A Letter from Tracy

A year. I sincerely cannot believe that it has been an entire year since The Ember Collective was officially recognized as a charitable organization with 501(c)(3) status. I could honestly cry.

When I look back, I remember changes in board structure, closed doors, denial letters, delays, and opportunities that did not work out as I had hoped. But those moments no longer define the story. What stands out now are the doors that did open, the relationships that were built, and the countless reminders that meaningful work is rarely built overnight.

This year, TEC partnered with Chloe'sCare to expand our impact through professional development, consultation, curriculum and program development, and speaking engagements centered on ACEs, attachment theory, the neuroscience of relationships, emotional regulation, and grief and loss. We also strengthened partnerships throughout our community, creating spaces where young people, caregivers, educators, and helping professionals feel seen, supported, and equipped to thrive.

One of the greatest lessons this year has taught me is that healing does not happen alone. It happens in relationship, when organizations stop working in silos and communities invest in people before crisis becomes the only option.

Thank you to every board member, volunteer, partner, funder, and community member who trusted us with your time, resources, and stories. We are just getting started, and I truly believe our brightest work is still ahead.

With gratitude,

Tracy Perry, LCSW | Founder & CEO

Building Community Through Partnership

What began as a vision has grown into an ecosystem of prevention, education, and healing - meeting people where they are while building pathways toward lasting wellness.

YWCA of Elmira & the Twin Tiers



Helping the Helpers, Rooted & Rising, Caregiver Circles, and the continued development of Club Evolution.

Chloe'sCare LLC



Professional development, consultation, curriculum and program design, and speaking engagements for schools and community organizations.

Ernie Davis Community Center



Girls Rising: H.E.R. - Honor. Evolve. Rise. - a healing-centered space for girls in grades 6-12.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Corning Community College Educational Opportunity Program • Faith Temple Community Church Women's Ministry and Single Parents Enrichment Program (SPEP) • Chemung County Youth Bureau • Economic Opportunity Program Head Start

Milestones & Momentum

501(c)(3) recognized

A fully year as a federally recognized charitable organization.

\$1,500 grant awarded

Chemung County Youth Bureau funding supported Tending Our Communal Fire



\$4,400 grants awarded

Community Foundation – \$3,000
Fund For Women – \$1,400

Community Donors:

CSEA Local Union/ Southport Bus Garage - \$240
May We Heal Campaign - \$420
Anonymous Community Members - \$1,100

Community Connections

TEC showed up across the community - to listen, learn, share resources, and create spaces for connection.



EVENTS WE JOINED

- Safahla Medical End of Summer Health Fair
- EOP Juneteenth Celebration
- Horseheads School District Wellness Fair
- ELNoST Breakfast and Legislative Breakfast
- Unity in the Community

SPACES WE FACILITATED

- YWCA staff support
- Youth Bureau Learn & Earn
- Corning Community College EOP
- Faith Temple Women's Ministry
- Single Parents Enrichment Program
- Elmira College student conversations

EVENTS WE HOSTED

- Tending Our Communal Fire
- FriendsGiving Sister Circle
- Two Spades, Beats & Eats tournaments

One year. Many rooms. Countless conversations. One growing community.

Growing the Vision

THE EMBER COLLECTIVE

Prevention & Community

Youth and family programs
Healing-centered spaces
Community education
Partnership development

CHLOE'SCARE LLC

Training & Consultation

Professional development
Curriculum and program design
Consultation
Speaking engagements

CHLOE'SCARE CLINICAL SERVICES PLLC

Direct Clinical Care

Launching soon
Therapy and assessment
Clinical supervision
Insurance-based services

Together, these organizations create a continuum of care - from prevention and education to direct clinical services - allowing us to meet people wherever they are on their healing journey.

The Flame Continues...

- * Expand Helping the Helpers
- * Launch Chloe'sCare Clinical Services PLLC
- * Launch F.O.R.G.E.
- * Welcome our first interns
- * Grow Club Evolution
- * Strengthen community partnerships
- * Continue tending our communal ember

Stay Connected. Help Tend the Ember.

Volunteer • Donate • Partner • Invite us to speak • Bring a program to your organization

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