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For the clients and staff at “Eastside Services”

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The work of treating the chronically mentally ill in the community, often tedious, monotonous, apparently endless, and emotionally draining, represents a heavy load for any individual to manage alone.

—Mary Ann Test, *Continuity of Care in Community Treatment* (1979)

What matters is to give each person back the confidence that people can have in themselves, that they can lose in any social milieu, by some accident, by some event happening in your life. . . . Because I think that what is happening is people's heads is . . . they've come to the end . . . they're at the end . . . of nothing. You have to find a way out.

—Social worker quoted in Pierre Bourdieu et al., *The Weight of the World: Social Suffering in Contemporary Society* (1992)

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