Executive Director September 2017 Report

# Key Messages

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* Theresa Welch is our new Finance Coordinator ([finance@commjustice.org](mailto:finance@commjustice.org)) and Elle Halladay is our new Community Coordinator ([communitydevelopment@commjustice.org](mailto:communitydevelopment@commjustice.org))
* Department of Justice Grant for $41,732 was approved to launch our Building Restorative Communities.
* CARD Team will have their first meeting in October, stay tuned for details
* DonorSnap is up and running now and all data will now be entered on a weekly basis by our volunteer. **Please inform me on ANY activities/conversations/engagements you have had with anyone on behalf of LCCJ so we can maintain accurate and current data in the software.**

**Community Partnerships**

* The most notable development in this area is our collaboration with other youth serving organizations from the Planning Council on the “Change the World” grant from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration. We are the lead organization and have submitted a grant for $60,000 to fund a youth volunteering initiative. We should hear something within the next month
* We continue to be one of the founding organizations of Peggy’s House for Men (a proposed residential treatment facility for men who have been violent and abusive). The programming would be rooted in a restorative approach. Other partners with us in this initiative include: United Way, Algonquin College, Survivors Groups, Lanark County Interval House, HARS, OPP and interested community members
* I met with the organizers of Plan B, a grassroots community group operating in Lanark Highlands that works to provide food and support for needy residents. We will likely be coordinating with them as an organization any folks through our Court Diversion program can complete their community service hours with them as they are one of the few charity organizations in Lanark that receives absolutely no outside funding so they can really use the support. We are drawing up an MOU in the next few weeks.

**Program Info:**

* We had a change in the new hires for various reasons and the new replacements are both in place. Training is ongoing.
* We don’t have a student on placement this semester but will have one from Jan-April and another from April-August full-time.
* Both established programs are on track with goals and targets, no concerns at this time. We will be doing another strategic push for volunteers in the BE STRONG program.
* The new program will begin formal development as Elle started this week. She and I will be working closely together and will have a Program Logic Model ready for board review in October