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Spring 2015 Newsletter

Director's Message

Mark Kubik, Executive Director



I hope that you and your families had a happy holiday season. Even though the holidays are over, we at CCJ remain thankful for many things:

- The support we receive from our community
- The confidence of our court system to be assigned 78% of the caseload in 2014
- The financial support we receive from our donors and the local funding received from ASSET
- The excellent collaboration we have with other area human service agencies and local law enforcement
- The success rates of our clients — last year 85% of our clients successfully completed their probation, and of those that completed probation in 2012, 90% did not re-offend in the next 12 months

As always, thank you for your continued support of CCJ and our mission.

Board Members

David Russell
President

John Asmussen
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Staff Members

Mark Kubik
Executive Director

Christy Boyer
Probation Officer

Cheri DeGroot
Probation Officer

Craig Evans
Probation Officer

Doug Jones
Probation Officer

Zak Tyler
Office Manager

Client Stories

“My probation officer, Christy Boyer, was very helpful keeping me on track and she gave me good advice and always had words of encouragement at every meeting. I think the most important thing I learned over the past 6 months is that I can only control my own actions.”

“Cheri DeGroot and the Center for Creative Justice only helped me along the way once I made the decision to stay clean and not mess up a second chance at success. They treated me like a person who could use some help rather than a case file, and I can honestly say that they cared about any client I saw them with during my time in the office.”

“Doug, I just wanted to touch base and let you know I recently celebrated 5 years of sobriety on June 15. I wanted to say thanks again for the support and help you gave me.”

French Toast Feast on April 7

Our eighth annual fundraiser, the French Toast Feast, is coming up on April 7. Bring yourself, your family, and your friends and help affect positive change in our community...one life at a time.

Our board members will be serving French toast, sausage, juice and coffee. In addition, we will have drawings for prizes from Creative Spirits in Ames and balloons for the kids!

This event has two goals: to raise funds and to increase awareness of CCJ in the community. Please help us spread the word!

Tickets can be purchased from board members or at the CCJ office.

What: French Toast Feast fundraiser and social

When: April 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: First Baptist Church, 200 Lynn Ave., Ames

Cost: \$5/person, children under 5 eat free!



Un chef pour la justice!

CCJ's Impact in 2013-2014

- 1,489 low-risk and first-time offenders supervised by CCJ
- 85% successfully completed probation
- \$955,002 in repayment of court-related costs (including victim restitution) supervised by CCJ
- 1,240 hours of community service performed
- 90% who completed probation in 2012 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