

Creating a Restorative Community

Are you concerned about the economic crisis in Rapid City? Are you worried that your children - or others - are not adequately prepared to enter the world of work? Are you wondering about the new law requiring students to be in school till age 18? Are you concerned about crime events in your neighborhood? Do you think that Rapid City is unsafe? Do you wonder how your voice can be heard by the people and systems that need to listen and change? Do you want to address issues that divide the community such as racism, intolerance, inequity in employment practices, low wages, and discrimination in a setting that is safe and respectful? Center for Restorative Justice is launching a new program "VOICES OF UNDERSTANDING" to support open dialogue that allows all voices to be heard in a setting that is neutral, safe, respectful and solution oriented. Volunteers with CFRJ who are Indian and non-Indian, male and female,

young and old, ordinary folks who care about where we live and how we live and get along, will facilitate these conversations. We will meet monthly at a time and location most convenient for all participants. We will share our experiences. We will invite those who can help bring about change to join with us. We will make concrete recommendations to our city officials, law enforcement, the schools, and we will commit to acting with them to bring about the change we seek.

At CFRJ we believe that each of us holds a piece of the puzzle, a missing piece, and we each have a part to play in bringing about positive outcomes. If you can support this approach please contact Director, Phyllis Boernke to learn more and to join in VOICES OF UNDERSTANDING, Creating a Restorative Community.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CFRJ

Were you there at the planning in 1996? Did you help write the Articles of Incorporation for the Western South Dakota Center for Community Justice in 1997? Did you join the conversations around the table discussing what this tiny organization with the long name would undertake? Did you attend the first training in humanistic mediation with Dr. Mark Umbreit? Did you scramble to find meeting spaces before Steve Rhoades offered his church? Were you on the Board of Directors or a grant writer or a part time program director, treasurer, case manager? Did you wear most of those hats at one time or another? If you answered yes to one or more questions, you definitely are an old-timer with stories to tell and reasons to celebrate.

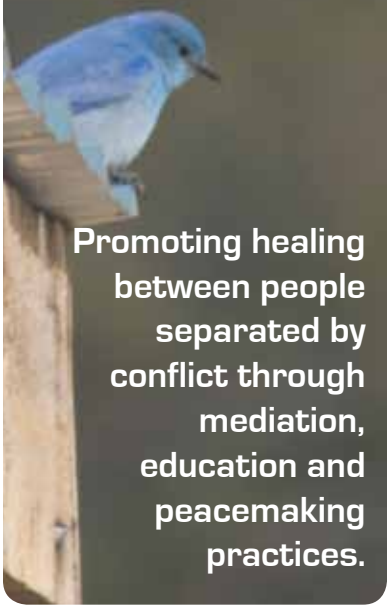
a dynamic presentation planned for Monday, April 13th and will serve the meal complete with birthday cake. We will join together at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 717 Quincy Street, Rapid City. Please call CFRJ at 605.348.3665 to let us know that we will see you at the party.

This annual meeting is open to everyone whether you were one of the old timers or have become part of CFRJ in more recent times. Please join us, invite a friend, and call ahead so that we know how much food to prepare. We look forward to sharing successes and program directions with you. And we are sure to have a way for you to put your time and talents to work with CFRJ.

We want to recognize you and remember you at the 12th Birthday of Center for Restorative Justice. The Board of Directors has



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Promoting healing between people separated by conflict through mediation, education and peacemaking practices.

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CFRJ DIRECTOR HEADS TO LAS VEGAS

NAFCM - National Association for Community Mediation - holds its annual Board of Directors Meeting on May 1 and 2 in Las Vegas Nevada and for the first time, Center for Restorative Justice will have a voice and a presence at this international gathering of community organizations. Our Executive Director, Phyllis Boernke, was elected to serve a three year term on the NAFCM board and will join 4 other new board members and 5 continuing members representing community mediation members from all across the country. NAFCM is dedicated to helping launch new community mediation

centers; to give guidance to existing centers; to identify emerging trends in the field; to develop educational resources; to assist in funding and program development; to strategize for effective collaboration with policy makers at the local, state and federal levels. Phyllis is confident that her service on the NAFCM board will help put South Dakota in the fore-front of the restorative justice movement and that CFRJ will benefit from the combined experience and wisdom of the board members and community center members. Her experiences will be featured in upcoming newsletters.

STAFF — PHYLLIS BOERNKE, DIRECTOR

Professionally Trained Volunteer Mediators:

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A volunteer mediator's perspective:

"The conversation with the person who feels so misunderstood was one of the deepest and most moving experiences of my life. By talking about her experience, she was able to get some clarity and see her part in the misunderstanding, and understand the pain of the other people who felt harmed."

An offender speaking to a victim:

"I'm experiencing the results of my crime right now in jail, by paying restitution and by being on probation. But you will live the pain of what I did to you and your family for the rest of your life. You are suffering much more than I ever will. For that, saying I'm sorry will never be enough."

A victim speaking about an offense:

"Yes, there was financial loss for our family. But the betrayal of the trust that I had in that person is a deep wound and makes it hard for me to trust anyone."

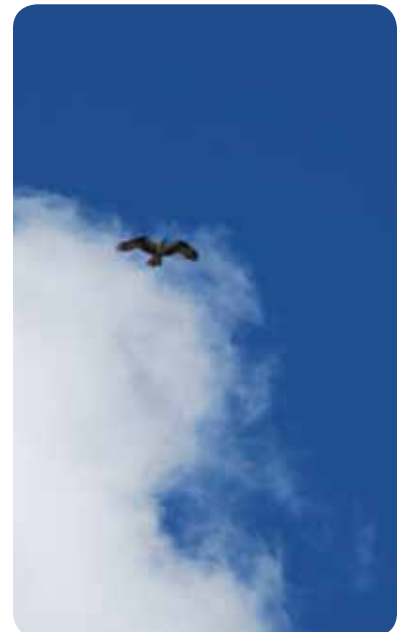
UP-COMING EVENTS

Victim Impact Panels meet every other month beginning in January. For the remainder of 2009 panels meet May 26 - July 28 - September 22 - November 24, 6:30 pm

Offenders are referred to hear presentations by volunteers who have been crime victims. In pre/post evaluations: *every offender reports having a change in their perceptions about harm they*

caused to the victims of their crimes after hearing the stories told by victims. Offender participation in the panels increased from 10 in 2007 to 31 in 2008. Volunteers are needed to help to welcome and enroll participants. Call the office to take part as often as you are able.

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SEEKING ACTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Would you like to serve on the Board of Directors for Center for Restorative Justice? Want to learn more? The requirements to serve on the Board are

- to be a member of CFRJ in good standing;
- to pay annual dues of \$25 per individual or \$100 corporate;
- to visit with the Director about your interest and the skills you bring to the board;
- to attend at least three meetings to try on the “fit” of CFRJ;

- to commit to active involvement on at least one committee and attendance at committee meetings and monthly board meetings;
- to be an ambassador for restorative practices and CFRJ in the community.

Please attend our annual meeting, April 13th, 5:30 pm to learn more and to nominate yourself or someone else to become a Board Member Candidate.

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Training for Volunteer Mediators will be offered in July 2009; dates will be announced in June. Training prepares volunteers to take a referred case from start to finish through pre-mediation meetings to full mediation. Humanistic mediation, as taught by CFRJ, is rich in dialogue, victim sensitive, and supports victim and offender to come to agreement about how to make things as right as possible following a crime or conflict. Join us to learn how to use restorative processes in many settings and become a volunteer mediator for CFRJ.

Board of Directors have adopted a dynamic process replacing monthly board meetings with 2 hour topic focused mini-retreats alternating with one hour reporting meetings. Quarterly mini-retreats are held in March, June, September and November with one hour meetings held February, April, May, July, August, October; a holiday celebration in December completes the year. Members may contact you, who are friends of CFRJ, to join a new Development Council to bring your expertise, experience and knowledge to further the growth of CFRJ. For more about the Council, speak with any Board Member.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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



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