

CCJ Newsletter

Helping to change your community . . . one life at a time

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Director's Message

Mark Kubik
Executive Director

During 2007, the prison population increased more rapidly than the U.S. resident population. Over 8,700 people were incarcerated in Iowa. It is estimated that 33% of inmates suffer from a mental illness, and 27% are there for a drug offense. It costs taxpayers nearly \$28,000 per year to house an inmate. Is there a better way?

The Center for Creative Justice is an effective solution. CCJ Probation supervises approximately 800 low level criminal offenders each year. In 2007, 89% of our clients successfully completed their probation. Approximately 85% of our clients did not re-offend. A one-year probation case at CCJ can be handled for as little as \$300.

Probation aids in the rehabilitation of an offender while keeping the public safe from further criminal activity. The Center for Creative Justice makes a positive, lasting difference in your community. Thank you for your support.

"CCJ would like to thank ASSET for their generous support for CCJ in their 2009-10 fiscal year funding allocation."

*- Mark Kubik
Executive Director*

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Volunteer Spotlight – Michael Gluesing

Michael Gluesing is a senior at Iowa State University [ISU] pursuing a Bachelor of Liberal Arts; in addition, he has attained a minor in Philosophy. Michael has been interested in criminal law since he was young when he aspired to be a Police Officer. More recently, through his experience in computer science classes, he has been interested in the field of cyber-crime.

An interest in CCJ came about while searching for jobs on the ISU job board. During that search, CCJ was appealing due to the aspect of rehabilitation and the opportunity to interact with offenders in the context that they maintain their part in the community. Throughout his experience with CCJ, Michael has performed intakes with new clients, become a volunteer probation supervisor, and helped with various computer related tasks. In the future, he hopes to apply his experience so that he may become a professional in law enforcement or continue education by attending law school.

How can I help?

- Assist in CCJ projects (newsletters and special events).
- Become a volunteer probation officer.
- Make a monetary donation to CCJ.
- For more information, contact Mark Kubik at (515) 292-3820.



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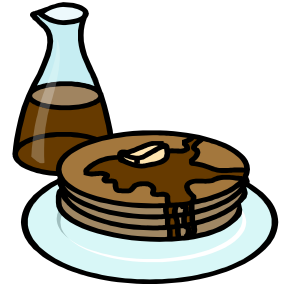
Pancake Dinner – Come Join us on March 12, 2009

Center for Creative Justice will again be holding its annual Pancake Dinner on March 12, 2009 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the First Baptist Church at 200 Lynn Ave in Ames, Iowa. Come see our Board Members flipping cakes.

Tickets are \$5.00 for Adults and \$2.50 for children (5 and under) and you can pay at the door.

All you can eat thick and fluffy pancakes, syrup, sausage, juice and toppings.

We hope to see you and your family at this event!



Funding

CCJ is generously supported through major funding by:



Upcoming Events

March 12, 2009

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 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm
 First Baptist Church
 200 Lynn Ave.
 Ames, Iowa

Tickets:
 \$5.00 Adults
 \$2.50 Children

Contact CCJ at (515) 292-3820 for more information



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Did You Know?

During fiscal year 2008, CCJ supervised 810 total probation clients.

Testimonial

"Since I committed my offense last year I have taken several steps to improve my life and better myself. This time has helped remind me what is really important. Attending treatment and staying sober has changed my outlook on life. I was using alcohol as a way to cope with my problems rather than facing them. In the past I exhibited a pattern of irresponsible behavior, which I regret now. If I had continued down that path I would be in jail now or worse. I am glad that I had the opportunity to complete probation at CCJ. I have changed my behavior and have become a positive member of society."