



Talking Circles

WCCC
Washington County Community Circles

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

How is it Fall already?



Last time I wrote to you, I discussed how spring was breathing new life into our organization. We've continued to harness this energy and are excited to discuss some exciting developments and upcoming opportunities.

Welcome to our summer newsletter . . . that comes to you after Fall has officially started! It seems to us like 2016 is flying by, just as Summer has flown by. This

newsletter is focused on updates. The best-news-update goes to Lucky Lucas – we're so pleased he's doing so well. We also have new information on our partnership with Eagle Brook Church and our great intern Jill Green.

As we look to the closing few months of 2016, we hope to continue to build in relationship together with all of you. Please contact us if you have any ideas for fellowship, training, or presentations. As our mission statement reads, we practice Restorative Justice in Washington County through Community Circles, while continuing to support and spread the circle process in the county and region.

Katie Schurrer

Chair of the WCCC Board



Upcoming Events

- **October 6, 2016**
 - Presentation to North Hennepin Community College Class
- **October 28-29, 2016**
 - Circle 101 Training
- **Now through October 15, 2016**
 - Gerten's Pointsettia Sale
 - Contact [Jen Lenander](#) for details and pricing **by October 15.**
 - [Pointsettia samples here.](#)

Volunteer Spotlight

We are pleased to feature a relatively new volunteer this quarter. Jill Green came to us as a client in late 2014 and since then has completed volunteer training and has been serving as an intern for the WCCC Board of Directors since this past May.

Jill has had a busy internship enthusiastically working on increasing awareness of WCCC and identifying volunteer recruiting opportunities, primarily in the northern area of Washington County. In addition to this Jill has taken our WCCC Volunteer Training and is set to start working on a new Sentencing Circle case in Woodbury.

A lot of activity is what Jill seems to enjoy. She works nearly full time as a health care aide and is currently nearing completion of a social work degree from Century College. With all of this going on Jill would tell you that her primary activity is being a proud mother to her 15 year old daughter.

WCCC salutes Jill and we hope for a long continuing association with her.

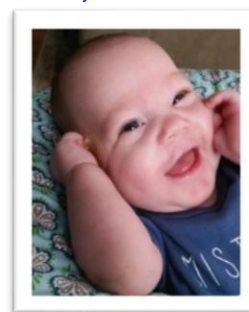
Jill Green



Volunteer Update: Kylie LaFontaine and "Lucky Lucas"

We are very pleased to share that Lucas is now home with mom Kylie and dad Ryan. Mom says it has been great bonding with Lucas and watching him grow stronger. Mom says he's very "talkative" and has lots of smiles.

We have lots of smiles looking at this picture of Lucky Lucas. Thanks to all of you who supported Lucas, Ryan, and Kylie!



Volunteer Opportunities are always available through WCCC.

For more information or to learn how you can join a Circle, please contact us at contact@peacemakingcircles.org





Partners in (Repairing the Harm of) Crime

Over the last year, Washington County Community Circles and Eagle Brook Church have enjoyed conversations on the benefit of circles.

The church has been making changes in their approach to outreach and care using concepts from [Brian Fikkert and Steve Corbett's book, "When Helping Hurts"](#). The book specifically encouraged "circles" as a way to invite others to contribute and participate in their own solutions so that they could reconcile relationships that had been damaged or were in need of strengthening.

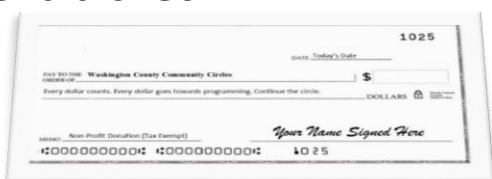
Several staff and volunteers from EBC were trained in circles concepts over the past year and that has provided great insight for new strategies for benevolence and providing deeper care for those in the faith community and beyond. This past spring, EBC hosted a gathering for a variety of non-profits to come together and learn how to also integrate circles into their programming.

In total, 6 non-profits across the Twin Cities were trained in the basic concepts of circles! EBC looks forward to continued learnings with WCCC as they provide such a valuable resource to those in our community looking for transformation!

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"We can all make a difference in the lives of someone in need, because it is the most simple of gestures that make the most significant of differences." ~Miya Yamanouchi~

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