

## Executive Director's Report November 2018

- This past month I have been focusing primarily on fundraising and delivering presentations to local civic clubs and faith groups as well as reaching out to local companies for sponsorship and corporate partnerships. I will also be continuing efforts at expanding direct donor campaigns, online giving and supporting the CARD Team to host some fundraising events in the next 2 months.
- We were approved to receive an additional \$5,000 from the Youth Homelessness Collective Impact Initiative that we are a member of to go towards the Family ReConnect program our Community Justice Program will be running. This \$5k will go to costs we are already incurring in running that program and will not require additional staffing or facilitators.
- We finally received the VIVA payment of \$23k which alleviated the cash flow concerns and will carry us until the \$19k installment from the Department of Justice comes in within the next couple of weeks.
- We still need to raise considerable funds to ensure we are not in this position again if a grant payment is late but many actions have already been/continue to be taken to this end.
- I have facilitated 2 grant writing workshops as fundraising events which has led to multiple requests for more of these and a workshop on creating an overall resource development strategy. Demand is high for these events and cost is zero so I will be scheduling more on a quarterly basis to have more fundraising events on a regular basis.
- We had staff and volunteers attend the Senate Open Caucus on Restorative Justice. Feedback was that this was an excellent event
- We have a new full-time student on placement with us from now until the end of April. Donna Todd will be completing her hours with us. We will also have a placement student from April on, Nikki Stiller. This will be incredibly helpful for all staff as both have a lot of experience and skills that will free up my time and our coordinators' time to focus on more strategic priorities.
- Written and verbal notice has been given to all staff regarding upcoming changes in their contracts as the BE STRONG grant winds down. Sheri and I will be moving to 4 days/week as of Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 and Andrew and Elle's contracts will be concluding as of Jan 31, 2019.

### Restorative In Context •••

**Local:** We have postponed our symposium for the time being.

**Provincial:** -

**National:** Recent articles on the Senate Open Caucus on RJ and study that shows 52% of Canadians still don't know or understand RJ.  
<https://winnipeg.sun.com/opinion/columnists/guest-column-canada-needs-more-restorative-justice>

And

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/opinion-eggleton-saint-germain-restorative-justice-1.4884839>

**International:** Excellent resource on academic research into RP around the world from 2015  
<https://quakerservice.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Restorative-Justice-Policy-Paper-CFCN-CCJC-3Nov2016.pdf>