



### *The Power of &*

Throughout our lives, we learn from others, we support our friends, and together, we write our life stories. Stories about happiness and about fear. Stories about success and defeat. Stories about loneliness and recovery. Together, our life stories overlap and intertwine to reveal a web of remarkable journeys.

Adult and Child Health is fortunate to play a small part of the life stories of our consumers. We believe in walking along side our consumers to help them take control of their lives and write the next chapter of their story. We help them see that mistakes made, challenging circumstances, and missed opportunities do not define their future, but provide a learning opportunity to write another chapter of their life's story. To change what sometimes feels like the period at the end of a sentence into the "and" leading to the next opportunity.

So what better symbol to bond us to our mission than the ampersand? A symbol of unity. A symbol of continuation. A symbol of more yet to come. Just as the ampersand bonds partners to a common goal, and people to a common pursuit, so too, does the ampersand bond us to our mission.

Let us never forget the power of "and" as we work in concert with our consumers to write the next chapter in their story. For our days are full of powerful stories which never end because of the promise one simple word brings. The promise of another chance, another day, another chapter.