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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Mark Kubik
Executive Director

The end of another year gives CCJ the opportunity to report our value to our communities:

- CCJ served a record high 1,434 clients
- 79% successfully completed their probation
- 87% of the clients that successfully completed probation in 2008 did not re-offend

For every client that does not re-offend, there is one less victim, there is less stress placed on an already stressed criminal justice system, and the taxpayers save money. A probation at CCJ is 1% the cost of incarceration.

CCJ strives to rehabilitate offenders while increasing public safety. Our outcomes prove our agency is effective in accomplishing these important goals. Thank you for your continued support.

SAVE THE DATE

CCJ will be holding a French Toast Feed Fundraiser on Monday, April 4 from 5:00pm – 7:30pm. The fundraiser will be held at the First Baptist Church located at 200 Lynn Avenue in Ames, IA. Tickets will be \$5.00 at the door and children 3 years or younger eat free! We hope to see you there!

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GRANT AWARD FROM STORY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

CCJ was awarded a \$5,655 grant from the Story County Community Foundation! The funding will be used for installing a new phone system which will be critical to absorbing the growth of the organization. The number of clients CCJ is serving has doubled in the last four years, and while this growth has been exciting, it has created stress on the current outdated phone system and staff functioning. Currently, an estimated 900 calls are made or received each business week on multiple lines on a phone system that is outdated, non-repairable, and not replaceable. With this grant, CCJ is now able to purchase a new phone system for the front desk and each workstation at the agency, allowing for greater efficiency in meeting the demands of our growing organization. Thank you to the Story County Community Foundation for their generous grant, and for valuing the work we do at CCJ!



For more information about the Story County Community Foundation, please visit their website at <http://storycountyfoundation.org>

A CLIENT'S STORY

By: Ashley Schmuecker
CCJ Intern

On Friday, November 12, I had the opportunity to sit down with a former client to discuss how CCJ has impacted their life. The

client had come to CCJ in the Summer of 2007 for public intoxication, second offense. The client had shared that they had previously been on probation with a different agency; there, they had felt no level of care. "They just treated me like a number, just another criminal. My probation officer at CCJ treated me with respect and he just cared about me."

When asked how their life would have been different if they had not come to CCJ, they said, "When I first came in, I had relationship troubles, almost getting fired, and [was] drinking all the time. I did relapse...probably six months into probation. Basically, my probation officer at CCJ wanted to help me get sober, and he gave me the tools. I had to be the one to keep myself sober." At CCJ, this client realized they had to take responsibility for their own sobriety. Today, this client has been successfully sober since the end of their probation! They are currently working for Iowa State University and taking classes part-time; they hope to apply to the Master of Business Administration program.

As our interview wrapped up, they said, "I'd just like to thank my probation officer. He really changed my life, and I think he is a genuine person. He used his life to teach me. And, at that time I don't think I had anyone really to do that." CCJ is consistently and profoundly changing the lives of the clients that come to our agency. This client is deeply grateful to have been a client of CCJ. They felt an immense level of care and direction, and ultimately realized that although they had support, they needed to take their future into their own hands.

CCJ's Impacts:

- 1,400 low-risk and first time offenders are supervised by CCJ each year
- 75% of all probation cases in Story County are handled by CCJ
- 79% of CCJ's clients successfully completed all requirements of probation in 2009
- 87% of probation clients that have successfully completed their probation did not re-offend within the following year

How can I help?

- Assist with CCJ projects or events
- Volunteer to assist clerical staff
- Make a monetary donation to CCJ.