



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

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December 2008

## **SCVRJP Continues Mission “Creating Communities of Peace and Belonging”**

### **Renaissance Academy Restorative Justice/Circle Training**



Renaissance Academy students, staff & River Falls Community Members including Mayor Don Richards and Lou Nelson attended.

**Thank you to those participating in the training. The students went into action and on November 6 hosted a Park Potluck and Circle. The students have been using Circles to problem solve at the Renaissance Academy/Charter School in River Falls.**

**Why SCVRJP volunteers are “Thankful” ....**

**“Volunteering is a great experience, amazing to see the difference in people's attitudes from beginning to end.”**

**“It makes you feel whole and helps you to heal scars.”**

**The Allstate Foundation continues to support SCVRJP and new author, Kris Miner. Allstate provided the original funding to begin the Safe Teen Program in 2007.**

*“I was invited to the studio to give a My Source statement. SCVRJP and MN TPT worked together to produce a documentary on Safe Teen Driving.”*

**Paste in this link to watch a short video clip of Kris Miner's TPT My Source Testimonial**

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1542678616#/video/video.php?v=1009625371224>

**Kris Miner recently attended the International Institute of Restorative Practices 11th World Conference held October 22-24, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada as an author for Living Justice Press**



*More Information on the conference page 2.*

*Conference continued:*

The Conference brought together the largest group of restorative practice practitioners and advocates in its history. 516 participants from 16 countries attended the IIRP's 2008 conference, including those from 10 Canadian provinces and territories and 17 of the continental United States. Additional countries represented were: Australia, Barbados, Brazil, England, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Norway, the Philippines, Singapore and Sweden.

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Now that's a Lot!



**Pictured above is SCVRJP executive director, Kris Miner, holding paper plates listing values from the Circles facilitated by SCVRJP.**

Miner: "My best guess is 1,350 plates. I put a brand new stack of 150 next to this stack, tried to accommodate that the big stack is less compressed. Each plate has a value written on it by someone from a previous Circle. The good of a person always finds its way in Circle. The words on these plates represent a commitment to living in values, a commitment to Circle and mostly to the wonderful task of bringing Circles to other people."

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**Sneak Peak at next month:** We are looking for recipes to provide our volunteers and community members with comfort food to help get us through the dreary month of January. If you can help, please e-mail [scvrjpcranston@gmail.com](mailto:scvrjpcranston@gmail.com)

## **Volunteer Opportunities December 2008 & January 2009**

Beginning in the New Year (2009), SCVRJP will offer Volunteer Orientation on a month 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 schedules on website: [www.scvrjp.org](http://www.scvrjp.org)**

### **Volunteer Training/Orientation**

January 14 (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**

December 9 (Tuesday) 7:00-9:00 pm  
December 16 (Tuesday) 7:00-9:00 pm  
Restorative Justice Center  
215 North Main Street, River Falls

### **Victim Impact Panel**

December 17 (Wednesday) 6:30- 8:00 pm  
River Falls Public Library  
140 Union Street. River Falls

**All Trainings are FREE  
to SCVRJP volunteers!**

### **Speaker Training**

Saturday, December 6 10 am- 12 noon  
Restorative Justice Center  
215 North Main Street, River Falls

### **RJ Classroom Circle Training**

January 15 & 16 8:30-4:30  
1 credit from St. Mary's Available  
Restorative Justice Center  
215 North Main Street, River Falls

***Please call Ayesha at 715-425-1100 to register for any of the above opportunities.***

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### **SUPPORT US**

Contributions to SCVRJ are tax deductible and may be mailed directly or on-line at [www.scvrjp.org](http://www.scvrjp.org). Checks should be made payable to SCVRJP and mailed to 215 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 108, River Falls, WI 54022. We are an independent, non-profit agency, supported entirely by private individuals and foundations.

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