



## Partners in Restorative Initiatives

# talking piece

November 2017



Greetings to our Restorative Community,

We are so grateful for all of you, our Restorative Practices community. Thank you for giving Restorative Practices a chance, for creating stronger relationships in schools, with families, in places of worship and among your colleagues. You know connection matters. People matter. Discovering our shared humanity matters.

The ride isn't always easy. We know. It can be long, a bit bumpy, dark, and filled with twists and turns. But for those of you who stick it out, the effort is worth it and the reward is great. You've told us so. We can't wait to hear more stories, the good, the bad, the triumphant and the sorrowful. We can't wait to teach you how to encourage others to share their stories.

Thank you for all you do! And Happy, Happy Thanksgiving to you, your families and your friends!

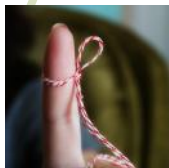
Jeff Dillon—Executive Director, Kelly Johnson—Office Manager and the Restorative Team

### November Quote

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude."

~ A.A. Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh*

## 2017 Annual Campaign



Don't forget to make your gift to Partners in Restorative Initiatives! Our Annual Campaign runs until December 31, so make your contribution today!

Remember, we depend on generous donors like you to support our mission and the delivery of our services. With your commitment, we can offer training opportunities to the community; we can hire additional certified trainers to teach circle facilitation skills; we can provide financial assistance to those who are unable to afford the cost of training. We can restore the humanity of our community!

### EVERY GIFT COUNTS!

You can mail your contribution to  
111 Hillside Avenue, Rochester, NY 14610  
or donate securely online [HERE](#).

## Partners in Restorative Initiatives 2017 Highlights and Accomplishments!



### 2017-2018 WISH LIST!

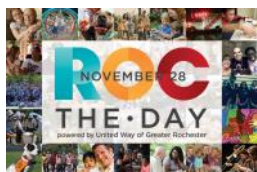
- \* Introduced and trained more than 1,400 people in restorative practices
- \* Welcomed 3 new Board Members
- \* Added 5 new trainers/facilitators
- \* Worked extensively with 3 new area school districts
- \* Continued to train staff at Rochester City Schools and East High School
- \* Partnered with PiRI Trainer, Jude Lardner, who provided community Talking Circles at Irondequoit, Gates and Pittsford Public Libraries

- \* Increase funds to offer financial assistance to school districts that are unable to pay the full cost of training
- \* Find more people who are passionate about restorative practices and want to share their skills and talents on our Board of Directors or through our various committees
- \* Hire additional trainers and facilitators to work in schools, communities, health care, assisted living facilities, prisons, religious organizations and work places
- \* Hire additional staff to support our trainers and training participants
- \* Craft supplies to make Talking Pieces at trainings (yarn, string, drift wood, wooden shapes, beads, glue, glitter, feathers, etc.)

#### Restorative Practices in the News!

The Center for Urban Success (CUES) at University of Rochester's Warner School of Education released a practitioner brief describing the work of three schools that have used restorative practices. Click [HERE](#) for more information and a link to the brief.

### Get Ready to ROC the Day with Partners in Restorative Initiatives!



This year's United Way ROC the Day campaign is Tuesday, November 28, 2017! ROC the Day is a 24-hour, online event that gives people in our community an opportunity to support all of the not-for-profit organizations doing great work in the nine-county Greater Rochester area.

As a ROCstar donor to Partners in Restorative Initiatives, you can make a real difference in local schools and communities that are interested in learning how to implement restorative practices. It's an easy way to show how much the work of Partners in Restorative Initiatives to build relationships, repair harm, and strengthen communities means to you.

Please mark your calendar to visit [ROCtheDay.org](http://ROCtheDay.org), a secure online giving platform, to make a gift to Partners in Restorative Initiatives on November 28. Or you can make a gift at this [LINK](#).





## Training Schedule Announcement



### THREE DAY PEACE CIRCLE TRAINING

Our December 12-14, 2017 Three Day Peace Circle Training that was open to the public has been RESCHEDULED:

Tuesday–Thursday  
January 9-11, 2018  
8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
111 Hillside Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14610

The cost is \$300 which includes breakfast, lunch and materials for all 3 days.

The Three Day Peace Circle Training involves learning how to facilitate your own Peace Circles through extensive experiential learning. Participants gain in-depth knowledge of the circle process and the variety of purposes for which circles can be used. Participants will practice what they have learned by planning and facilitating a circle.

To register, call (585) 473-0970 or visit our website [here](#).



**Have questions?**

Contact us at 585-473-0970 or  
[office@pirochester.org](mailto:office@pirochester.org)

# Our Calendar

## Looking forward...

- November 18 Academic Circle Training—RCSD Staff Only
- December 6 One Day Community Building Circle Training—RCSD Parent’s Only
- December 6 Talking Circles & The Art of Listening—Open to the Public at the Gates Public Library
- December 12-14 Three Day Peace Circle Training—Rush-Henrietta Staff Only
- December 20 Talking Circles & The Art of Listening—Open to the Public at the Irondequoit Public Library
- January 9-11 Three Day Peace Circle Training—Open to the Public
- January 17 2-Hour Restorative Practices Overview—RCSD School of the Arts Staff Only
- January 26 One Day Peace Circle Training—Keshequa School District Staff Only
- January 30-Feb.1 Three Day Community Building Circle Training—RCSD Staff Only
- February 13-14 Two Day Restorative Discipline Training—RCSD Staff Only
- March 6-8 Three Day Community Building Circle Training—RCSD Staff Only
- March 20-21 Two Day Restorative Discipline Training—RCSD Staff Only
- April 11 One Day Community Building Circle Training—RCSD Parent’s Only

For more information and to register, visit our website at [www.pirirochester.org](http://www.pirirochester.org) and click Training or contact us at 585-473-0970 or [office@pirirochester.org](mailto:office@pirirochester.org).

## Take Action

You can support Partners in Restorative Initiatives in working toward a restorative community with your donation. Please see our website to donate via Pay Pal, or send directly to our address, or contribute through United Way.



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**2486**

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to learn more

### *talking piece*

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