



NEWSLETTER

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CFRJ is ten years old

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In 1997, the Center for Restorative Justice was founded by a small group of citizens responding to the recommendation of SD Supreme Justice Miller that cases should be handled in a “restorative manner”. 2007 marks the 10th anniversary of this event.

The Board of Directors of the Center is holding its annual meeting and potluck supper on Monday, April 9th, 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 717 Quincy, Rapid City. The public is invited to attend this event to learn more about the activities of the Center. Membership is open in two categories; individual membership at \$25 per year and corporate membership at \$100 per year. Members receive copies of the quarterly newsletter, advance notice of training events and fundraisers and are encouraged to volunteer in a number of capacities. Members each have one vote at all monthly and annual meetings and may run for positions on the

Board of Directors.

Trained volunteer mediators for the Center facilitate face to face meetings between crime victims and offenders. In 2006, 76 cases were referred to the Center by the courts for this transformative work. The Center provides training in conflict resolution for young people in schools and community agencies, provides training for volunteer mediators annually, and facilitates dialogue among people impacted by crime and conflict. Those in neighborhoods, churches, organizations and families who struggle with conflict have received help to resolve conflict and work together with improved skills.

To learn more, to become a member, to volunteer, to attend the annual meeting, contact Phyllis Boernke, Executive Director of the Center for Restorative Justice at: 348-3665.



Year in review

Barry Tice

It has been an honor and privilege to preside as the President of the Board of Directors for the Center for Restorative Justice over the past year. I will continue to serve as Past President for 2007. It is now time to pass the honor of President on to Suzan Nolan who has been on the Board for 4 years and is a very active volunteer mediator. Suzan has conducted talking circles for numerous cases and has trained many in the skills of mediation and talking circles for the Center.

The pleasure of being on the Center’s Board of Directors is working with the other skilled and diverse members that make up the Board including, Suzan Nolan, Dowell Caselli-Smith, Nancy Clary, Jan Snedigar, Don

Frankenfeld, Diana Southam, Jeanmarie Heriba, Sharon Kallemeyn, Laurette Pourier and Janice Horner and the Director of the Center, Phyllis Boernke. Phyllis has continued to work long hours to increase community awareness of the Center, to improve and expand our services, and to ensure the financial stability of our agency. There are now 10 Board members (Jeanmarie is going off the Board after serving a 3 year term). Our Bylaws allow for from 11-15 Board members elected from the organizational membership at large. If you are interested in serving on the Board please contact Phyllis or me.

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Highlights of

Phyllis Boernke

- Board of Directors All Day Planning Retreat in January
- Board member and Executive Director presented a workshop at International Institute for Restorative Practices in Bethlehem, PA in October with attendees from all across the world
- Increase in number and variety of requests for services from the Rapid City area judicial system, the Pine Ridge and Cheyenne River Reservations, churches, schools, and individuals throughout our Black Hills region
- Collaboration with local organizations such as SANI-T, the police and sheriff's departments, youth serving agencies
- Development of a plan to keep troubled youth in the community to resolve vandalism crime, meet educational needs, complete restitution and community service, and restore youth to full participation in

community and school activities

- 76 cases referred by courts, agencies and individuals during the year
- 26 new mediators trained in February and November
- 47 donors contributed throughout the year
- First annual fundraiser "Making Music for Restorative Justice" held in November
- Grants received:
 - **Volunteers of America Dakotas Compassion Capital Funding** - for organizational capacity building
 - **Gwendolyn Stearns Foundation** - for providing mediation services in our region
 - **John T. Vucurevich Foundation** - for developing and implementing a conflict resolution plan and activities for troubled youth in school and agency settings.



New program: Youth in action

Jan Snedigar

In 2006, our Center received a generous grant from the John T. Vucurevich Foundation to develop a program titled "Youth in Action: from Conflict to Caring Communities." Over two years, we are designing and implementing a plan to help youth at risk learn more effective ways to deal with conflict.

Since January 2007, Center Director Phyllis Boernke and volunteer mediator Jan Snedigar, along with instructors Maryann Ebach and Nancy Clary, have been working directly with students at the Lincoln School 9th Grade Academy in Rapid City. We meet with three classes on a weekly basis, exploring ways restorative justice practices can help young people deal more effectively with conflicts that occur in their everyday lives.

The students are participating in creating "shared agreements" as guidelines for how to treat each other in group. They identify conflicts they get into with their friends, siblings, and parents, and use role-playing to learn more about resolving conflicts. We are also using the Native American tradition of a talking circle, where each person is encouraged to talk from their heart while others listen without verbal responses.

The students build trust and safety in their own group by using fundamental restorative practices. These include treating all parties with respect, creating a safe environment for face-to-face conversation, and listening to what happened from both sides. By doing this, the students are learning the power they have to help create peace and restore justice in their community.

Suzan Nolan and Phyllis Boernke are working with young people and staff members at the Ateyapi Youth Mentoring Program and the Boys Club to design restorative practices that are specifically applicable in these agency settings. Young people are taking an active role as leaders for others youth in how to speak together and treat each other in ways that reduce conflict and create a climate for success within each agency.

The Center for Restorative Justice will use the knowledge and experience gained in the first year of the project to replicate similar structures in 3 additional settings. For more information and suggestions please contact the Center at 348-3665.



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Application for Membership

Our Vision

A community based organization which serves to promote healing by restoring balance and equity between people who are separated by conflict.

Our Mission

To promote awareness of and to facilitate restorative justice in South Dakota through education and collaborative process.



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Name: _____

Phone: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City _____

State ____ Zip: _____ email: _____

Type of membership: (please check one)

Individual Membership (\$25)
Includes full voting privileges, CFRJ Newsletter and advance notice of sponsored training and special events.

Organizational membership (\$100)
Includes one designated voting membership, CFRJ newsletter (up to 4 subscriptions), advance notice of sponsored training and special events and a certificate of CFRJ Membership.

\$ _____ Annual dues enclosed for January 200_ through December 200_.

\$ _____ Donation/additional support for Restorative Justice activities.

Your gift means a lot to us. Thank you very much. We will work hard to deserve it!

- \$1500 will sponsor necessary training for three volunteers.
- \$750 will sponsor the preparation and implementation of a mediation sequence.
- \$500 will support volunteers to work with victims, offenders, and community networks.
- \$250 will support follow-up on restitution and community service agreements.
- \$100 will support monthly training and communications for volunteers.
- \$50 will support collaborations with school liaison officers.
- \$25 will provide match support for material for volunteer mediators.

I want to volunteer:

Board membership

Receive Training

Host a speaker/become a speaker

Give office support

Other: _____



STAFF

Phyllis Boernke, Director

**Professionally Trained
Volunteer Mediators:**

Al Lone Eagle	Laurette Pourier
Alan McCoy	Lavonne Condon
Alana Kindle	Lin Jennewein
Anita Winter	Marlene Todd
April Waloke	Linda Kramer
Barbara Snellgrove	Lisa Zakrzewski
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De Glassgow	Mike Deming
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Deb Phillips	Mike Standing Soldier
Dinah Paris	Nancy Clary
Don Frankenfeld	Nancy Manning
Donita Reeves	Pansy Hawk Wing
Donna Hughes-Hargraves	Paula Wilkinson-Smith
Doug Thrash	Phyllis Boernke
Doug Widow	Renee Iron Hawk
Dowell Caselli-Smith	Rhonda Leneagh
Ellen Durkin	Ron Nordell
Francine Campone	Ruth Ann Karlen-Yeske
Gary Nelson	Ruth Yellow Hawk
Glennis Torpey	Sandra English
Gloria Sitting Crow	Seymore Flinn
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Jan Snedigar	Shirley Hobbs
Janice Horner	Stephanie Charging Eagle
Jean Katus	Sue Collins-Hudgens
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Jim Pabst	Ted Knife Sr.
Jim Wahlstrom	Thea Geotas Hercules
Judee Oldham	Tim Amos
Julian Brown	Tobie Seiler
Karen Griffith	Tony Curtis
Kyle Halverson	Valerie Charging Eagle
Laura Dellinger	Victoria Kalahar
Laura Lynne Ruiz	Wendy Mendoza

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There have been many exciting changes and success stories throughout the year – from mediations of very major cases that have effected not only individuals but the community as well, to training of 38 new mediators from Rapid City and the surrounding region, to our first major annual fundraiser. We invite you to be part of our success story in the coming year by becoming a member of the Center for Restorative Justice.



*Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world...*



Training

Mediator Training April 19, 6 to 9 PM at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 717 Quincy, Rapid City. This training is a review and application of skills for those who attended full day trainings in 2006 and 2007 or before. Cost is \$25 and light supper will be served. Register by phone or email by April 15.



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