



Bringing People Together

PiRI Vision

We envision a world where restorative principles and practices are known, respected and used to redress harm, restore peace, improve relationships, reduce violence, promote healing and build healthy communities.

PiRI Mission

Partners in Restorative Initiatives, located in western New York, works with schools, courts and communities to instill restorative practices through education, advocacy, training and facilitation.

inside this issue...

Message from the President	2
Year in Review	3
Donors & Grants	3
Financial Summary	4

Annual Report

June 1, 2009 – May 31, 2010

Fresh Faces Breathe Life Into New Projects at PiRI

This past year was a time of growth and exploration for PiRI. Our program expanded, new projects opened doors in our schools and communities and increased funding along with fresh new volunteers made possible a range of opportunities.

Education

PiRI's Education Program had an exciting year, the first in which they were able to offer the Restore Monroe Youth Summer Leadership Camp. Completely supported by grants, the two-week camp combined circle training here at PiRI with lessons in responsibility and self-esteem at A Horse's Friend, a horse camp in Pittsford that offers new experiences to underserved kids from the city. The program was open to Monroe High School students, who then carried those experiences over to the school year when they formed the Restore Monroe Youth Student Leadership Team. The group works on finding solutions to make their school a better place.



Student at Restore Monroe Youth Camp

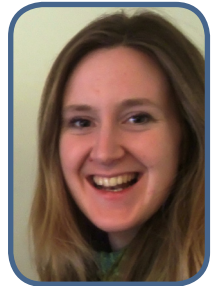
PiRI continues its close collaboration with Monroe High School and Principal Vicky Ramos. The school instituted Circles as a part of the students' program every three weeks.

Courts & Community

The Courts Programs moved to another level in this past year with the addition of its new director, Isobel Davies. The program has matured with help of reliable support from interns and volunteers, including the creation of the Courts Case Manager position to organize logistics of referrals and conference arrangements.

In addition to the continuation of the program in East Rochester Town Court, the Courts Program has also taken on two new projects in 2009-10. They received a contract

to work with the Catholic Family Center's Reentry Program in a program known as RealTalk, in which recently released inmates meet in circles with their families and friends to plan for a successful reentry into the community. Our Courts volunteers also began a pilot program for felony-level cases with the Judicial Diversion Program, one of the Problem Solving Courts of Monroe County.



**Isobel Davies,
New Director of
Courts Programs**

Outreach

The 2009 Western New York Restorative Justice Conference, held on campus at The College at Brockport in October, was the largest yet. The program was expanded to two days of breakout sessions, with over thirty presentations.

Renowned author and speaker Katy Hutchison gave the first keynote address and scheduled several presentations throughout the Rochester area in connection with the conference. Hutchison's story of meeting with her husband's killer was an inspiring example of what restorative practices can mean to those who have encountered crimes of serious violence.

Other PiRI events in our community included the first Dr. Thomas Castellano Memorial Lecture and participation in the International Visitor Leadership Program. In September, PiRI welcomed a contingent of Jewish and Muslim visitors from Israel as part of the IVLP, a professional exchange program run by the U.S. Department of State. The visitors learned about restorative practices, participated in a circle and had lunch here at the PiRI office. "Communities and Crime," delivered last October by Dr. Robert Sampson, Chair of Sociology at Harvard University, honored former RIT professor, PiRI Board Member and friend Tom Castellano. The Castellano Fund was created from donations in Tom's memory to support future events in order to raise awareness about restorative practices. ○

President
Sue Klassen

Vice-President
Jeanne Carlivati

Secretary
Mary Reed

Treasurer
Ann Blake

Members at Large
Tonya Griffin
Russ McDonald
Al Miglani

Board Member Emeritus
Lois Davis

Advisory Board
Will Bontrager
Donna Cullen
Peggy Duffy
Ron Hallman
David Markham
Kay Marshman
Kit Miller
Ed Minardo
Rich Ragazzo
Jim Termotto

PiRI Staff

Manager of Administration
JoAnn Welsh

**PiRI United Way
Designation #2486**

LIVE UNITED



Message from the President

End of Decade is Just the Beginning

Ten years after its birth, PiRI is impacting local systems. From its earliest years, PiRI trained individuals in schools, courts and the community. As some of these individuals found success in their workplaces, word spread. Whole schools and courts started adopting restorative practices. As we began our second decade on May 19, 2010, we celebrated this shift from an individual to systemic focus.

Avon School District and James Monroe High School are cultivating a restorative culture as the central organizing principle. Classes in Avon and mentor groups at Monroe regularly use Peace Circles to build a sense of community and respect within the school. Other schools, such as Fairport High, School #29 and Tapestry Charter School, have taken beginning steps. On April 7, Ashley Rivera, then a junior at Monroe, won the top regional Princeton Prize in Race Relations for her essay on the difference restorative practices have made in the school “by developing relationships, building a better community, and repairing harm when it takes place.”

PiRI would like to express our deep appreciation to Dr. John Klofas at RIT and to all those behind Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federally funded grant aimed at helping kids in areas affected by gang violence. Over the last two years, PSN funding supported training for well over 200 teachers and other professionals who work with at-risk youth.



Sue Klassen

For the first time, Restorative Justice is part of the conversation for County Court Judge elections. Judge Vicki Argento, who initiated a Restorative Justice program in her court in 2008, has made Restorative Justice part of her platform.

“After the great success of using the practice in East Rochester Town Courts, I’m very excited and looking forward to implementing restorative practices in County Court because I think it will make a difference,” Argento said.

Judge Marks, Supervising Judge of the Criminal Courts 7th Judicial District, surprised us by stating at her first meeting with us in January, “Restorative Justice is an excellent fit with the Problem Solving Courts. I’d like to see all cases screened for Restorative Justice, starting with the Judicial Diversion Program.”

Restorative Rochester, a network of institutions and individuals committed to increasing the use of restorative practices locally, held its first meeting on March 12. PiRI and the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence have provided the core leadership. Over 20 individuals, the Center for Dispute Settlement, Step by Step, and the Center for Youth have also been involved. Restorative Rochester aims to lead Rochester to become the most restorative city in the country, where Restorative Practices are widely used in schools, courts and the community. Restorative Rochester has amplified PiRI’s influence in the community, and shows promise in creating a systemic level impact in the coming decade.

This past year, PiRI has taken strides locally towards its vision: a world where restorative practices are known, respected and used to redress harm, restore peace, improve relationships, reduce violence, promote healing and build healthy communities. ○

Year in Review

JUNE PiRI Open House - Community Conference Training

JULY Peace Circle Training - Intern Kristen Wall leaves PiRI - Supper & Support Circle for facilitators - Circle Trainings for Avon Central Schools - Advanced Circle Training for Monroe High School

AUGUST Peace Circle Training - Restore Monre Youth Summer Leadership Camp at PiRI and A Horse's Friend

SEPTEMBER International Visiting Leadership Program brings Israeli Jews and Palestinians together in a circle at PiRI - Carrie Gallagher, Bekka Leibowitz and Isobel Davies join Courts Programs

OCTOBER Advanced Peace Circle Training - Advanced Community Conference Training - PiRI Annual Meeting - Author, speaker and restorative justice advocate Katy Hutchison presents around the Rochester area - Western New York Restorative Justice Conference, *Walking After Midnight* - David Messner joins Board - Dr. Thomas Castellano Memorial Lecture on Justice at RIT

NOVEMBER Community Conference Training in Batavia

DECEMBER Peace Circle Training - Circle Training at Building Stronger Communities - Circle Training for School 29 - Gail Ferraioli, Joan Mitchell leave Board - Donna Cullen, Kay Marshman & Kit Miller join Advisory Board

JANUARY Circle Trainings for Schools - RJ Presentation to Houghton College - RJ pilot study proposed for Judicial Diversion Program - Natalie Uttamsingh joins PiRI as Volunteer Coordinator - Peggy Duffy & Jim Termotto join Advisory Board - RealTalk Family Circles program begins in collaboration with Catholic Family Center Reentry Program

FEBRUARY Presentations for Mental Health Court Coordinators and Farmington Friends Meeting - Table at Black History Month at Wilson High School - Circle Trainings for Schools - Executive Director Mark Klemens and Board Member MJ Ebenhack leave PiRI

MARCH Advanced Peace Circle Training - Presentation at Tap-estry Charter School - PiRI Courts hosts Problem Solving Courts Case Managers for presentation and lunch - Isobel Davies becomes Director of Courts Programs - Roberts Wesleyan "Speaking of Faith" conference presentation - First Restorative Rochester meeting

APRIL Presentations for RCSD Social Workers, Lake Avenue Baptist Church and South Presbyterian Church- SMART Presentation - College Coffee Hour at PiRI - Peace Circle Training for Fairport School - Supper & Support Circle for facilitators - Court Case Manager Bekka Leibowitz leaves PiRI - PiRI-Probation partnership begins at meeting with Probation Officers - Crime Victims' Rights Walk

MAY PiRI Spring Board Retreat - Presentations at Two Saints Church and Quaker Meeting House - BOCES Presentation - Peace Circle Training - Ashley Howells joins Courts Program

Members and Donors

Partners in Restorative Initiatives could not exist without the financial support of our individual donors and members. We would like to thank the following who gave during the fiscal year ending May 31, 2010.

Individual Donors

Will Bontrager	Al Miglani
Judith Bovet-Egnor	Kit Miller
Philip and Jeanne Carlivati	Peter & Joan Mitchell
Brian Daily	Ed Minardo
Lois Davis	Annie Monaco
Bobbie Dillon	Ed Nowak
Jeanetta Dunlap	Alan Newton
Ben and MJ Ebenhack	Frank Ovejero
Gail Ferraioli	Rich and Annalinda Ragazzo
Kathleen Fitzpatrick	Mary Reed
Cheryl Gavenda	Karen Reixach
Michael Hagelberg	Sylvia Rose
Fred & Judith Halley	Mark and Kathy Shelly
Sue & Victor Klassen	Sally Steinwachs
Mark Klemens	Reed & Linda Stewart
Bernadette Mack	Jim Termotto
David Markahm	Dan Thompson
Russ McDonald	Kirby Trask
Carmel Merrill	Elaine Welty
David Messner	Lingling Zhu

Organizations

Spiritus Christi
 Rochester Area Mennonite Fellowship
 Farmington Friends Church
 Church of St. Luke & St. Simon Cyrene

We would also like to thank those who contriuted to the Dr. Thomas Castellano Memorial Fund in 2009. The Fund has supported two lectures on restorative justice to remember our friend, colleague and restorative justice advocate, and we will continue these efforts in the coming years.

Grants Received

Tauck Foundation	\$15,000
Project Safe Neighborhoods US Department of Justice	\$14,060
Marie C. & Joseph C. Wilson Foundation	\$5,000
Helen L. Morris Fund, First Unitarian Church	\$5,000
Better Community Global Interdependence and Cultural Diversity Grant, The College at Brockport	\$3,000

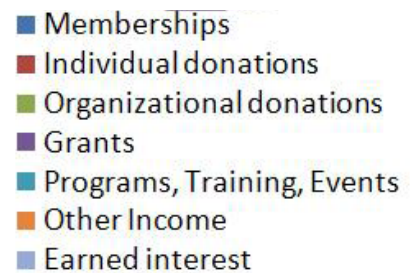
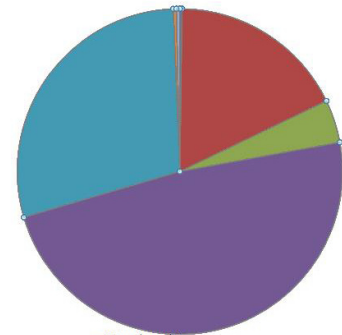
Financial Summary

Fiscal Year June 2009 – May 2010

Income

Memberships	\$175
Individual donations	\$14,735
Organizational donations	\$3,567
Grants	\$40,340
Programs, Training & Events	\$24,116
Earned interest	\$286
Other Income	\$258
TOTAL	\$83,477

PiRI Income Chart



Expenses

Salaries, Trainers, Contracts	\$39,122
Program Expenses	\$17,149
Operation Expenses	\$6,913
Facilities & Equipment	\$7,553
Other Expenses	\$1,245
Insurance	\$1,472
Travel	\$140
Fall Conference Expenses	\$14,038
TOTAL	\$87,432

Net Income **(\$4,155)**

Strengthening PiRI's Financial Structure

In an effort to continually improve our financial management, PiRI has taken the following steps:

- hired Certified Public Accountants Heveron & Heveron to complete a Financial Administrative Review and Evaluation, May, 2010
- redefined Treasurer role as a financial oversight position
- recruited CPA Ann Blake as Treasurer
- hired bookkeeper Linda Flannery
- upgraded to QuickBooks Pro
- moved from cash basis to accrual basis accounting

Approximately \$17,000 worth of grants that would have been counted as income in the 2009-2010 fiscal year under cash basis accounting will be booked—under the accrual basis—when the work outlined in each grant has been completed. This is a step forward in PiRI's growth, but shifts the year end balance from a \$13, 226.03 net income (under cash basis) to a \$4,155 loss under the accrual method in this transition year. The \$54,858 cash balance gives a clearer picture of PiRI's year-end financial stability.

Cash Balances as of May 31, 2010

Checking	\$32,392
Savings	\$22,466
Total	\$54,858