



“Building a culture of peace and belonging through Restorative Justice principles and services in our community.”

215 N. 2nd Street, River Falls, WI 54022

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January 2009

Volunteers in action!



Paige Paulson, Lea Reichweld, Julia Weegman, Elyor (exchange student), Jessica McIntyre

This group of UWRF Social Work students and RFHS student Elyor, are shown here preparing items for a SCVRJP Exhibit booth. SCVRJP trainings and Restorative Justice in Schools programs were featured at the WI DPI Heart of Successful Schools Conference.

Volunteers Needed for Victim Empathy Seminars

Volunteers participate in the Circle as community members. Also present in the Circle are offenders who are need to ‘make things right’. Parents accompany juveniles and each Seminar is unique. The seminar is two hours, your assistance before to welcome and after to clean up would be appreciated. All Victim Empathy Seminars are held at the Restorative Justice Center, River Falls.

Volunteers are needed for the following dates:

Jan. 29 from 3:00-5:00 pm

Feb. 5 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Feb. 10 from 3:00-5:00 pm

Feb. 26 from 3:00-5:00 pm & 5:30-7:30 pm

March 12 from 3:00-5:00 pm

March 26 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Call or Email Ayesha to sign up!

425-1100 or scvrjpinfo@gmail.com

Thanks to YOU!

Your gifts of time and donations helped!

- **512** people complete driver safety plans, by attending Victim Impact Panels.
- **192** ticketed underage drinkers received valuable information to reduce future risk.
- **275** Teens experienced a Safe Teen Driving Circle

In total **2,843** people directly heard a message from SCVRJP!

4,000 others visited our website

2,000 read the blog Circlespace and potentially **2 million** Twin Cities Public Television viewers saw our program on Safe Teen Driving!

We’ve got a great start on ’09 with

46 Facebook Friends

200+ people receiving our Newsletter

We still need you!

Please . . . continue to volunteer your time!

Please . . . consider a direct contribution. We plan to raise \$9,999 in donation in ‘09

Donate online at www.justgive.org or mail a check to our office.

Did you know that 80% of our volunteers say, “I think volunteering today introduced me to concepts that may change my behavior or thoughts?”

Restorative Justice Center **Artist Open House** – view the latest artwork and meet artist, E.B. William. January 31st from 4-7 pm light refreshments will be served. Stop by and see us!

From the Director's Desk

By Kris Miner



Welcome to the New Year! SCVRJP began in January of 2001. I still have the letter thanking me for attending the first official board meeting. I never would have dreamed our organization would reach so many people in one year.

It doesn't happen alone. We have the leadership of our board, the commitment of our volunteers and the faith of our partners and funders to appreciate.

Running a non-profit is a group effort. I love bringing the different groups together. From small and large foundations to community, campus and student groups, we find common ground in the SCVRJP mission of Peace & Belonging.

We are ready for the future at SCVRJP! Utilizing social networking tools like Facebook and Wordpress blogging we are networking. Our website will be updated and we will have our first annual fundraiser in the Fall.

Our newsletter will be also changing, and we'd like to include your story. Let us know how volunteering or including SCVRJP in your life has impacted you. We can share your experiences anonymously if you prefer.

Your continued support will help us grow. We've set a goal for community support this year **\$9,999 in '09**. We've got 357 days to meet that goal!

THANK YOU – hardly covers the gratitude for sharing this journey together. We couldn't do what we do without YOU!

My door is always open!

-Kris

Volunteer Opportunities January & February 2009

Beginning in the New Year (2009), SCVRJP will offer Volunteer Orientation on a monthly basis. All new volunteers will be encouraged to attend the training before participating in volunteer opportunities. Trainings will be held the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Restorative Justice Center in River Falls.

Full 2009 event schedules on website:
www.scvrjp.org

Volunteer Training/Orientation

January 28 (Wednesday) 7:00-9:00 pm

February 11 (Wednesday) 7:00-9:00 pm
Restorative Justice Center
215 North Main Street, River Falls

Underage Consumption Panels

January 13 (Tuesday) 7:00-9:00 pm
Restorative Justice Center
215 North Main Street, River Falls

February 10

Victim Impact Panels

January 21 (Wednesday) 6:30- 8:00 pm
River Falls Public Library
140 Union Street, River Falls

February 18

Call Ayesha at 715-425-1100 to sign up and volunteer at any of the above opportunities.

This newsletter compiled and edited by Catherine Cranston, volunteer coordinator for SCVRJP. Send comments or ideas for next month's edition to scvrjpcranston@gmail.com.

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