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WilPower staffer will speak on recovery

Northfield, Ill., June 20, 2005 - Gregg Fields, a WilPower Inc. staff member, will speak about recovery to WilPower's family support group at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2005, at the mental-health agency at 444 Frontage Rd., Northfield.

WilPower provides psychiatric rehabilitation and supportive housing for people disabled by chronic mental illnesses on the North Shore. It holds once-a-month meetings for families and members of the community, often featuring a prominent speaker.

Fields coordinates WilPower's activities with that of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. After a long struggle with psychiatric symptoms, drug use and hospitalizations, he has been in recovery from mental illness for 15 years.

During that time, he has also worked in social services. He went back to school for his master's degree and CADC (Certified Alcohol and Drug Counseling). Having been with WilPower for just over one year, Fields will talk to the family group about his own struggle and will share his insights about recovery.

WilPower, a not-for-profit agency supported by government funds, user fees and contributions from the community, serves nearly 200 members in day programs at its clubhouse at 444 Frontage Rd., Northfield, and operates permanent housing for 39 members in Glencoe, Morton Grove, Skokie and Wilmette. It has provided rehabilitation and housing to residents of the North Shore since 1989.