

## Director's Message



Craig Evans  
Executive Director

CCJ has been an integral part of the Ames Community since 1974. As you know The Center for Creative Justice (CCJ) is a community based, non-profit agency providing correctional supervision to adult criminal offenders placed on probation by the local judiciary. We supervise about 75% of the community members placed on probation in Story County.

Probation supervision is designed to allow offenders to remain in the community where they receive rehabilitative services and they are held accountable to keep the community safe from repeated criminal conduct. CCJ provides a cost effective and results oriented community option for working with adult criminal offenders. Reducing criminal conduct has a widespread impact on the community. Fewer tax dollars are expended on investigating and prosecuting offenders. Victimization is reduced. Our programming has a positive ripple effect in the community that goes beyond the individuals we provide services to. Clients who receive treatment and stay sober, who learn to manage their anger appropriately, obtain and maintain employment, take responsibility for their actions, manage their finances and pay back victims impact the entire community. They become better partners, parents, coworkers and community members.

As a community nonprofit organization, our funding is derived from several sources. First, clients are asked to contribute based on a sliding fee scale. We also receive funds through ASSET. In addition, CCJ solicits donations from community members to further help us meet budgetary needs.

Please help CCJ continue to provide vital services to our community. There are several ways you can help. Direct donations can be made to CCJ by mail or stopping in our office. We are updating our web page and hope to provide a donation feature there as well. You can also volunteer with CCJ.

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## Staff Members

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**Probation Officer**  
  
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**CCJ is a non-profit organization registered in Iowa and exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. CCJ will provide an IRS acknowledgement letter to all donors.**

I would encourage you to also consider making a lasting contribution with a legacy gift to CCJ. We have two funds with the Story County Community Foundation. One is an Agency Fund. Donations to the CCJ Agency Fund are invested for growth and are accessible to CCJ at any time.

We also have an Endowment Fund with SCCF. Money contributed to this fund is also invested for growth. CCJ is able to access five percent of these funds each year.

Gifts to qualified SCCF endowed funds are eligible for **Endow Iowa Tax Credits (EITC)**. Taxpayers may take a 25% Iowa tax credit in addition to the normal federal income tax deductions for charitable gifts up to \$300,000 per taxpayer per year. Additional information is available from SCCF: 515-232-9200,

[storycounty@storycountyfoundation.org](mailto:storycounty@storycountyfoundation.org).

### Endow Iowa Tax Credit Illustration

Gift Amount	\$1,000	\$10,000	\$100,000
Less Tax Benefits:			
Federal Tax Savings	-370	-3,700	-37,000
Endow Iowa Tax Credit	-250	-2,500	-25,000
Net Cost of Gift*	\$380	\$3,800	\$38,000

\*Disclaimer: For ease of illustration, the examples above do not factor in the federal/state net tax effect. Examples assume the donor is in the 37% tax bracket.

\*Example provided by SCCF

A gift to CCJ's SCCF fund helps to support CCJ today, tomorrow and far into the future. Help CCJ continue making positive change in the community, one life at a time. Thank you for your ongoing support of CCJ.

## Recidivism

CCJ's non-recidivism rate remained at 94%. Of the clients discharged from July 2016 through June 2017 94% did not reoffend. We are very proud of the efforts of staff and the clients we supervise to work hard at making positive change in the community, one life at a time.

## First CCJ Mark Kubik Scholarship Awarded

On April 20, 2018 Iowa State University awarded the first annual CCJ Mark Kubik Memorial Criminal Justice Scholarship. This year's award went to Rodney Harris a junior at ISU majoring in criminal justice. Rodney maintains a 3.5 GPA and is currently interning at the Ft. Des Moines Residential Correctional Facility in Des Moines. After graduation, he hopes to begin a career in community corrections working with juveniles. The scholarship is awarded in memory of Mark Kubik who worked at CCJ from 2003 to 2016. Much of that time Mark served as executive director. Mark was a strong leader and positively influenced CCJ. I was asked to speak at the presentation ceremony at ISU. I was able to share information about CCJ and the impact Mark made. CCJ is pleased to be able to help Rodney continue his education.

## Board News

Please join me in welcoming Adrienne Lyles to the CCJ Board of Directors. Adrienne is the Associate Director for the Office of Equal Opportunity at Iowa State University. She brings a wealth of experience in criminal justice issues to the CCJ Board.

In other board news new officers were elected as follows: Randi Peters (President), John Asmussen (Past President), Andrew Hoshstetler (Vice President), David Russell (Treasurer), and Lynsi Grey (Secretary).

CCJ would also like to thank Bradley Bender for his exemplary service on the CCJ Board. Bradley has served several terms on our board, most recently serving as president and past president. Thank you Bradley for all you have done to help CCJ advance our mission.

## 2018 CCJ Volunteer of the Year

CCJ is pleased to announce this year's volunteer of the year recognition was awarded to Tracy Grail. Tracy began volunteering with CCJ in the fall of 2017. She brought a strong work ethic, professionalism and dedication to the work she did for CCJ. A special thanks to Tracy for completing this year's recidivism study. In addition to completing the recidivism study Tracy helped with intakes, case management and desk coverage. Tracy received a plaque and our heartfelt thanks at our volunteer appreciation event in May.