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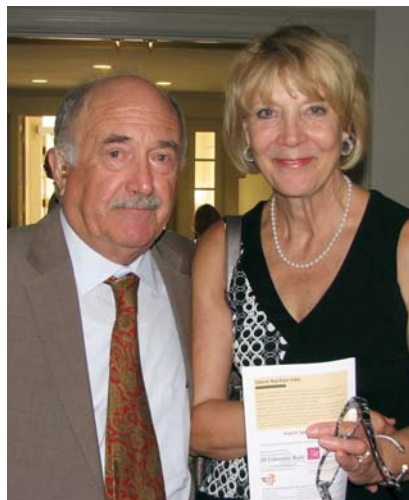
TOASTS AND BOASTS

Honoring Our Volunteers

Our volunteers have devoted uncountable hours to help people affected by crime and individuals responsible for harm. For 14 years, we've relied on our volunteers' time, talents, and creativity to inform our work and to represent our communities.

On June 19, C4RJ's Board of Directors hosted Toasts and Boasts, an evening of celebration to honor our more than 70 volunteers. Each volunteer was presented with a C4RJ tote bag and a river stone imprinted with the word "Gratitude," echoing the frequent use in our circles of a speaking piece engraved with the word "Courage."

Massachusetts State Senators **Jamie Eldridge** of Acton and **Mike Barrett** of Concord took the podium to toast the volunteers. They also presented departing executive director **Jennifer Larson Sawin** with a certificate on



Joining us in our toasts, sponsors **Henry Dane and Sue Revis.** © Kate Carr

behalf of the Senate honoring her work in promoting restorative justice both at the state level and at C4RJ and around the world.

C4RJ Treasurer **Jim Saltonstall** announced that a \$50,000 endowment for C4RJ had been created in Jennifer's name. Bedford Police Chief and C4RJ Board member **Robert Bongiorno** also toasted Jennifer and read aloud a letter from C4RJ cofounder **Len Wetherbee**, retired from the Concord Police Department and now chief of police in Moultonborough, New Hampshire.

The evening was also the capping event for C4RJ's Bidding for Good online auction fundraiser. The auction concluded with a silent auction onsite. Thanks to Board member **Anne Rarich** for wrangling this year's auction.

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Faithful supporter **Sybille Barlow** and C4RJ Vice President (and event chair extraordinaire!) **Di Clymer** join the festivities.

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GOING TO SCHOOL

C4RJ Brings Restorative Practices to Malden High Program

Building community and developing a new way to address wrongdoing: that's what C4RJ has been up to at Malden High. In a grant-funded pilot program, C4RJ Case Coordinator **Candace Julyan** (a Malden resident) and Chief Case Coordinator and Acting Executive Director **Christy Barbee** have been working with teachers, staff and kids to demonstrate restorative practices for the classroom.

Starting in March, Candace and Christy began modeling community-building circles in 9th and 10th grade classrooms in the Pathways program at MHS, working alongside teachers. In the fall, they'll be shadowing as teachers take on the circle-keeping themselves.



C4RJ's Candace Julyan (right) joined Malden High School's Ron Janowicz (left) to observe restorative practices at work in New Orleans schools. Middle, Alan Delery of the New Orleans-based Center for Restorative Approaches.



ACCEPTING TOASTS: Front row, left to right: Betsey Wood, J.J. Durham, Carolyn Gold, Terri Ackerman, Susan Hurwitz; second row, Al Carpenter, Jon Byrd, June Adams Johnson, Susan Ellsworth, Joel Andrews, Bridget Saltonstall; back rows, left to right, Jim Tabner, Bill Roop, Chris Sanders, Bob McGowan, Lloyd Resnick, Kathrin Winkler. © 2014 Richard Pasley/All Rights Reserved

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Joining us for toasts were our founders, **Joan Turner** and **Jean Bell**, with Jean's son, **David Bell**, a long-time C4RJ supporter. They were joined by past presidents **Barbara Howland** and **Barb Chase**. Several donors were on hand to lift their glasses to our volunteers and Jennifer.

Another highlight of the evening was the viewing of a short video production about what it's like to volunteer with C4RJ, starring **Terri Ackerman**, **Bridget Saltonstall**, and **Chris Sanders**. The video was produced by **Nick Tyndall** with interviewer **Grace Campbell** and music production by **Max Rosenzweig**. The musical duo of **Al Ehrenfried** and **Eric Baldwin** provided a lovely soundscape for the evening. The **staff of Martha Rohan Catering** graciously served delicious refreshments.

C4RJ is grateful to the following sponsors for helping make our volunteer appreciation event possible: C4RJ Board of Directors; Dane Brady & Haydon LLP; Enterprise Bank; J.W. Adams Construction Inc.; Reasons to be Cheerful; Sue Revis of William Raveis Real Estate, Mortgage and Insurance; and Woodman and Eaton P.C./Monument Financial Advisors LLC.



Two-Three-One: Barbara Howland (our most recent past president) joins current prez Lauren Rosenzweig Morton and our first president, Barb Chase. Photo by Kate Carr.

Saturdays with C4RJ

COME VISIT US AT OUR INFORMATION BOOTHS

Sept. 13, at "Dash 'n Bash," from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Nara Park in Acton. Sponsored by the Middlesex West Chamber of Commerce, Dash 'n Bash is the culmination of the traditional Oktoberfest Road Race, with activities for children, information for adults (that's where we come in), food, and drink.

Sept. 20, at Bedford Day, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mudge Way area. Sponsored by the Town of Bedford, Bedford Day features loads of family activities, a road race, concessions, and booths, including ours.



Promising Podcasts

CHECK OUT THESE PODCASTS FEATURING C4RJ

In June, C4RJ Board members the Hon. John Cratsley (ret.) and Bedford Police Chief Robert Bongiorno joined Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan in a national Virtual Town Hall regarding pending restorative justice legislation in Massachusetts. For an audio recording, point your internet browser to: <http://tinyurl.com/lm5clz7>.

To hear an interview with Jennifer Larson Sawin, former executive director of C4RJ, with Erin Freeborn, director of Juvenile Court Restorative Justice Division of Lowell, point your browser to: <http://tinyurl.com/n4dj86y>.

The podcasts can also be accessed at www.restorativejusticeontherise.org.



C4RJ STAFF

Welcome, Emily Wheeler!

Emily Wheeler, a longtime Concord resident, has joined our staff as the office and development specialist. She'll be taking on the duties of **Kate Carr**, who has served for seven years as our development specialist.

Emily is no stranger to the nonprofit world—or C4RJ. She was previously a member

of our Green team of casework volunteers. She was volunteer coordinator and administrator at Gaining Ground and religious education administrator at First Parish in Concord.

Kate is leaving to spend more time with family and her other gigs as a grant writer at Earthen Vessels, a nonprofit that pairs college volunteers with inner-city Boston youth as tutors and mentors, and as Executive Director at the Concord Business Partnership.

Meanwhile, after the retirement of C4RJ executive director **Jennifer Larson Sawin**, Chief Case Coordinator **Christy Barbee** is serving in an interim capacity while C4RJ's Board of Directors carries out a search for Jen's successor.

Finding Courage on the Web and on DVD

C4RJ's film, "Finding Courage," can be accessed on YouTube from our web site, www.c4rj.com. DVDs of the half-hour film are also available for purchase, for \$25. To order, email info@c4rj.com or call 978.318.3447.

Working Together to Strengthen Communities

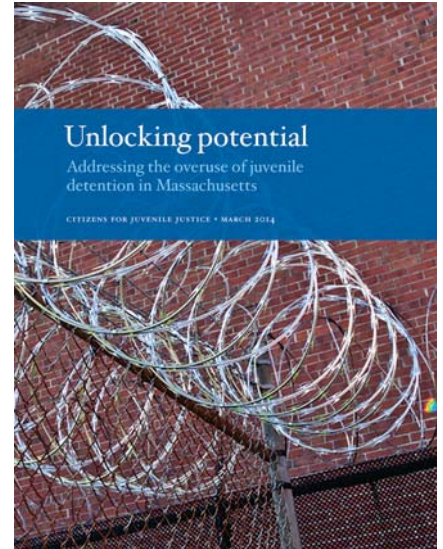
We're proud to have been selected by the Concord-Carlisle Community Chest, United Way of Acton Boxborough, and the Stow Community Chest as a grant recipient this year.

Finding Courage

Addressing Harm with Restorative Justice Circles



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RESPONDING TO CRIME IN WAYS THAT HEAL, HOLD ACCOUNTABLE, AND PUT RIGHT



C4RJ Figures in Important Report on Juvenile Incarceration

Restorative justice in general and C4RJ in particular are featured in "Unlocking potential: Addressing the overuse of juvenile detention in Massachusetts," a report issued in March by Citizens for Juvenile Justice. The report can be accessed online at cfjj.org/unlocking_potential.php.

The report "highlights why detention is harmful to kids, whom we detain, and which alternatives to detention are working well in Massachusetts." One of those alternatives worth greater consideration, the report says, is restorative justice, and it cites the work of C4RJ and our low recidivism (16%) and the impressive satisfaction rates of those who participate in our circles.

The report advocates community-based alternatives to detention that provide services while allowing juveniles to remain in their homes, rather than in detention.





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About C4RJ

Communities for Restorative Justice (C4RJ) is a community-police partnership that offers restorative justice to those affected by crime. Restorative justice recognizes that crime is a violation of people and relationships, not just a violation of law. Police refer cases to us. In the aftermath of wrongdoing, our “circle” process includes in the decision-making those affected by crime: victims, offenders, loved ones, supporters, community members, and law enforcement officials.

This newsletter, *The Talking Piece*, is named for an object (often a river stone) passed around the circle to engage individuals in the deliberations. The person holding the talking piece speaks while others listen. With this newsletter, we are passing the talking piece to you and would love to hear your views on our work. Contact us at info@c4rj.com or by calling 978.318.3447 to relay your thoughts.

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