

CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

It is with your town support, the Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ) was able to serve over 1,225 individuals this past year. Even in a year with an unprecedented pandemic, CRJ continued to provide county-wide, community justice programs and intervention services. CRJ's programs are based on the principles of restorative justice, a philosophy of justice that focuses on the people and communities harmed by crime; it emphasizes bringing together everyone affected by wrongdoing to address needs and responsibilities.

Some CRJ highlights from this past year include:

- CRJ launched a new program this past year called Threads. Threads is a teen clothing boutique shop that accepts donations of quality, gently used clothing. Any teen can come shop at Threads and all clothing and accessories are free of charge.
- 165 individuals with suspended licenses were assisted to get legally back on the road.
- 238 youth and adults participated in CRJ's Court Diversion Programs; after successful completion, including repairing the harms caused to their victims, the individuals' criminal records were expunged.
- 124 youth cited for underage drinking or possession of marijuana participated in CRJ's screening, education and treatment program; successful completions resulted in dismissal of civil charges.
- 173 students in Manchester, Arlington, and Bennington were served through CRJ's school-based Truancy Program and Restorative Alternative Program.
- 138 at-risk teens received services through one of CRJ's many youth intervention programs such as The Lounge (after school program), movie nights, mentoring and life skill development.
- 47 adults reentering the community from incarceration were supported through a variety of programs to help them positively reintegrate into the community.
- 340 individuals were served through CRJ's many other programs including victim impact classes, risk assessments and screenings, pre-charge programming and expungement assistance.

CRJ is grateful for your continued support in helping individuals to get their lives on the right track, empowering victims to have a voice in the justice process, and helping to restore and strengthen our communities.

Respectfully Submitted,
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