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Spring 2014 Newsletter

Director's Message

Mark Kubik, Executive Director



In this issue of our newsletter, we feature two individuals with ties to CCJ who have received awards for outstanding public service, both in their professional and their personal lives - Doug Jones and Rollie Link. Please join me in congratulating both of them.

I also wanted to offer thanks to several people and organizations who have provided assistance and financial support to CCJ in the past few months.

In December, CCJ received a grant from the United Way of Story County to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED). The grant proposal was written by Jamie Gonzales, an Iowa State University student. It is estimated that 750,000 Americans have a heart attack each year. For every minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival is reduced by 10%. AED's save lives, period. The CCJ staff has completed training and received their AED certification, and the AED has been purchased. Thank you to Jamie Gonzales and United Way of Story County!

Our seventh annual spring fundraiser, the French Toast Feast, was held on Tuesday, April 1. We had 141 people attend our event this year. Thank you to all who attended, and a special thanks to HyVee, McDonalds, and Sam's Club for their generous donations.

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United Way Spirit Award winner - Doug Jones

Each year an individual from one of United Way's partner agencies who has demonstrated exceptional dedication, professionalism, pride and commitment to the spirit of the United Way and a desire to improve the quality of life for the people of Story County is recognized with the Spirit Award.

In December 2013, CCJ probation officer Doug Jones was selected for the award.

In addition to a general caseload of probation clients, Doug is assigned all clients with a mental illness, a very challenging population that Doug has served with compassion and professionalism. Doug has also donated his free time and money to work on several CCJ projects that were outside his job description. In addition, Doug has directly supported the United Way by participating in the Golf 4 Kids event, appearing in public presentations and radio spots for its annual campaign, and contributing financially.

Doug says, "When you get a chance to help someone make new decisions in life to the benefit of the whole community, the work is its own reward. With the support of the United Way, CCJ **pays** us to do this work! Can you imagine?"

Doug is pictured here with Jean Kresse, President and CEO of the United Way of Story County.



Ames Human Relations Humanitarian Award winner - Rollie Link

Past CCJ probation officer and current CCJ board member Rollie Link was honored by the city of Ames in January for his efforts to learn Spanish and connect with the Ames Latino community during his tenure on the Ames police force.

As a police officer, he used his knowledge of the language and culture to reach out to the Spanish-speaking segment of the Ames community, providing help with translation and helping crime victims understand the legal process. As a citizen, he volunteered at a clinic, helped kids enroll in school and provided translation assistance for parents.

"I am thankful that the Ames Police Department gave me the resources and the tools to serve, and I thank the Latino community for allowing me the opportunity to become a part of their lives. By doing so, they have made my life richer," said Rollie.

Because Rollie was not able to attend the ceremony, the award was accepted on his behalf by Geoff Huff, Ames police commander and past CCJ board member.



CCJ's Impact in 2012-2013

- 1,410 low-risk and first-time offenders supervised by CCJ
- 86% successfully completed probation
- \$1,092,378 in repayment of court-related costs (including victim restitution) supervised by CCJ
- 1,370 hours of community service performed
- 87% who completed probation in 2011 did not re-offend in the following 12 months

How Can I Help?

Assist with CCJ projects or events

Assist clerical staff

Make a monetary donation to CCJ