

Building Alumni Culture & Recovery Capital

Belonging, Contribution, and Shared Purpose in Recovery Communities

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Why Alumni Culture Matters

Recovery=“restoring a meaningful sense of belonging”

Recovery Capital: Physical, Human, Social, Cultural

Formal Treatment Ends. Recovery Keeps going

Alumni Culture connects the two

Belonging

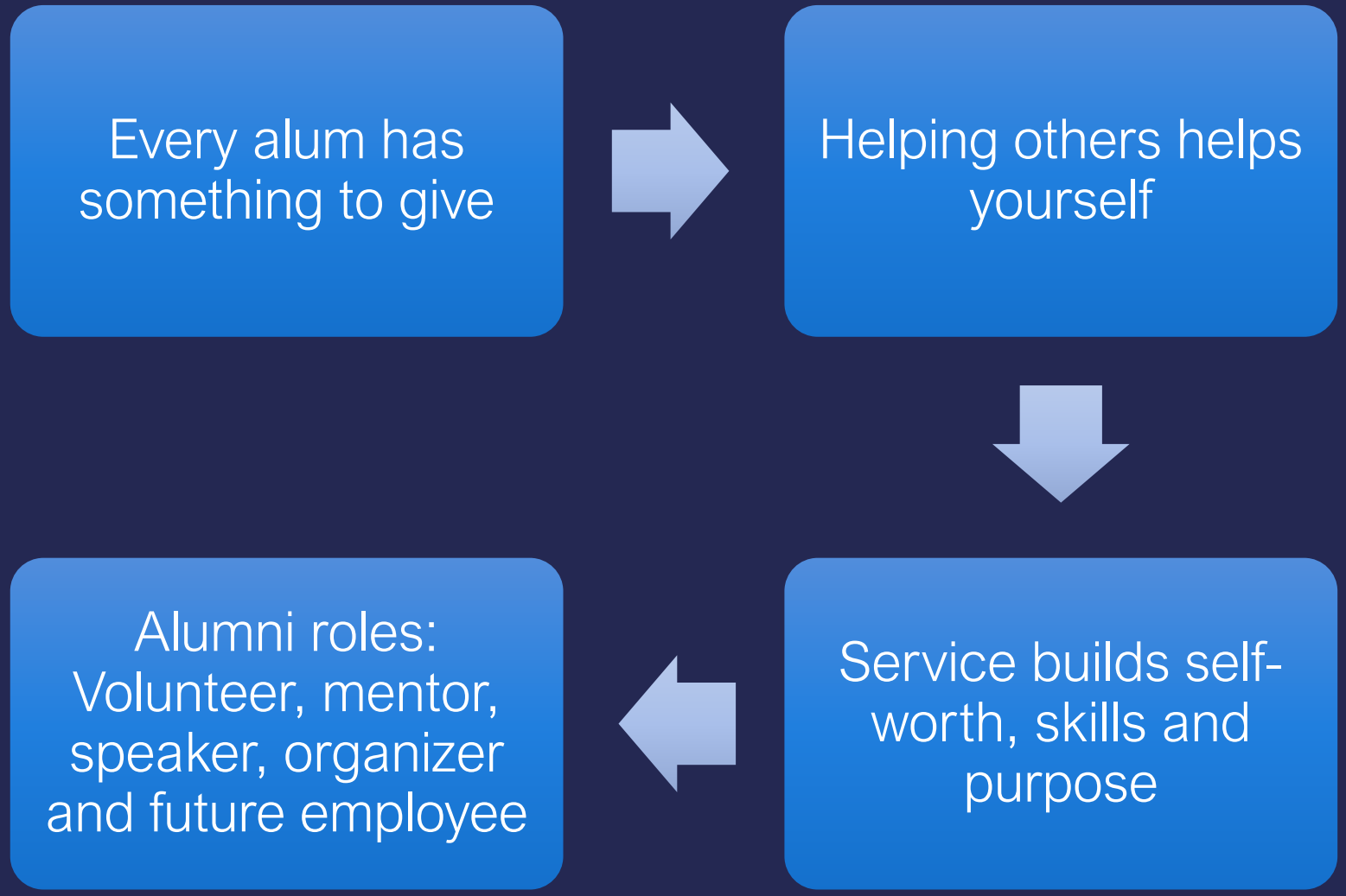
Recovery is a change in identity and identity forms in groups

From “user” identity to “recovery identity

One recovery connection makes a measurable difference

Alumni are living proof of the new identity

Contribution



Shared Standards & Purpose



Shift from “my recovery to “our community”



Shared standards create safety and belonging



Alumni don’t just attend; they help run it



Ownership = sustainability

Putting It Into Practice



Connect: social events, alumni nights, celebrations



Contribute: volunteering, speaking, mentorship, employment



Lead: alumni council, event leads, peer training



Measure: engagement, recovery capital, stories

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