



# COMMUNITY JUSTICE INITIATIVES ASSOCIATION

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Celebrating Excellence in Restorative Justice since 1985*

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We are so thankful for your support and partnership as we engage those who are harmed, those responsible for harm and their affected communities in search of solutions that promote reconciliation. Restorative justice offers a different approach to conflict, crime and justice. It recognizes that crime is not simply lawbreaking; it harms individuals and communities. Those who harm are invited to take responsibility and to make things right. Those who are harmed are supported in their healing.

Community Justice Initiatives has had a remarkable past year! In addition to the many successes realized in the Victim Offender Mediation Program, we are happy to report that nearly 1,350 youth from the Langley School District took part in OWN IT peace circle training, peer mediation training or in mediations. In November, we hosted a gala fundraiser dinner at Newland's Golf and Country Club. Not only was it an amazing evening celebrating the successes of Restorative Action, but we were also able to raise over \$27,000 so that we can continue to fund and expand the program into even more schools.

## YOUTH REFLECTIONS AND EXPERIENCES WITH RESTORATIVE ACTION

*"Because of peace circles in the class, I have become more brave around my friends."*

*-Gr. 3 Restorative Action Peace Circle participant*

*"The one thing I liked about peace circles was how it helped me fix conflict. It helped me keep my friendship. I really miss peace circles and hope you can come in grade 5.*

*- Gr. 4 Restorative Action Peace Circle participant*

*"I'm glad you came to my school. Three main things I learned in RA Peace Circles was that we make a lot of assumptions and judgements every day and don't realize the consequences, and I use the OWN IT steps to deal with conflict, and I use deep breathing when I am triggered up Anger Volcano. I know now when I want to explode, and start to count or sit down and breathe. I have had circles now for two years, and I really hope you can come in grade 7."*

*-Gr.6 Restorative Action Peace Circle participant*

## **Please renew your membership today!**

Memberships are important to the continuing work of CJI. Granting agencies consider membership numbers as an indicator of community support and consider this factor as they evaluate funding proposals. Your membership can also help us to continue to transform people's lives and to promote safer, more peaceful communities.

**Membership fees are only \$15.00 per year (April 1 - March 31) and can be processed securely on-line by visiting our website at [www.cjibc.org](http://www.cjibc.org). Under the "Get Involved" heading, choose your membership level, and click on the "Buy Now" button. If you are also able to make a donation, it can easily be done at the same time. To pay by cheque, complete the membership form included with this letter and return it to: Community Justice Initiatives, #101 20678 Eastleigh Crescent, Langley, BC V3A 4C4.**

Thank you again for your support of Community Justice Initiatives (CJI).

Warm Regards,

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Community Justice Initiatives