



Circles of Support Newsletter

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Serving the Fox Valley, Green Bay, Oshkosh and the surrounding communities

"People helping People Transition from Incarceration to the Community"



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What We Do...

[Community Circles of Support](#) is a prison reentry program. Trained volunteers meet with releasing offenders in a group or "Circle" format to specifically address transitional issues for men and women returning to our communities from incarceration.

Circles offers three main services: pro-social support, breaking down barriers, and concrete resources linkage.

Circle Happenings...

Green Bay Circles recently added their second Circle. Meeting biweekly on Saturday mornings at the [Harmony Café](#) on Mason St., the Circle will allow Green Bay to serve more participants.

Oshkosh Circles added their third Circle recently, meeting weekly in a group format at the [Solutions Recovery Club](#).

Circles of Support recently received grants of \$5,000 from [United Way Fox Cities](#), \$4,000 from [St. Norbert Augustine Abbey](#), and \$22,000 from the [Department of Corrections](#).

Circles will be participating in Resource/Reentry fairs at Kettle Moraine, Taycheedah, Racine, and Red Granite Correctional Institutions in the upcoming months.

Circles representatives will be speaking at the [Catholic Diocese](#) workshop on October 24, 2009 from 9am – Noon, discussing reentry issues and the Circles program. To attend or for more information, please contact Mary Sherman at 877-500-3580 x8300 or <mailto:msherman@gbdioc.org>

Participant Spotlight...

K. is a local participant working hard to better herself. With a past history of addiction and related crimes, she has consistently participated in Circles since her release for support in making healthy choices for herself. She has completed treatment and is looking forward to being enrolled in technical school this fall, all while reconnecting with her young children.

K. shows the true spirit of reentry success. Congratulations!

Volunteer Spotlight...

The Circles volunteer spotlight this edition falls on Linda Doro, a Green Bay volunteer and Circle facilitator. Linda has been with Circles since its inception in the Green Bay area and works tirelessly to ensure that participants know about and link to community resources available to them. Linda celebrates the participants' successes with them and never fails to recognize their accomplishments.

Thank you, Linda for your work and dedication to reentry and keeping our communities safer.

Visit our website at
www.circles-of-support.org



Check us out on [Facebook](#)
Community Circle of Support

How to Be a Volunteer...

Volunteers are what make Circles an effective, meaningful program. Adult volunteers are sought to meet in a group setting with ex-offenders to provide support and encouragement for good choices and assist in raising participants' accountability. Time commitment is once or twice per week. Training is provided. To apply, call Danel Burchby at 920-968-6832 or 1-877-490-3120 or email dburchby_gw@gwicc.org, or visit our Web site at circles-of-support.org.

How to Refer a Participant...

All Circle communities are currently accepting participant referrals. Recently released men and women may be referred by their agents, community organizations or self-refer. Participants must attend Circles voluntarily, take accountability for their crimes and be open and to feedback on various life issues. To refer, please call Danel Burchby at 920-968-6832 or 1-877-490-3120 or email dburchby_gw@gwicc.org, or visit our Web site at circles-of-support.org.



Circles Needs...

- Bus Passes
- Bicycles
- Haircut certificates
- Hygiene products

Gifts Received...

- Linda Doro - \$100 contribution
- Steve Wolgaert - \$100 Care Award in Circles' name
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church – 2 quilts

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