

Community Building Workshop

PRESENTER BIOS

EDWARD GROODY

Edward Groody serves as President and Board Chair of Community Building Institute. He is President of Ed Groody & Associates, Inc., an organization development consulting firm. He and his team of consultants have been helping companies get exceptional results and create a Spirit of Community in the workplace since 2001. Edward specializes in helping leaders implement change in a way that engages and honors people. He has facilitated highly successful financial and cultural turnarounds in a variety of industries and corporate settings.

Prior to starting Ed Groody & Associates, Inc. he served as Director of Organization Development with Covenant Health, a large health care system serving East Tennessee. Edward was one of the original staff of the non-profit Foundation for Community Encouragement founded by M. Scott Peck, M.D. Edward is also one of a handful of individuals to be trained by Dr. Peck in Community Building. He was also part of the leadership group that organized and facilitated the first men's conferences with renowned poet and author Robert Bly in Minnesota in the 80s and 90s.

Edward is a longtime student of contemplative practices. In addition to his full-time consulting work, he leads Poetry Divina, Community Building, meditation/centering prayer and other contemplative workshops for retreat centers, universities, nonprofits, businesses, and religious groups.

DAWN BARNETT

Dawn Barnett is the Co-Executive Director of the Running Rebels Community Organization (RRCO). Dawn is the wife of Victor Barnett; Founder and Executive Director of RRCO. Together, along with over 120 dedicated staff members from the Milwaukee community, they provide a wide continuum of services and programs to youth and families from throughout Milwaukee County. Dawn is a Certified Facilitator of Community Building Workshops and an avid advocate for using CBWs as a vehicle for bringing healing and connection to our youth, families, organizations, and entire community.

JIM BARTOS

Jim Bartos has been the Project Manager for the Community Building Milwaukee initiative at Wisconsin Community Services since its beginning in August 2013. He is a Certified Facilitator of Community Building Workshops. He served as the Network Coordinator for Goal 4 of Milwaukee Succeeds as a consultant to the Greater Milwaukee Foundation from November 2013 to July 2015. Jim was the Executive Director of Silver Spring Neighborhood Center (SSNC) from 1999 to 2013 and worked at SSNC for 25 years from 1988 to 2013.