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referrals have been in relation to the following offences: 6 assaults, 5 theft under \$5,000, 2 accidental deaths, 1 mischief under \$5,000, 1 driving under the influence, 1 obstruction of justice and 1 with multiple offences.

In 2010 we applied for grants from the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee and the Law Foundation of BC for money to plan and run advanced training sessions for our volunteers. The trainings would address the growing demand for our services in cases of crime and harm that are serious in nature. Between the two applications we received a total of \$18,500.00. We are very excited about this funding and know it will help to greatly increase our ability to meet the needs of our clients.

COORDINATOR'S CORNER by Gillian Lindquist



It finally feels as if summer has arrived! Last winter and an unseasonably cold spring seemed as if they were never going to end. I am very happy that summer is (almost) here! The days are long, it's warming up and the music festival season is upon us

(which for me is pretty much the best thing about summer).

Gillian Lindquist

There is a lot to report from VRJS. We are abuzz with referrals, trainings, events and more.

As of our 2011 fiscal year, which started February 1st, we have received 17 referrals. 7 have come from the police, 6 from the Crown, 1 from a victim of crime, 1 from a member of the community and 1 from the Nova Scotia restorative justice program. The

**Victoria Restorative Justice Society
Volunteer Appreciation Night,
"Seeding Dialogue on Restorative Justice:
Views from our Volunteer and Political
Communities."**

Thursday, July 14, 2011

5:30 pm-7:30 pm at

Ross Place (2638 Ross Lane)

The grant money that we received will allow us to run 15 days of training for our volunteers over a 1 year period and train 3 additional advanced trainers to facilitate future trainings. We are also videotaping all of the trainings. Next year we plan to apply for a grant to create a facilitators manual and video materials to both support our training efforts and market these materials to other restorative justice organizations.

We are excited and happy to welcome 2 new students to VRJS. Michael Davis, in the social work program at UVic, is now doing his practicum with VRJS. For this project he is developing and running a summer group for at-risk male youth ages 12 – 15 using restorative practices. Tanissa Martindale, also a student at UVic, is doing her masters in conflict management. She is undertaking her co-op placement with VRJS and will be working on a theatre based outreach project teaching restorative justice to students and faculty at the university.

At the end of May we wrapped up another round of Girls Circle. This year we held it at Rockheights Middle School. 7 girls participated and we all had an interesting and creative time overall. The girls found it educational and fun and they loved being able to do something positive in the community through the community project. We have applied for money to run Girls Circle again next year and are hopeful that it will be supported.

In June I attended the International Institute of Restorative Practices conference in Halifax. It was really amazing to be surrounded by over 500 people passionate about this work. It was also particularly interesting to learn what is happening with restorative justice in Halifax. Halifax has the largest restorative justice program in North America and the 2nd largest in the world. Since the program started in 1999 they have received over 15,000 referrals (over 9,000 from police and over 5,000 from Crown). The provincial government funds the program and they have experienced some impressive outcomes. Their program is effectively evaluated through the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Community University Alliance, which runs out of Dalhousie University. Very exciting stuff and a wonderful model to aspire to for our province! If you want to know more I encourage you to check them out online at www.nsrjcura.ca. I also wrote a daily blog while at the conference. For more on what I saw and heard go to our website, www.vrjs.org and click on Gillian's blog.

One more very important note, we are holding a fundraiser for VRJS at Felicita's on the UVic campus on September 10, 2011. There will be live music and great company to enjoy. Please mark it in your calendar and tell your friends! We will be sending out more information about the event closer to the date. If you are not on our mailout list – and would like to be – please email Shanna at office@vrjs.org.

Thank you for your ongoing support of and interest in VRJS. We are always here to listen, so if you have any thoughts or questions don't hesitate to contact us.

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VRJS HALFWAY THERE WITH COAST CAPITAL SAVINGS FUNDING



Victoria, BC – Earlier this year, the Victoria Restorative Justice Society (VRJS) introduced its “Strengthening Restorative Justice” project, which was made possible by a \$5,000 grant from Coast Capital Savings. The project, which focuses on expanding the organizational and outreach capacities of VRJS, is now entering its second phase.

VRJS is a victim centered, offender focused, community driven non-profit organization offering an alternative process to the traditional adversarial court system. Cases are referred from Victoria Police and Crown Counsel, and are screened to ensure appropriateness. Restorative justice provides an opportunity for victims, offenders and the community to resolve conflict together, in a meaningful and respectful way, and participate in creating a safer, healthier and more peaceful community. Victims and offenders participating in restorative justice are given the chance to speak for

themselves in an unthreatening environment without the competitive element of criminal court.

The first phase of the “Strengthening Restorative Justice” project has resulted in the creation of numerous policies, procedures and references that until now were not written or readily accessible to volunteers, who do all of VRJS’ casework. Among these resources is a 60+ page “Caseworker Manual,” which includes detailed role descriptions, resources, and a step-by-step explanation of a typical case, from the moment it is taken on by VRJS to the time it is closed and returned to the referring agency.

The next phase of this project is to expand their database resources, hold focus groups to get feedback from volunteers on the new materials, and provide operational training for staff and volunteers to enhance their capacity to provide restorative justice services in Victoria. The project is scheduled to finish this September.

Desmond Connor

November 11, 1929 - May 17, 2011



Desmond Connor

Desmond Connor passed away on May 17, 2011, in Victoria General Hospital, Victoria, BC. Des was one of the founders of Peninsula Crossroads Community Justice program in 1999 and continued to expand RJ across the CRD through the RJINFONET.

He supported Etta, his wife of 53 years, in many efforts to develop training for facilitators and generally spread the RJ word.

Des was a gentle person, articulate and humorous. Professionally developed with a Ph.D, from Cornell Univ. Des focussed his consulting practice on “constructive citizen participation” in the planning process. He leaves Etta, their three children and two grandchildren. Des was buried in the Shady Creek United Church cemetery, Central Saanich. Remembrance gifts may be made to:

Victoria Restorative Justice Society, 306-620 View St., Victoria, BC, V8W 1J6.

Restorative Justice lived in the hearts of ancient Elders and wise leaders. It was not the creation of the (20th) century but a tool of old reborn in non-First Nation circles, seeking to heal and restore. The teachings have always been there, carefully preserved and the door is opened to humble dedicated leaders to guide offenders, Native or not to a path of restoration.

Rev. Dr. Evelyn WhiteEye

RJ BEHIND BARS

On Wednesday May 25th (in the Crowsnest Room at the Archie Browning Sports Centre at 1151 Esquimalt Road), VRJS presented a free public event entitled “Restorative Justice Behind Bars?”

The evening included a presentation by David Hough on the history and continued work of the RJ Coalition at William Head Institution, (which has been operative since 1998), and screening of a documentary film, produced by Gumboot Productions, entitled Journey to the Centre. The film detailed a project that involved RJ Coalition inmates from William Head, working with parishioners of Christchurch Cathedral in Victoria, to create a labyrinth in the cathedral grounds. In addition, Kris B, a ‘graduate’ of the RJ Coalition, now a parolee living in a halfway house in Victoria, spoke of his personal journey through the criminal justice system, his experiences with restorative justice and the value he has gained from it.

Within the last few years, the United Nations has adopted a resolution, sponsored in part by Canada, that provides for the use of restorative justice practices in dealing with criminal law matters. Closer to home, the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) acknowledges the value of Restorative Justice in building healthier and safer societies through the restoration of communities in part by addressing the real needs of those impacted by harmful behaviour.

Since July 9, 1998, the RJ Coalition has held weekly meetings inside William Head, involving inmates and visitors from the outside community and has created 12 annual symposia for the general public. The work of the Coalition has also attracted attention from abroad, including a connection to the Criminal Justice system in Japan that developed through some significant people participating and learning from attending RJ Coalition meetings! From its inception David has been involved in facilitating weekly meetings and has kept detailed notes of each meeting. He is a profoundly dedicated man to the cause of Restorative Justice in prison, who also volunteers as a Citizen escort for inmates that get passes out into the community, and works part time at the Bill Mudge Residency which is a halfway house for federal parolees. David explained that although the idea for the Coalition came initially from an outside volunteer, it was quickly embraced by inmates and its growth is truly a joint effort, proof that at least some of the people “who are the problem” are very willing, able, and creative in pursuing restorative solutions to those problems if given the chance. Often inside members upon release to Victoria continue to travel on restorative journeys with outside members who befriended them in meetings with the RJ Coalition.

The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter their life by altering their attitude. William James (1842-1910)



Kris B. (left) & David Hough

Kris B, now on parole after spending many years in jail, spoke very articulately and movingly about his personal struggles in coming to terms with his serious crime and his search for mediation and resolution with one of his primary victims. He described how, after first learning about Restorative Justice, he embraced any opportunity to attend meetings and learn and participate in RJ Coalition events and what value he gained from the experience. This VRJS event was very well attended with an audience who had many questions for both David and Kris. Very interesting discussions ensued including Kris’s response to a specific question about his understanding of the likely impact of the many significant crime bills that are about to be instigated by our new government. Many of these may, in fact, result in making it harder to generate ‘Restorative Justice behind Bars’, however the work of the RJ Coalition will, notwithstanding, continue its focused work to promote restorative justice dialogue that leads to better understanding, healing, and hope.

For more background information on the RJ Coalition, from an outside volunteer member, contact:

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**RJ NEWS FROM OTHER SOURCES
REFORM YOUNG CRIMINALS WITH LESS JAIL TIME
EDMONTON JOURNAL MAY 1, 2011**

Instead of spending \$600 million on the new Edmonton Remand Centre, we should be spending it on rehabilitation, reparation and community programs such as community conferencing.

Crime is a young man's game. According to Statistics Canada, cited by Rick Linden in his recent book, *Criminology: A Canadian Perspective*, the average age of an offender is 15.8, of which most are property offences.

If we look at the growing number of incarcerated youth, the very same pool will one day be running this country. We can look into the future to determine to how we might guide these youth in a more productive, forgiving manner rather than locking them up in a cage.

Healing Moment

While driving, a young mother tries to reach her daughter by cell phone ... in a momentary lapse of attention, she runs a red light - a motorcyclist loses his life. The cyclist's brother wants the case dealt with in a restorative way - spends two years advocating for the charge to be downgraded from vehicle homicide to a motor vehicle offense of driving with undue care and attention ... finally he succeeds and with VRJS, a Peacemaking Circle is convened – it lasts two days. Part of the agreement is to plant a tree in the name of the deceased - another part is a pledge by the young mother to give multiple presentations to special groups and school children about the dangers of using a cell phone while driving. I attend the first presentation that she makes, she is accompanied by the victims brother I observe the dedicated commitment both have to healing and am profoundly moved by the honesty, respect and dignity shared in this deeply meaningful restorative process.

Robert Ball

For centuries, we have known that incarcerating people does not help. What we forget is that eventually all the people we put behind bars will one day be back in our communities.

Perhaps Canada needs to consider how other countries handle their troubled youth and mirror their success.

For example, New Zealand has incorporated the use of community conferencing, a restorative justice program, that has returned to a "back to the basics" philosophy, accepting that ancient wisdom is needed to help criminals return to societal norms instead of using the criminal justice system.

In 1989, the New Zealand government passed legislation stating that most juvenile matters must be referred to community conferencing.

Community conferences bring together the community of people affected, directly or indirectly, by harmful behaviour of an offender. The offender, accompanied by supporters, is brought together with the victims and their supporters.

In a structured environment, participants engage with constructive responses in addressing the harm that has been caused and what healing and repair is needed.

Community conferencing offers an alternative way of handling conflict by encouraging offenders to take responsibility for the offence they have committed while increasing the offender's awareness of harm they have inflicted on victims and the community and addressing how the harm can be repaired.

Stephen Harper says, "Let's get tough on crime."

No. Let's look at where we went wrong as a society. Let's go back to the basics and bring back ancient wisdom. Single-family parenting and dysfunctional families seem to be on the rise.

We need to look past the actual act of the offence and address the issues that led to the offence, repairing the harm to all parties, while still holding the offender responsible for his or her misdeed.

We need to fix where we went wrong as a society.

Howard Zehr, the grandfather of restorative justice, and author of *Changing Lenses: A New Focus for Crime and Justice*, wrote: "When a community is left

out, as it is in the criminal justice process, important opportunities for growth and 'community building' are missed."

"When conflicts are processed properly, however, they provide the means to build relationships between people and communities. Take this away, and you take away the fundamental building block of community and of crime prevention."

Gordon Bazemore and Mara Schiff, authors of *Restorative Community Justice: Repairing Harm and Transforming Communities*, state that "community conferences encourage community dialogue; while empowering the parties involved it brings a new height of communication to a relationship of genuine care."

Canada's criminal justice system should mirror that of New Zealand's. We should also pass legislation to make community conferencing the primary method of handling youth criminal behaviour.

Let's show this next generation how we used to live, when disagreements were handled within the community in which we lived.

Deanne Elliott, student, Grant MacEwan

Corrections program, Sherwood Park

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SOCIAL MEDIA CAMP by Nikky Storr



I was lucky enough to attend this year's Social Media Camp at the Conference Centre at the the Empress Hotel. It took place on Friday

June 3rd and Saturday June 4th. It was a 2 day conference with over 650 people attending, which has been reported as the largest social media event in Western Canada.

Social media involves various online technology tools that enable people to communicate easily via the internet to share information and resources. Social media can include text, audio, video, images, podcasts, and other multimedia communications. Facebook, Twitter and Foursquare are examples of it.

The 2 days consisted of numerous seminars and workshops, attendees chose which they'd like to participate in. The ones I chose were: -

- Building the Ultimate Facebook Page for Businesses
- WordPress 101
- Social Media for Non-Profits
- Law Enforcement
- Location Based Social Media

All presentations I attended were interesting and informative plus I was able to meet some of the people I had been corresponding with online. Whilst it's great chatting to people via the internet/email, it doesn't replace the need to meet face to face. It's always helpful to put a face to a name.

I utilised the 2 days by gathering information, which would benefit the Victoria Restorative Justice Society with whom I work with social media. I came home with a note pad full of writing and techniques to try out, and a few more contacts to connect with online.

Some people find the thought of social media scary, thinking it will be hard or there's a security risk to their personal information. It's not and there isn't! It's a great way of meeting new friends locally and worldwide, as well as promoting the organisation you're involved with. You do need to be sensible with what information you supply to websites etc., naturally only supply what you are happy to have displayed. A lot of places online now have personal security settings, which you have control over too.

I recommend people push past their discomfort to get involved. Experiment! It's fun, involving and practically useful in so many ways both personally and professionally.

"It belongs to the very substance of nonviolence never to destroy or damage another person's feeling of self worth, even an opponent's."
Bernard Haring

VIRRJA News

ANOTHER ROLE FOR RJ PROGRAMS: COMMUNITY DISPUTE RESOLUTION

by Geanine Robey



Geanine Robey

Community Dispute Resolution (CDR) is yet another area of practice for several of Vancouver Island Region Restorative Justice Association's (VIRRJA) member programs. Both the Comox Community Justice Program and Parksville's Arrowsmith Community Justice are doing CDR work to help settle disputes among parties involved in non-criminal conflict in their communities. Referrals

include neighbour conflicts, by-law and covenant infractions, board and strata concerns and inter-family disagreements. Not all referrals, however, are accepted as they may be more appropriate for other agencies or professional mediators. In CDR cases, there are no defined "victims" and "offenders" and agreements reached are not legally binding. If a legal agreement is required, the Resolution Agreement is provided to assist the parties to draft the legal agreement with the additional assistance of legal advice they may obtain elsewhere. As with police, Crown and school referrals, the service is a free one although most programs operate on skeleton budgets and the goodwill of volunteers.

Not infrequently, the non-referring parties involved in the conflict are initially resistant to becoming involved. But with persuasion and a focus on participants' needs rather than any pre-conceived "solutions" that don't also consider the needs of others, most decide that CRD is their best alternative to a negotiated agreement.

As with Restorative Justice, CDR requires pre-conference work to prepare all parties to meet for the process. On rare occasions, the preparation for conferencing can be hugely time consuming. Parksville's *Xwiyu' los' tel* CDR program (meaning, "Look after each other") once had a strata referral involving 700 people of which 120 attended pre-

conference focus groups on the contentious issue. Nearly all of those individuals (seated in 3 large concentric circles) also attended the dispute resolution conference which led to a satisfactory agreement among all participants.

Like Restorative Justice, Community Dispute Resolution is a rewarding and timely way of resolving conflicts and is a cost-effective alternative to litigation. By "looking after each other" and participating in community peace-making, healthier and safer communities are created.

I'VE HIT MY EMOTIONAL LIMIT by Lynette Parker

*Lynette Parker works with **Prison Fellowship** national organizations in the development of justice reform initiatives and programmes. The following article is from the "Restorative Justice On-Line" website.*



Lynette Parker

As a restorative conferencing facilitator, I often receive the brunt of a lot of strong emotions. This happens most when I'm making first contacts with individuals or in

the preconference interviews.

I can't count the number of times I've called a victim to introduce the programme to receive a twenty minute monologue covering everything from the pain of the crime to their frustrations with the criminal justice systems to questions about how to move ahead.

These emotions are very real and the person expressing them needs to be able to do that. Just recently, I was the recipient of such emotion from the daughter of a crime victim. At one point she apologised for dumping her anger and frustration on me as I was only doing my job. I quickly responded that it was okay, that was part of my job. And, quite frankly, it is a part of the work. Even in what might seem to us to be "minor" crimes; we can encounter very strong emotions from those we are serving. This makes facilitator self-care very important.

In relating the intensity of a recent conversation with a victim to a colleague, I was asked about the support I receive for dealing with how I am inevitably affected by such emotions. He reminded me that no matter how understanding I am about the emotions I am still affected by them. I know it's true but the reminder is useful from time to time. There are some strategies that I find helpful (although I may need to develop more discipline in pursuing them).

Debriefing

I always find it useful to debrief with another facilitator or individual working in the programme. I can share the things that I've encountered and release some of the emotion that I may have absorbed. At the same time, I can share any frustrations or concerns that I have with the case. I always appreciate the insights and reality checks that such debriefing sessions can provide.

Prayer

My faith is an important part of who I am and how I see the world. When I'm faced with the raw pain of many victims, I can be overwhelmed by them. Prayer is another way I have of dealing with or processing through those feelings. I am able to share my concerns, seek wisdom, and even care for my clients through my prayers.

Supportive Friends

While I can't share the specifics of cases, I can share some of the personal impact of my work as a facilitator with friends. This may be the friend who takes an afternoon walk with me, often conducting "vent therapy," or it might be someone who is willing to listen to the experience without demanding more information or seeking to fix the situation. I also count on the prayers and support of these friends in helping me prepare to work with my clients.

Identifying my limits

It's also important for me to know when to call it a day. Recently, I facilitated a conference that turned out to be more emotional than I had anticipated. Then I conducted a pre-conference interview with the father of a young man who had been killed in a traffic accident. I followed this with a telephone conversation with a woman whose elderly mother had been the victim of financial crimes by the caretaker hired to see to her needs. Needless to say, all of these conversations were difficult. I received a good bit of anger and pain both from the consequences of their victimisation and their disappointing experiences with the criminal justice system.

After the phone call, I looked at the fourth file that I was supposed to work on that day. I needed to talk to a mother whose son had died in an accident. I simply looked at the programme coordinator and said, "I've hit my emotional limit for the day." She agreed and we placed the file on my agenda for the next time I was scheduled to be in the office.

These are a few things I've tried. How do you do self-care? How do you as a facilitator maintain emotional and mental health in working with people who have experienced such pain?

INTRODUCING....

Two more of our busy volunteers **Nicky Storr** and **Andy Robertson**.



Nicky Storr

I am one of the newer volunteers for the Victoria Restorative Justice Society (VRJS). I started with them back at the end of February after watching a presentation by Program Coordinator, Gillian Lindquist, at the Archie Browning Sports Centre. After listening to Gillian, I approached her at the end of the evening to see if

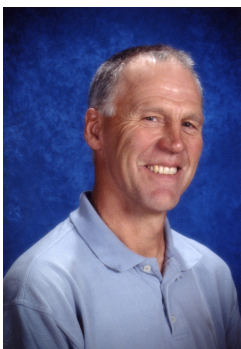
VRJS was on Twitter or Facebook and if they had a website. She told me they had a website and a

Facebook page but it was hard to maintain due to lack of experience and time the organisation had. I offered there and then to take on the responsibilities of their social media.

I am originally from the UK and immigrated to Victoria about 2 ½ years ago after marrying my Canadian born husband. Prior to moving here I worked for the police for over 8 years, as a civilian. My last 4 years were as a Crime Scene Investigator. A very interesting career, where I learnt many valuable skills and had some great experiences.

After arriving into beautiful British Columbia, I wanted to become part of the community and put the skills I had to good use. I became a volunteer to a few different organisations; Police Victim Services, Women's Sexual Assault Centre, Canadian Cancer Society and Beckley Farm Residential Home for people with dementia. I enjoyed meeting new people, learning new skills and taking on new challenges. Today I remain supporting Police Victim Services and VRJS.

I am very pleased to be helping a fantastic non-profit organisation. If you are on Facebook or Twitter, be sure to come and say hi (Twitter - @VRJSBC & Facebook – Victoria Restorative Justice Society). There's also an amazing website too www.vrjs.org!



Andy Robertson

I recently left the education field, having been a school counsellor at the elementary, middle and secondary levels. While I was at Dunsmuir Middle School, I was often asked to attend RJ conferences run through the West Shore

RCMP. I got to know the lead facilitator and I watched how she ran conferences. I was impressed. It was more work up front but I could see that all participants were respected and were allowed a voice. In addition, there was a lot of room for creativity when considering final agreements.

Initially, my students thought that conferencing was a much easier choice, especially considering it kept them out of court! No record, they thought. Easy. The conference itself was a wake up call. I noticed that it was usually very difficult for the teens to face others and talk about the hurt and loss that had occurred. This was even more so considering the presence of parents. It was clear to me that justice was being created and enlivened by the courage and honesty of the participants. The post conference snack was very important as it allowed parents to mingle and chat with the teens "on the other side".

After that, I facilitated a few conferences at the school. One incident involved a shop teacher and 2 students who had engaged in risky behaviour in the shop. All 3 of the participants liked the result as they all had their say.

After leaving education, I attended a meeting when I happened to meet Gillian who told me about VRJS. I was interested in becoming involved again. I saw the process work so well before that volunteering was an easy decision for me. I think that more and more cases will be settled by conferencing, including more very serious cases. I find RJ work to be very rewarding. I am new at VRJS but I have already witnessed situations where the conference was life altering for at least one of the participants. It is so neat to be a part of that.

SALSA FUNDRAISER by Geanine Robey



Geanine Robey

On June 3, volunteers, staff and generous community donors raised \$1,015 for VRJS at the "Club Salsa" night at the Victoria Event Centre.

The evening began with couples hitting the dance floor for a lesson. Much to the crowd's surprise, after a few minutes, everyone was asked to switch partners and make their way around the circle to have the opportunity to chat briefly and dance with

all in the circle. (We should have known, being the “circle” people we are.)



In no time at all, the dance floor was awash in salsa novices demonstrating their new-found confidence in hip shaking, shoulder shimmies and flashy turns. **VRJS Program Chair, Alyne Mochan** and **Volunteer Coordinator, Shanna Warmald** each took a turn with the instructor and dazzled us all with their fancy foot work and sizzling style.

The evening just kept getting better as a live Latin band hit the stage providing great dance music until 1 a.m.



The silent auction with items as diverse as fitness training, food baskets, a marine wildlife tour, colourful scarves and IMAX passes kept the shoppers in the crowd busy surveying the actions of their competitors. Items for the auction were donated by VRJS members as well as community donors: 54.40 Band, Cinecenta, Royal BC Museum, Bliss Boutique

Spa, IMAX Victoria, The Bay, Fashion Focus, Blanshard Street Winery, Spinnakers, Brun Body Bar, Genesis Salon, Ocean Explorations, Gordon Head Massage Therapy, Boston Pizza, Curves, The Natural Look Hair Design, Bambinos, Dynamo Training, Kellie McQuaig Interior Design, Moksana Yoga, Stuart Brown Wine Group and Thrifty Foods. Thanks to Carly Rudolph for the scarves and Laura Fellman for donating the “Free Spirit” book .



VRJS extends our thanks to everyone who helped to make the evening a success and great fun.



"We must work to resolve conflicts in a spirit of reconciliation and always keep in mind the interests of others. We cannot destroy our neighbours! We cannot ignore their interests!" -The Dalai Lama

Appendix I: Donation Form



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DONATION FORM

First Name:	Last Name:
Address:	City/Prov:
Postal Code:	Telephone:
Amount Donated:	

Make your tax deductible cheque payable to "Victoria Restorative Justice Society" and mail to above address.

Would you like to become a member of Victoria Restorative Justice Yes No

If yes, a VRJS executive member will contact you.

(Membership Cost is \$25.00 per year and is tax deductible)



You can also donate on-line through Canadahelps.org website.

You will receive an official tax receipt;

more importantly, you will contribute to a more just, safe and humane community.

Please donate by visiting:

<http://www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?CharityID=s97946>