The Belief Center

CASE STUDY & BRAND BOOK

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Client — The Belief Center Contact —

PROJECT

Identity re-brand

GOALS

- Simple (cheaper/easier to apply than the current identity)
- Meaningful (utilizes/combines the equity of two current logos)
- Patriotic (makes use of red, white, and blue color palette)
- Genuine (spirited, yet can stand in more corporate spheres)

DELIVERABLES

- one-color white, one-color black, and full color logos
- .ai, .eps, .png, .jpg file formats
- any associated font files
- brand guidelines / brand book
- secondary logo system for educational classes

CLIENT STATEMENTS

- "helping them stand up in their fire and live with it"
- "teaching people to find value in themselves"
- "everything we do is free"
- "from prisons to pulpits and everywhere in between"

CLIENT BACKGROUND

The Belief Center, Inc. operates as a public charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit, and is a mental health resource for those needing help getting back on their feet for a variety of reasons. Serving everyone including veterans, the incarcerated, and recovering addicts, their mission is to teach individuals how to find value in themselves and to stand together as a community of people rather than staying in their struggles as individuals. In their own words, "We are NOT an emergency rescue. We're just a stopgap on the road to a better life through education, training, & awareness. Forever a family, never a crutch." As a non-denominational ministry, they genuinely mean that all are welcome.

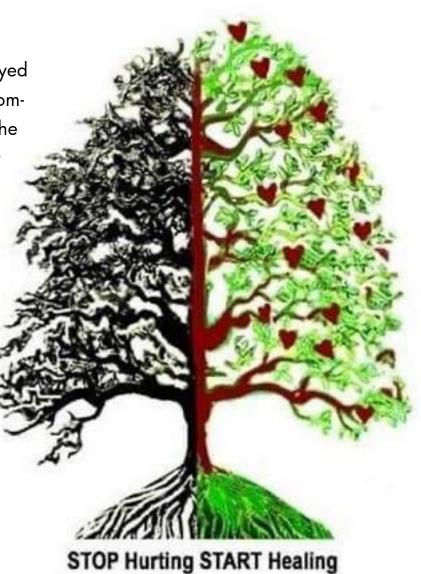
EXISTING BRANDING

The Belief Center had existing branding in the form of a primary logo known as the "Healing Tree", a course-specific logo "Hearts for Heroes", as well as the tagline "STOP Hurting START Healing".

Healing Tree

While this mark accurately conveyed the nature of their services and communicated the heart and soul of the center, the areas for improvement were as follows:

- Complexity this pixel-based raster logo contained intricate visual information that does not always translate well to necessary applications.
- Color this 7 color mark
 was expensive and complicated
 to produce, limiting the brand's
 potential for growth.



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Hearts for Heroes

Although this mark had gained more traction than the Healing Tree, and while it resonated well with an important segment of the target audience, the areas for improvement were as follows:

- Message this logo spoke to the work done with vets and first responders, but it did not communicate the full diversity of those that the center can help.
- Specificity although appropriately conveying freedom, its strict patriotism risked alienating less hero-identifying groups who are also in need of the center.



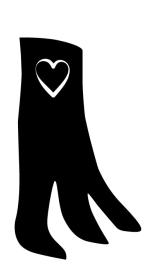
THE PRIMARY IDENTITY

FORM

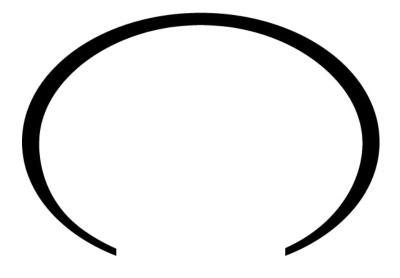
- Separated represents two individuals trying to stand independently of each other
- Sharp represents a harshness found in struggling
- Upward rendered to resemble flames: a symbol of crisis



- Unified made up of smaller paths joining to form a whole
- Organic curves communicate smoothness and ease
- Warm iconic heart pictogram universally symbolizes love



- Contained evokes a sense of boundary and safety
- Open keeps 'containment' from feeling like 'confinement'
- Downward represents being held, embraced, or sheltered



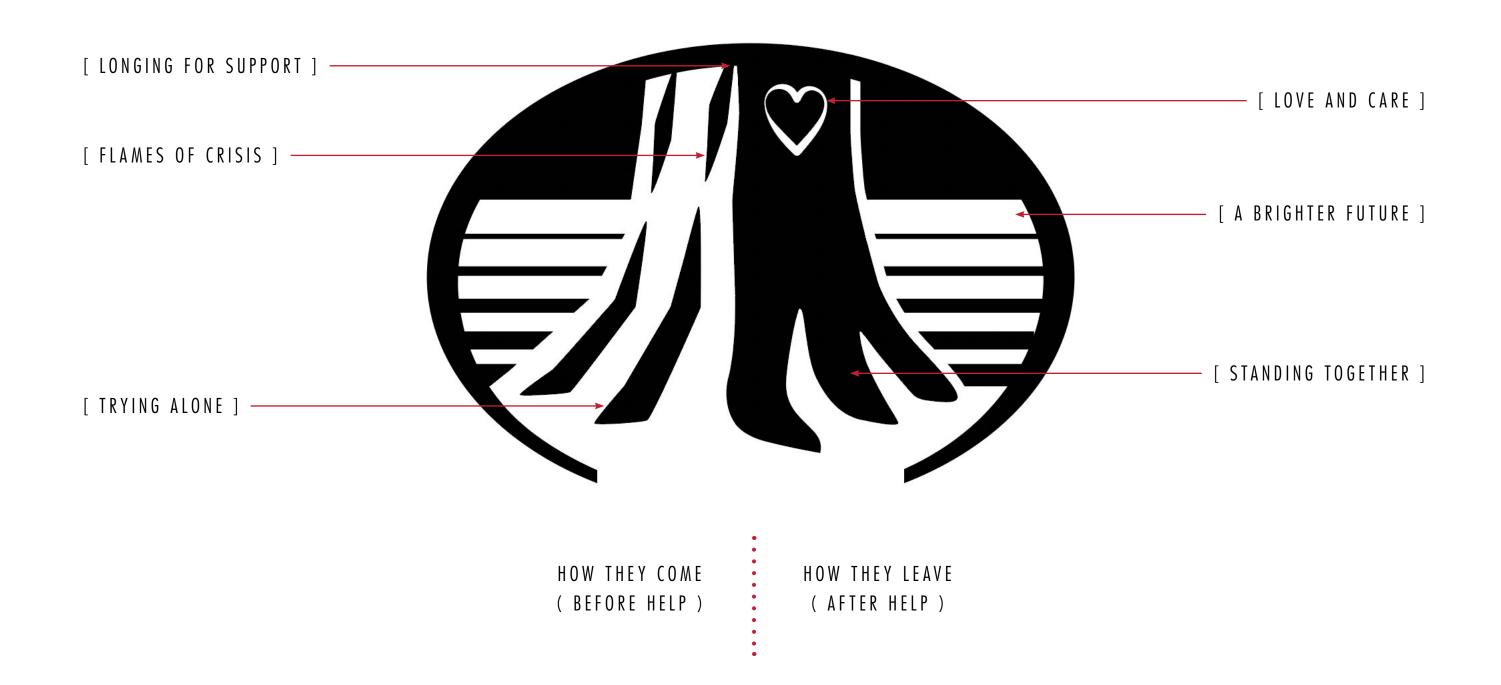
- Straight represents dependability, certainty, and faith
- Receding implies the horizon, symbolic of one's future
- **Progressing** lighter towards the horizon: symbolizes a bright future





MARK

The *new* Healing Tree:



TYPOGRAPHY

- Established thick weight and serifs communicate 'trustworthy'
- Human true italic implements axis and curves informed by human handwriting
- Active italic also conveys dynamic movement / action

- Objective geometric sans serif reads as impartial / fact
- Clean allows for the clear communication of the message
- Calm open spacing lets the characters and words breathe

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STOP HURTING —— START HEALING

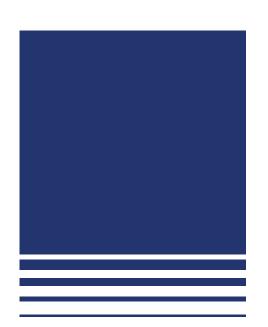
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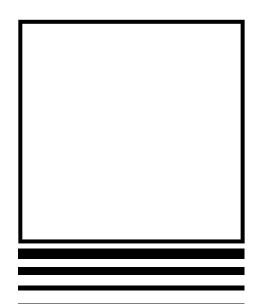
STOP HURTING - START HEALING

COLOR

A color palette comprised of red, white, and blue was used to communicate strength and reflect the center's attention to veterans, first responders, and any other heroic demographics.







PANTONE: PMS 288 C RGB: 0 / 45 / 114

CMYK: 100 / 61 / 0 / 45

HEX: #002D72

PANTONE: PMS 200 C RGB: 186 / 12 / 47 CMYK: 0 / 94 / 75 / 27

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WHITE

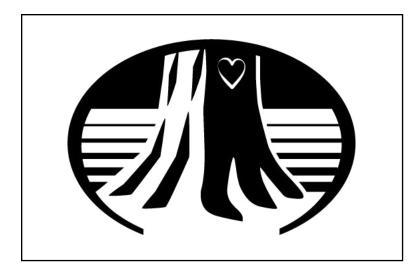
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MARK USAGE

- White Backgrounds the mark should only exist on a white background as its single color black, or full color version.
- Navy Backgrounds the mark should only exist on a navy background as its single color white version.
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THE SECONDARY IDENTITY

TAGLINE

The 'Tagline' can become an alternate mark in the brand's visual identity.

- Clear tells any audience what the brand is all about
- Expressive articulates both the wishes the center has for all, as well as what they are here to actually provide
- Supplemental can be selectively applied when a nuanced increase in visual branding is required





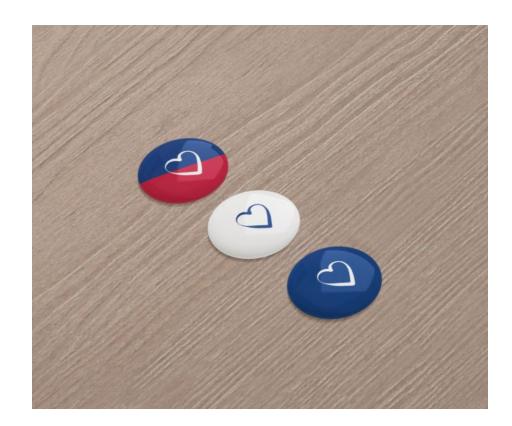
The Tagline in this form is only to be used independently of the mark, logo, or the wordmark that contains the horizontal tagline. It should be accompanied by the Carved Heart wherever possible.

THE CARVED HEART

The 'Carved Heart' can become an alternate mark in the brand's visual identity where a warmer, lighter touch is called for.

- Warm iconic heart pictogram universally symbolizes love
- Human varying line weight and rounded vertices convey a charming imperfection
- Supplemental can be selectively applied when a nuanced touch is needed





The Carved Heart should only be used independently of the primary mark, logo, or the wordmark that contains the horizontal tagline. It should never exist in one-color red.

THE DASH

The 'Dash' at larger scales can become an alternate ornamentation applied in the brand's visual identity.

- Illustrative visually changes from hurting to healing (red/blue)
- Identifiable conceptually supports and communicates the brand's tagline
- Expandable can be applied selectively to any application requiring a nuanced increase in visual branding
- Encapsulating communicates
 the nature of the brand's services,
 mission, ethos, and values in a
 single, comprehensive visual



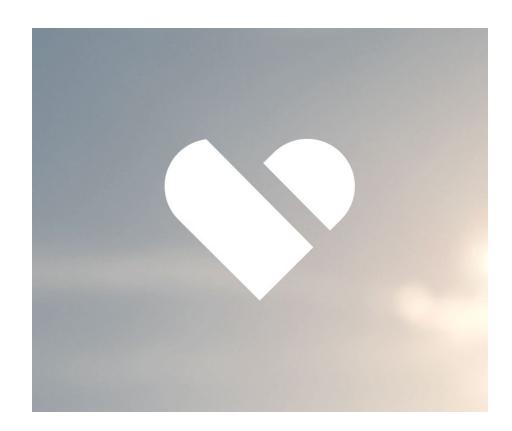
The Dash should only be applied as a full bleed element placed at the edge of a physical good, or at the bounds of a digital layout, where three sides extend past the bounds and are cropped.

HEART SKILLS CONNECT

The 'Heart Skills Connect' mark works as one of a system of logos for use specific to the classes offered.

- Loving iconic heart pictogram universally symbolizes love
- Bandaged the white stripe separating the red and blue resembles a bandage, meant to imply addressing a wound
- Healing the larger red area (past pain) and smaller blue area (beginnings of healing) form the sequence 'hurt' to 'heal' when read from left to right





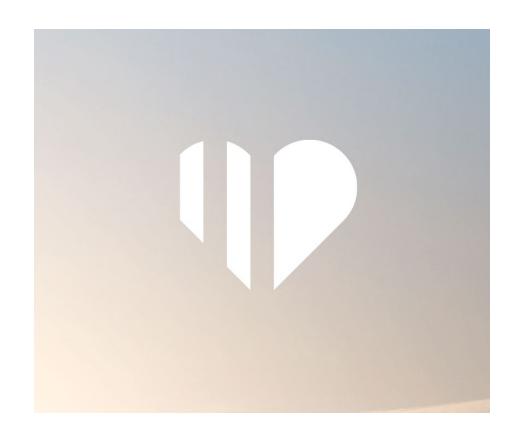
The Heart Skills Connect mark should always be accompanied by a "Heart Skills Connect" qualifying headline or other copy indicator. It should never exist in a single color except for in white over photography, red, or navy backgrounds.

PRISON MINISTRY

The 'Prison Ministry' mark works as one of a system of logos for use specific to the classes offered.

- Patriotic red and blue with white stripes resemble the American flag, showing support for our veteran and civilian prisoners
- Incarcerated the same white gaps that serve as the prison prison bars form the stripes of the American flag
- Healing three lines about going from hurt to heal through the gaps and bars



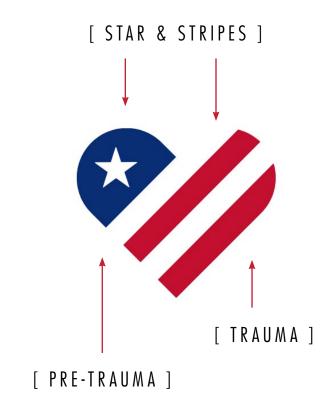


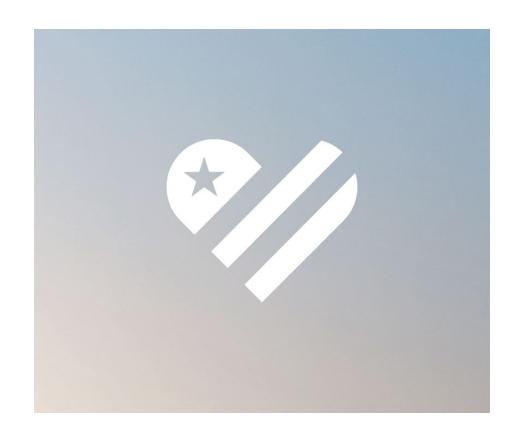
The Prison Ministry mark should always be accompanied by a "Prison Ministry" qualifying headline or other copy indicator. It should never exist in a single color except for in white over photography, red, or navy backgrounds.

HEARTS FOR HEROES

The 'Hearts for Heroes' mark works as one of a system of logos for use specific to the classes offered.

- Loving iconic heart pictogram universally symbolizes love
- Patriotc three lines about the stars and stripes and veteran / first responder connection
- Healing three lines about
 why the red comes after the blue
 in this one conceptual /
 meaningful / powerful





The Hearts for Heroes mark should be accompanied by a "Hearts for Heroes" qualifying headline or other copy indicator wherever possible. It should never exist in a single color except for in white over photography, red, or navy backgrounds.

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