



WCCC
Washington County Community Circles

“Repairing harm to victims, holding clients accountable and building a better community.”

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coping with the “New Normal”

2020 has not been kind. During this world phenomenon, everyone has adjusted their normal routine in one way or another. We’ve learned how to work remotely, learn remotely and connect with loved ones remotely.

So, during this time of “remoteness,” how do we continue restorative justice in our community? By taking the first step of defining a new normal.

Part of the new normal includes WCCC updating our protocols to include COVID related practices. We have strived to make the process meaningful and to continue to create safe and sacred spaces for Circles to occur. WCCC will be leveraging Microsoft Teams to accomplish virtual circles.

To support this change, WCCC will be hosting a Volunteer Connectivity Event to offer resources and training on the use of Microsoft Teams.

If you’ve always wanted to volunteer for WCCC, but realized this isn’t the year to start because of all the changes, please consider donating to WCCC during Give to the Max day on November 19, 2020.

Stay healthy during these trying times.

Katie Schurrer
 Chair of the WCCC Board



Upcoming Events

- **November 19th**
 - GTMD
Give to the Max Day
- **Date Coming Soon**
 - Volunteer Connectivity Event

Partners in (Repairing the harm of) Crime



GTTM (Give to the Max) Day is upon us!

If you have not participated before, you've missed out on the fun. Plan to join GiveMN and thousands of Minnesota nonprofits and schools as we raise millions of dollars together for the organizations which make our communities stronger.

"Give to the Max takes on new meaning in 2020 as Minnesota's giving holiday," said Jake Blumberg, executive director of GiveMN. "All year long, donors have given to support nonprofits and schools adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic and leading the charge on racial justice, and we hope to help spark even more generosity as we head into the all-important end-of-year fundraising time for organizations across our state."

Your donation today through November 19 will support: Victims finding restoration; People who have committed crimes learning to make better choices; Conflicts getting resolved; Marriages being strengthened; Lives being repaired. People finding hope.

Give today by visiting: <https://www.givemn.org/organization/Washington-County-Community-Circles>

Sharing is caring! Consider donating to our partner, Tubman.

<https://www.givemn.org/organization/Tubman>



Bittersweet Farewell

Thank you!

Help WCCC gives thanks and gratitude to two departing board members this year. Jen Lenander and Kim Brinkoetter may not be a part of our board circle any longer, but they'll always be a part of the restorative justice community circle.

Jen Lenander

Jen Lenander has been incredibly impactful and led our fundraising efforts since she got involved with WCCC on the board in 2015, from finding donors for matches on our GTMD, establishing protocols for our Gerten's fundraiser in the spring, adding a winter fundraiser for poinsettias, and always finding ways to improve our operations.

Jen was instrumental in our strategic planning process over the past few years and honing in the focus of WCCC. She also brought along her husband, Duane, who continues to serve as our IT expert and help us transition to Office 365 and upgrade our website. Their impact has been immeasurable.

Kim Brinkoetter

Kim jumped right in when she joined the board in 2018. Kim was always up for contributing where she could. She joined the Circle training team and participated in trainings over her years on the board. Her quiet and yet clear leadership style was a helpful and much-needed contribution on the board. She was an advocate for self-care for volunteers and community members addressing the challenges that we encounter in our work.

Welcomed Hellos

Help WCCC to welcome our newest board member, Muhammed Ali!

Muhammed joined "the circle" in February of 2020 by volunteering in Circles in Woodbury. He also attended the Commercial Sex Exploitation training and has been participating on Accountability Circles. He will now be contributing his talents to the WCCC board.

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"Giving is the greatest act of grace."

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