

## **Restorative Justice Annual Report**

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### **The Mission:**

To bring to Washtenaw community a focus on restorative approaches to crime and conflict that promote justice, reparation, and resolution for victims and the community, while also addressing accountability, personal development, and reintegration offenders into productive community life, with respectful treatment for all involved parties.

Our vision, along with our interfaith and secular partners in Friends of Restorative Justice community is to bring restorative practices such as Victim-Offender Conferencing and peacemaking circles to our justice system.

### **This year FORJ:**

- organized a 3 day Victim Offender Training for more than 22 participants
- collaborated with the Washtenaw Juvenile Drug court and prosecutors office to bring Victim Offender Conferencing (VOC) for the juveniles and their victims within the court system
- collaborated with the ACLU in their "Smart Justice" campaign and developed and produced a ppt to educate and advocate for an informed citizenship in understanding and changing the culture of the Washtenaw prosecutor's office
- co-sponsored a fund raiser with the Dispute Resolution Center to raise money and awareness of the need and benefit of restorative justice
- provided peacemaking circles and advocacy support in the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility

### **Our goals for next year:**

- continue our work to support the women in the Huron Valley Facility
- present town halls to educate and inform our community and other faith and secular communities about the work of the prosecutor's office and the need for change
- provide VOC in the wider juvenile court and extend to the adult court
- advocate for legislative changes in our criminal justice system

### **Members of the Restorative Justice of UUAA and website:**

Susan Ashmore, Joanna Courteau, Kathy Friedrichs, Lucia Heinold, Mary Ann Hergenrother, Erin Krajcik, Carolyn Madden, Ginny Preuss, Margaret Pekarek, Mary Lynn Stevens and Kate Warner.