



Rhode Island for Community & Justice

Building Community Through Advocacy, Conflict Resolution, and Education

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Winter 2005

RICJ Friends Update

2005 Community & Justice Awards

So many people "...in their hearts... know what is right. But they hesitate, waiting for the other fellow to make the first move... The minute a person whose word means a great deal dares to take the open-hearted and courageous way, many others follow", said Marian Anderson, following her historic concert at the Lincoln Monument. She expressed the key role that influential leaders can play in fighting racism and in promoting understanding among all people. Leaders like David Duffy, founder of Duffy & Shanley and Chairman of the RI Convention Center Authority.



Above: Honoree David Duffy & Honorary Co-Chair Alan Hassenfeld

On November 1st, RICJ presented its highest honor, the Community & Justice Award, to David Duffy for his commitment to social justice, demonstrated in his work over 15 years with NCCJ, continuing with his support of RICJ and of many other RI organizations that advocate for equity.

Visit www.ricj.org for photos of the 2005 Community & Justice Awards. Thanks to the many donors, sponsors and volunteers who made it a success!



Above: The RI Convention Center decorated with banners portraying the world's 7 continents, created by Cranston West High School art students.



Above: Art by Callahan Elementary 5th grade class.

Leadership for a Future 2006 - Organizing for Affordable Housing

Make a difference in your community!

Do you know (or are you) a leader from a grassroots community group, labor, or religious community? Someone seeking to better Rhode Island? RICJ and the Institute for Labor Studies & Research partner to conduct **Leadership for A Future**. From Jan-May 2006, 25-35 community leaders will together hone their skills in organizing, public speaking, strategic action planning, board participation, lobbying & advocacy, proposal writing and more.

This year's theme is the critically important issue of affordable housing.

For information, contact Sarath Suong at 401-467-1717 ext. 103 or khmerpelon@yahoo.com.

Visit www.ricj.org for photos of the LFAF Class of 2005 and their graduation!

Building Bridges: Imagine A World ART CONTEST



Above: Art by Kyle Cook, 3rd grader from Forest Ave School. Art Photos: Ocean State Video

RICJ created a new Children's Art Contest, "*Building Bridges: Imagine A World Free of Prejudice and Hate*". Over 250 children in Kindergarten through 5th grade entered. RICJ honored winning child artists with awards and held a Children's Art Gallery at the Community & Justice Event on Nov. 1st. Names of winners are on Page 2 of this newsletter!

Look at our world through the eyes of children. The values they learn must reflect the best world that we can imagine.

Visit the Art Gallery at www.ricj.org.

Below: Art by Samantha Campbell, 3rd grade awardee, Waterman Elem.



SUPPORT RICJ

As the year ends, please remember to remember RICJ.

In 10 short months since we incorporated in Feb. 2005, we raised almost 90% of our fundraising goal of \$225,000 leaving a gap of just \$27,300.

Help us bridge the gap and continue RICJ's good work; contribute today.



6268 on your United Way Pledge Sheet

Call Malinda Howard, fundraiser, at 274-1001 for information.

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*Very special thanks to the
University of Rhode Island
for partnering with RICJ
in our first transitional year!*

*Find us on the Web
www.ricj.org*

SAVE THE DATE

CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY EDUCATION FORUM

CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF DR. KING, AND THE
7TH BIRTHDAY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ROUNDTABLE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2005
PROVIDENCE BLACK REPERTORY THEATER
4:00PM—6:30PM

Watch your mail for an invitation and program.

Every year, the RI Civil Rights Roundtable celebrates MLK day with a series of invited presentations on key civil rights issues of the day. The purpose: to inform our statewide membership of 30+ agencies. The public is invited.

For information, contact Toby Ayers at 401-467-1717 ext. 102 or RICJ@cox.net or Joe Fowlkes at 351-5000 ext. 171.



*"None of us alone can save the nation or the world.
But each of us can make a positive difference if we commit ourselves to do so."
Cornel West, 1994*

CONGRATULATIONS, ART CONTEST WINNERS!



"Building Bridges: Imagine a World Free of Hate and Prejudice"

WINNERS of the Art Contest for children grades K - 5

	<u>K</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>
1st Place	Sarah Teal Piette	Isabella Boden	Siobhan San Antonio	Maeve McGrath	Kyri Saint Germain	Tara Boudreault
2nd Place	Caysie Gautreau	Alison Pitocchelli	Rosy Bell & Jessica Leo	Jennifer Lei	Katie Cunningham	Callahan Elem. 5th Grade
3rd Place	Jamal Correy	Carlos Estrada	Ethan Richardson	Sage Anastasia Foriades	Johah Parker	Cassandra Hradil
Hon. Mention	Jefferson Perrier	Kenny Laux	Hannah Jane Sorlien	Samantha Campbell	Kai Hernandez	Callie Carchedi

Thank you to our Art Contest Judges and to NBC-10!

Judges Liandra Martinez, Prof. Jean Blackburn, Prof. Marcia Harrop, Allen Kurzweil, Joseph Lariviere, Stephanie Oster, Prof. Steven Pennell, Marcia Reback, Prof. Paul Sproll, Sarath Suong, Peter Thornton, Prof. Cheryl Williams, and youth judges Chase Baptista, Liz Okero and Noel Wright!

Our Mission

RICJ is a social justice agency with a dual mission. We fight bias, prejudice, and racism while promoting understanding and mutual respect among all races, religions, and cultures. Our methods are advocacy, conflict resolution and education.

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