



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

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November 2008

River Falls High School Class “Pays it Forward”



Pictured River Falls High School students, (left to right), Lily Cranston, Emily Cox, Erin Temme

Juniors and Seniors from the “Life Skills” class at River Falls High School hosted a Community Yard Sale, Friday and Saturday, October 24th & 25th as part of their, “Pay it Forward” project.

River Falls High School teacher, Deb Ottman, invited SCVRJP’s Kris Miner to facilitate a safe teen driving circle as part of the class curriculum. Following the Circle students were so impressed they wanted to pay forward their gratitude by organizing the Yard Sale Project. Following the sale Ms. Ottman presented SCVRJ with a check for \$830. Way to go River Falls High School!

Thank you volunteers!

15 SCVRJP volunteers helping at “Butt Picking” event



More “Buttpicking” pictures on:

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1542678616>

Collected butts are currently on display at the UWRP student counseling office and are available for loan to other smoke free/clean indoor air initiatives.

Mark your calendars! Free to volunteers!

Circle Training

January 15 & 16, 2009

8:30 – 4:30, lunch and handouts provided.

Training can be taken for 1 credit from St.

Mary’s University

Collaborative Event

Tara White from Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence spoke to area residents, students and



professionals at UW River Falls. SCVRJP provided the volunteer speaker, who shared her personal story about her journey from Domestic Violence victim to survivor.

St. Croix Valley Alliance Against Family Violence is a unified response to domestic violence in our community through prevention, intervention and treatment while assuring the safety of all victims and holding all offenders accountable for their behavior. SCVRJP Executive Director Kris Miner joined this CCR in March, and has been part of the leadership for this group. You are encouraged join. Check out the SCVAAFV website at www.scvaafv.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

November & December 2008

Underage Consumption Panels

November 11 (Tuesday) 7:00-9:00 pm
November 18 (Tuesday) 7:00-9:00 pm
December 9 (Tuesday) 7:00-9:00 pm
December 16 (Tuesday) 7:00-9:00 pm
Restorative Justice Center – River Falls

Victim Impact Panels

- November 12 (Wednesday) 6:30- 8:00 pm
St. Croix County Law Enforcement Center
1101 Carmichael Road, Hudson
- November 15 (Saturday) 10:30- 12:00 am
Christ Lutheran Church
510 Germain Street
Somerset, WI 54025

Victim/Offender Conferencing Refresher and Process Training

Saturday, November 15 at 10 am
Restorative Justice Center- River Falls

SCVRJP Intern

You may recognize this friendly face, JP Byers has been the SCVRJP intern from UWRF. JP has been helping with a variety of events. JP is in the office 3 days of the week. He's swept butts up off of mainstreet and the campus.



JP has helped out with Safe Teen Driving Circles and keeping minutes for the Board of Directors. JP's interest in Restorative Justice began when he was in Kris Miner's UWRF class Intro to Restorative Justice. JP is a senior Political Science Major, minoring in Criminal Justice. Long term JP's goals include being a campaign field manager and running for public office.

Anyone interested in becoming an intern, should submit a cover letter and resume to SCVRJP.

Executive Director is on the move!

Kris recently attended the IIRP's International Conference on Restorative Justice in Toronto Canada. While at the conference she helped out Living Justice Press, the non-profit publisher dedicated to Restorative Justice and the publisher for SCVRJP/Kris's upcoming book: *On the Road Together*.

In Toronto Kris networked with Restorative Justice Practitioners from around the world. The documentary produced by MN Public Television, Allstate and SCVRJP was provided to people from Brazil, England, Ireland and Canada.

The Restorative Justice Center is now 100% SCVRJP! As of November 1, the Youth Service Bureau no longer shares space at the RJ Center. Stop by and see Ayesha, she's in the office M-F.

Thank you Volunteers!