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Through its various programs, CCJ served over 5,400 people in 2008-09. To assist CCJ in continuing to promote and operate community based services, please consider making a contribution, which is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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Free food!

- ▶ Hot dogs
- ▶ Popcorn
- ▶ Snow cones
- ▶ Soft drinks
- ▶ Bottled water

Live music!

- ▶ Dr Phil and the Thrill. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Prize giveaways!

- ▶ T-shirts
- ▶ Frisbees

Family and Kids' activities

- ▶ Bounce house
- ▶ Climbing wall
- ▶ Fun walk
- ▶ Face painting
- ▶ Explore downtown
- ▶ Games

Information tables, displays & demonstrations

- ▶ Victims' Assistance
- ▶ K-9 demo
- ▶ Police Dept. vehicles and equipment
- ▶ Car seat checks
- ▶ Child fingerprinting
- ▶ Self-defense
- ▶ Fire Dept. safety smokehouse
- ▶ Neighborhood association resources

Date: Tuesday, August 3
Time: 4 to 9 p.m.
Where: Civic Plaza, downtown Elkhart

Join us as we come together as a community for an evening devoted to fun, pride in our City, and valuable information about crime control and awareness.

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

THE EVENING ALSO INCLUDES SEVERAL GUEST SPEAKERS AND A COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY MARCH.

An event presented by: The Elkhart Police Department, in partnership with the community

For more information, contact Sgt. Laura Koch, 295-7070, ext. 300



Give Back Night

Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm
When: Monday August 16
Place: Mad Anthony's Old State Ale House, 526 S. Main St. Elkhart, IN 46516

Mad Anthony's will Donate 15% of ALL sales from 5:30 - 8:30 to Center For Community Justice!

Please help support CCJ!



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The Center for Community Justice serves Elkhart County by providing programs, based on the principles of Restorative Justice, which strengthen community safety, provide support and compensation for victims, aid in the restoration of offenders, and promote reconciliation among victims, offenders and the community.

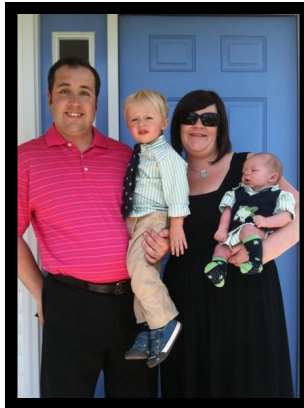
Exciting Program Highlights and Updates

Community Service Restitution Program (CSR)

One of our clients, M.T, completed 180 hours of community service in one month plus one day, at the Hindu Temple of Michiana. That works out to an average of over 40 hours per week. Program Coordinator, Fred Koeppl says, "M.T. is our first inductee in the CSR Hall of Fame." Way to go, M.T.! We are excited to add another worksite, the new county jail. Officials there have asked us to assign CSR clients to do mowing and other yard work.

Guided Family Intervention Project (GFIP)

Program Coordinator Susanne Walker Graham is currently on maternity leave after welcoming her second son, Dylan Starr. Congratulations, Susanne, Ryan, and Jackson! In her absence, Michelle Johnson is completing her internship with GFIP through December, and is doing a great job handling appointments and meeting with clients.



Victim Impact Panel (VIP)

On May 11, 2010, The Paper ran a story about VIP. The story (on pages 10-11) quoted Program Coordinator, Becky Elias and other staff. We are pleased they were able to write such a positive story about a program that makes a big difference!

Staff Changes and Updates

On June 30, we said farewell to Billi Beery, who had been part of CCJ since 2001 in various capacities. While Billi's shoes are hard to fill, and her excellent work will be missed, we wish her the best as she moves into her new job. Also on June 30, Becky Elias retired from the CSR program, but will remain on staff to work in VIP. Becky has served CCJ well as a caseworker and we are glad that she will still be around at least part-time. July 19, Jeff Fater traded his two crew supervisor days for handling tasks related to fundraising. Jeff is looking forward to adding development duties, and will continue his VORP casework. We all hope to see great success in this area!

Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP)

Total Mediations 1990-2009

Total groups based on race of victim and offender participating in mediation

	Victim Race	Percentage	Offender Race	Percentage
African American	30	4%	121	16%
Asian American	1	0%	6	1%
Bi-Racial	0	0%	0	0%
Caucasian	359	47%	545	73%
Latino	8	1%	29	4%
Native American	0	0%	0	0%
Unknown*	360	47%	44	6%
TOTAL	758		745	*businesses included

CCJ nominated Bob Peters for the 2010 Michiana 55 Plus Volunteer Award. For twelve years Mr. Peters has volunteered in many capacities to include: Board member, Board President, mediator, and Executive Director. In addition to volunteering his time to CCJ, Mr. Peters independently raised more funds than any other person or event, during the 2010 fiscal year by encouraging gifts and contributions from the community. He works with CCJ clientele, staff and executives all with respect, integrity and love. His passion for restorative justice has been a blessing to this agency.



Mr. Peters' service to CCJ began in May 1998 when he completed the VORP Training, and became a volunteer mediator. As a volunteer from the community mediating with VORP, his presence reminds offenders of the affects of crime to our community. His wisdom, compassion for people, and strong communication skills has proven invaluable during mediations to assist in communication between victims and offenders. Mr. Peters has mediated over 65 mediations, and volunteered hundreds of hours over the last twelve years. In addition to mediating, Mr. Peters facilitates during the annual VORP training as an instructor during role plays to teach new mediators needed skills of communication, power balance, and the VORP process.

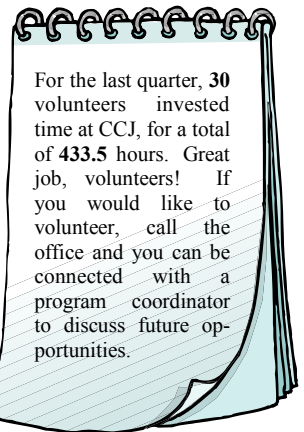
In April 2003, Mr. Peters was endorsed as a member of CCJ's Board. After serving as Board member for 5 years, Mr. Peters was elected as president of the Board in July 2008. During times of transition at CCJ, Mr. Peters stepped down as Board President to serve as CCJ's Volunteer Executive Director from May through November, 2009. He found opportunities for CCJ's growth and laid a solid path for the Executive Director that would later be hired by the Board. From July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009(6 months time), Mr. Peters volunteered 404.75 hours.

It is an honor for CCJ Board members, staff and clientele to work with Mr. Peters. Due to Mr. Peter's volunteer work and leadership at CCJ, the agency continues to evolve and improve. This agency is honored that Mr. Peters received an award for all his commitment and sacrifice.



If you or somebody you know has a story they would like to share about being involved with CCJ, we would love to hear it and tell it in this newsletter. Please pass it along! Names can be omitted for privacy.

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For the last quarter, 30 volunteers invested time at CCJ, for a total of 433.5 hours. Great job, volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, call the office and you can be connected with a program coordinator to discuss future opportunities.

Counselor's Corner

It's many parents' favorite time of year, Back to School time! Back to school time can bring about many emotions for students of all ages; new classes, perhaps a new school, and old and new friends. This time of year can give many students a chance to "start fresh," with a new activity, a new class, or a new teacher. If you are the parent or grandparent of a student, help them stay on the right track by encouraging them and helping to organize homework, study time, friend time, and family time. If you're at all concerned with your child's attendance or school performance, make regular contact with teachers and the school and stay involved with your child's progress. Encouragement and involvement are key to school success!