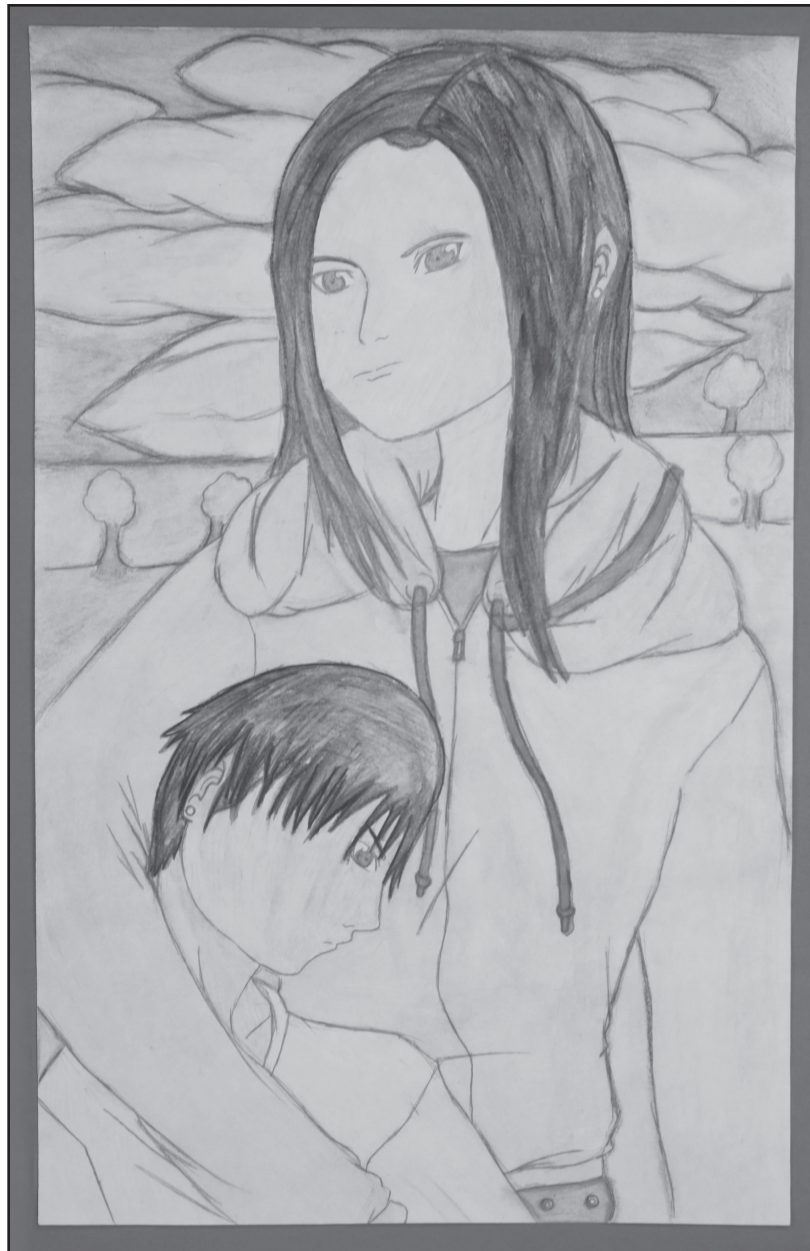


5th Annual Restorative Justice Initiative Conference

Successes and Challenges
MILWAUKEE SAFE STREETS PROJECT

Tuesday, November 11, 2008



By Jerry Her, 8th grade, Hmong American Peace Academy
My hero is my sister because she's always there and she is there whenever I need something.



SCHEDULE

8:30 to 9 a.m. • REGISTRATION

Continental breakfast will be served.

9 a.m. • WELCOME

Master of Ceremonies, Mike Gousha

Distinguished Fellow in Law and Public Policy
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Joseph D. Kearney

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The Honorable Tom Barrett

Mayor
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The Honorable Steven M. Biskupic

United States Attorney
Eastern District of Wisconsin

Justice Janine P. Geske (ret.)

Distinguished Professor of Law
Marquette Law School

RJI Safe Streets video premier

9:45 a.m. • KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Professor David M. Kennedy

Director of the Center for Crime Prevention and Control
Professor of Anthropology
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
New York City

10:45 to 11:45 a.m. • PANEL DISCUSSION

Milwaukee Safe Streets Project

Moderated by Mike Gousha

Keith Burns, Managing Partner, Ernst & Young, LLP, and
Greater Milwaukee Committee

Paulina de Haan

Community Coordinator, Police District 2
Marquette Law School

10:45 to 11:45 a.m. • PANEL DISCUSSION, continued

William Lipscomb

United States Attorney's Office
Eastern District of Wisconsin, Criminal Division

J. Allen Stokes

Executive Director
Inner City Redevelopment Corporation

11:45 a.m. • PRESENTATION OF STUDENT ART, ESSAY, AND DVD AWARD WINNERS

Ron Johnson

Community Coordinator, Police District 5
Marquette Law School

Sigrid Dynek

RJI Community Volunteer

Noon • LUNCH

A complimentary box lunch will be provided.

1:15 p.m. • ANATOMY OF A MURDER IN MILWAUKEE

Moderated by Mike Gousha

Mary Kay Balchunas and **Cassandra Cassandra** will tell their personal stories of having to survive the murder of their sons.

Dr. Mallory O'Brien will give an overview of what the Milwaukee Homicide Commission has learned about homicides in the city over the last three years.

2:30 p.m. • STARFISH AWARD AND PANEL DISCUSSION: Unsung Urban Heroes

The conference will conclude with the presentation of the Urban Unsung Heroes "Starfish Awards." This award will recognize three individuals who have gone unrecognized for their service, compassion, and leadership in the community. We thank the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's Make-a-Difference Fund, STEP Fund, and Anonymous Fund for making this monetary award possible honoring the winners for their vital contributions to the city of Milwaukee.

3:30 p.m. • CLOSING COMMENTS

Janine P. Geske

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The conference will feature a keynote address by **Professor David M. Kennedy**, Director of the Center for Crime Prevention and Control and Professor of Anthropology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. From 1993 through 2004, Kennedy was a senior researcher and adjunct professor at the Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. His work focuses on strategies for assisting troubled communities. He has written and consulted extensively in the areas of community and problem-solving policing, police corruption, and neighborhood revitalization. He has performed field work in police departments and troubled communities in many American and foreign cities.

STARFISH AWARD

There was a woman who was out for a walk on the beach along the ocean. In the distance, she sees a child repeatedly bending, picking something up, and throwing it into the water as the tide receded. She gets closer and sees that there are thousands of starfish lying on the beach under the hot sun, dying. She again looks at the little boy and realizes he is trying to throw the starfish back into the water to save them. She approaches him and says, "What are you doing? Don't you see that there are thousands of starfish here and that you cannot make a difference by throwing a few back into the water?" He bends down, picks up another starfish and says, "Makes a difference to this one."

JOHN SCHNEIDER

John Schneider is a well-respected playwright, actor, and director. In addition to his accomplishments in Milwaukee's theater community he is also a faculty member of Marquette University's Performing Arts Department. His most recent theater accomplishment is the founding of Project Non-Violence. Project Non-Violence is a program that works with Milwaukee's inner-city youth by creating an opportunity for them to create, write, and produce plays. These plays are performed at Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee with one performance being open to the public. The project, now in its third season, allows these youth to be exposed to theater training, have an outlet for expression, build strong work ethics, and develop valuable friendships. The message of Project Non-Violence is that negative behaviors lead to violence and that this violent behavior is not an acceptable option. John's sense of passion and understanding for our youth has helped Milwaukee's young people to discover untapped talents while empowering them to address and present solutions to the violence that is affecting our entire community.



DONALD JACKSON

In 2000, after 32 years of putting his life on the line to respond to fires and accidents, Donald Jackson retired as an assistant chief for the Milwaukee Fire Department. In addition to his service to the fire department, in the early 1990's, Donald started the Augusta M. LaVarnway Boys & Girls Club in an effort to positively influence the lives of low-income, at-risk youth. Donald, or "Chief" as the kids he works with call him, works tirelessly with the Keystone Club, a program that teaches leadership skills and community involvement to teenagers. Chief also started the LaVarnway Credit Union, which helps to educate inner-city youth on how to save and manage money. Chief also provides the youth from the LaVarnway Boys & Girls Club with golf lessons, a sport that is rarely accessible to them.

Chief's contribution to the LaVarnway Boys & Girls Club is immeasurable. He has been an active volunteer at the club for over 18 years, spending on average 20-30 hours a week there. Because Chief comes from a similar background as the youth who are involved with the LaVarnway Boys & Girls Club, he serves as living proof that these members can become community leaders themselves. He does not volunteer for any personal gains, rather his commitment to our youth is done simply because he has an endless passion for helping young people. Chief's commitment to our youth has already positively influenced the lives of many young men and women who have successfully acted on his advice, guidance, and support.

AL HEGWOOD

Al Hegwood is a native Milwaukeean and a Vietnam veteran of the Army Special Forces. He has been a certified caseworker since 1976, and has always been employed in programs that advocate healthy lifestyles for youth, mainly in the mental health field. Some of his past employment positions include being a case manager at LaCausa, Inc. in the Crisis Nursery Satellite program, human services technician at SDC's Family Crisis Center, and a Foster Care case manager at the Department of Human Services. Since 1998, Al has been employed by the Safe and Sound program as a community partner. As a community partner he has helped to fight crime in some of Milwaukee's most challenged neighborhoods through the development of block clubs. Al works with residents, block clubs, and law enforcement to improve Milwaukee's neighborhoods. Specifically, his work in helping to build the block club on 4th and Keefe in Milwaukee has helped to clean out most of the gang bangers and significantly reduce crime. Al's active involvement with our community has allowed him to become a resource for others in helping to combat crime in Milwaukee.



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ART, ESSAY, AND DVD AWARD WINNERS

ESSAY WINNERS

1st Place: Patrick McLinden
Neighborhood Hero
A. E. Burdick
6th grade

2nd Place: Samuel Hutchins
Community Hero
Riverside University High School
12th grade

3rd Place: Yarelik Arellano
My Neighborhood Hero
St. Josephat Parish School
8th grade

ART WINNERS

1st place: Jerry Her
My hero is my sister because she's always there and she is there whenever I need something.
Hmong American Peace Academy
8th grade

2nd place: Ge Vang
My grandpa is my hero.
International Peace Academy
9th grade

3rd place: Cha Yang

My hero is my dad. At first I was confused and lost. Then he showed me and opened my eyes.
International Peace Academy
9th grade

HONORABLE MENTION DVD

Kyle Johnston
Alex Navarre
Alex and Kyle visit the V.A.
A.E. Burdick
7th grade

HONORABLE MENTION ART

Mai Vang Thao
My hero is the one who makes a big part of my life. She helps me through my bad times and always makes me feel safe.
International Peace Academy
9th grade

2008 Safe Streets Report Card

Originating from Mayor Tom Barrett's 2007 Common Ground Milwaukee Summit, the Safe Streets Initiative has enjoyed tremendous success in 2008 in the project's three core areas. We are pleased to provide the following results from Police Districts 2 & 5:

Law Enforcement

- ✓ Law enforcement agencies (the District police, the Anti-Gang Unit, the Intelligence Unit, the Vice Unit, the U.S and District Attorney's Offices and others) have become better aligned creating stronger communication, increased intelligence, resulting in more arrests and convictions of violent crime;
- ✓ Two "take downs" by law enforcement of gangs on the north side: the Vice Lords at 1st and Keefe (50+ gang members were federally indicted) and the "Nash Street Boys": 19th and Nash (40 gang members were federally indicted);
- ✓ Over all, **shootings** in the city are down by 7% (425 in 2007 to 394 in 2008) and **homicides** are down by 31% (91 in 2007 to 63 in 2008).

Community Engagement/Prevention

- ✓ In districts 2 & 5, Community Coordinators have met with more than 150 neighborhood groups, community based organizations, faith and business leaders, public officials, schools, residents, offenders and crime victims to secure partnerships for the Safe Streets project;
- ✓ As part of the restorative justice model, Community Coordinators have held a total of 37 Community Circles with more than 400 participants in 20 different locations. Ninety-one offenders attended Circles and were put on notice by the community as well as provided with resources to assist in their re-entry.
- ✓ Two district-wide "Call-In" sessions were held with more than 150 participants. North and south side offenders were targeted in these critical meetings, led by the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Deputy U.S. Attorney, the District Attorney and others. Participating offenders were given an ultimatum of ending their criminal behavior or being severely prosecuted. Community members put offenders on notice and also provided resources and support in exchange for them turning away from crime.

Corrections

- ✓ Ninety-one offenders re-entering the community participated in Restorative Justice Community Circles;
- ✓ Of those, there is an 88% non-recidivism rate since the Safe Streets Initiative began;
- ✓ Community resources offered to returning offenders have included: case management, needs assessments, job training, alcohol and drug treatment, driver's license recovery, scholastic (GED and HSED) opportunities and employment.

Patrick McLinden
Mr. Conti
Room 203
9/21/08

Neighborhood Hero

My neighborhood hero is Zach Komes. Zach Komes is a kid who lives on the corner of Hi Mount Boulevard and Vine Street. That's the street behind my house. Zach is a high school freshman. He is 14 and goes to Rufus King High School. What I like about Zach is that he helps a lot with charitable causes, even though he's still a kid. Zach does a lot in everyday life that some adults wouldn't think of doing. He comes up with his own ideas too. It isn't like his parents are telling him what to do.

For instance, Zach owns his own business, EZ Coffee. EZ stands for Zach and Elsa, Zach's little sister, who is from Colombia. EZ also means easy to use! EZ Coffee only happens during the summer on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The coffee stand is on the corner of his street, and his little sister Elsa, and their friend Sydney Plumb help out. They sell coffee and pastries that Sydney makes in the morning. It's kind of like a lemonade stand, only with coffee. Every year Zach and Elsa and Sydney come up with a new charity to give the money to. They give all the money to the charity. They don't keep any of it for themselves. This year

they gave \$1,500 to a charity called UNICEF (United Nation's Children's Fund), so that a village in Africa could have a water well dug and a pump installed. Last year, they gave the money they earned with EZ Coffee to a charity called the Heifer International to buy farm animals for another village in North Africa. Zach won the Youth Leadership Award from the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee for what he did.

Zach supports EZ Coffee with a corporation he made himself called Youth For Change International. Zach started YFCI in 2005 after he won the award. Zach has a website that informs people about things like "The Green Dream." The Green Dream is a campaign that is trying to inform people on global warming. The website is getting 1,500 hits a month. You can go to <http://www.yfci.co.nr> for more information and to read an interview with Zach.

I like Zach because he's a good role model for kids, while he's still at kid himself. He doesn't just sit around and act like he doesn't care. He gets up and going and is there for things he cares about. He's also smart, funny and nice to be around. Zach is not like a lot of other teenagers. He's not a snob or full of himself. The main thing that I really like about him is he can be regular and at the same time make you feel like you can do something amazing like he did. That's my neighborhood hero.

Samuel Hutchins
October 10th, 2008
A.P. English Literature
Ms. Fishman

Community Hero

One common fixation that my family has always shared is its love for the game of tennis. Being taught by my father, me and my siblings would play with one another for hours on end during the summer. However, growing up in the inner-city, tennis was not an activity readily available to us. Bob Rush has been a tennis instructor for many years in the city of Milwaukee. Every summer he organizes a free tennis camp in the inner-city for young people interested in game. Many come out and participate yearly in the camp. He has professional colligate level tennis coaches from across the county come and assist the youth with the core fundamentals of the game.

By participating in his camps since the age of ten, I've watched my own personal skills shape and develop into the attributes of a fine player. I am currently a senior and have been on my varsity high school team since freshman year; fully knowing that I wouldn't have had the required skills had it not been for the assistance of coach Bob Rush.

My love for the game of tennis is deeply rooted, and I owe a majority of that love to Mr. Rush. Had it not been for his efforts to bring a sport to a demographic that would normally not have access to it, I wouldn't have had my eyes opened to something I truly enjoy. I consider Mr. Rush a community hero for the fact that he was able to create a hobby and a love that will stay with not only me, but hundreds of children in the city of Milwaukee for the rest of their lives.

The hero in my neighborhood, who is quietly making a difference, is Mr. Falk. Mr. Falk is my 8th grade teacher. The reason he is my hero in my neighborhood is because he does very wonderful positive things, such as caring for his students as if they were his children, helping others in need and loving and making others feel better.

Mr. Falk is a hero because he cares for his students as if they were his children. That really shows a lot about a person. Mr. Falk has always told us that he will try his best to keep us from getting hurt. What he says, he means. Also Mr. Falk is always pushing our class to achieve. He will sit next to you and give you, and explain everything step by step. No matter how much time it takes. Second of all, Mr. Falk is loving and caring, he is the type of person that likes to show his affection.

Last of all, Mr. Falk is that type of person that likes to make everyone feel better no matter of what kind of day that you are having. He really never wants us to be sad; he wants you to enjoy life as much as you can.

That's why Mr. Falk is a true hero. He is having an impact in every student's life, for that best. He is the person that makes every one want to come to school to get an education, to learn from your mistakes and be something in life.



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