



# Rhode Island for Community & Justice

Building Community Through Advocacy, Conflict Resolution, and Education

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY EDITION — February 2006

## RICJ Friends Update

*RICJ is one year old!*

To our RICJ Board, Advisors, Donors, Partners, Committee members, Program Participants, and Friends.



Entry in 2005 "Building Bridges" Children's Art Contest

As we start a new year, we report highlights of our first year as an independent nonprofit. RICJ is successful because of **YOUR SUPPORT!**

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Learning from our past to build a unified world

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*It's our Birthday...*

*We wish for a more unified world.*

*Join us in 2006, as we bridge more hands and hearts throughout the year.*

### HERE'S WHAT RICJ ACCOMPLISHED IN OUR FIRST YEAR:

#### Independence

RICJ became an independent, state-incorporated nonprofit on February 1, 2005. We moved to our new location, the URI Shepard Building, on April 1, 2005. We are now an IRS-approved, 501c(3) tax exempt nonprofit public charity.

#### Leadership for a Future (LFAF)

*Institute for adult grassroots community leaders.*

The 2005 class ran from January through June with 17 participants.

The new 2006 class has begun! Our retreat was January 20-22 and the Saturday leadership classes continue through May 2006 with 25 participants.

#### Metcalf Diversity in the Media Awards

*Recognizing journalists who present issues of diversity in an exemplary manner.*

On February 23, 2005, awards were presented to six journalists.

The 2006 competition ongoing! The Award Ceremony will be held April 25<sup>th</sup>.

This year we added a new category, a high school video PSA competition.

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Please remember to remember RICJ.

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Help us continue RICJ's good work in building understanding for the future.

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**THANK YOU !!!**

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## First Year Accomplishments, continued

### Youth Leadership Programs

*Interactive programs that build youth as future leaders for an inclusive society.*

Project RESPECT at Camp Aldersgate ran June 24-30, 2005 with 32 youth.

This year, Project RESPECT will be held June 23-29, 2006.

Our Youth Council began Sept. 24, 2005 with 25 youth and runs year round.

### Rhode Island Civil Rights Roundtable

*Coalition promoting collaborations on civil rights and social justice advocacy.*

Regular monthly meetings held throughout 2005 and 2006.

Continued collaboration with RI police chiefs to address racial profiling.

January 15, 2006, our ML King Day event had front page Journal coverage!

### Community-Based Policy Research Institute (New Program)

*New partnership with RI Campus Compact and URI Center for Urban Studies & Research to create a community-advised policy research institute.*

We are working with URI toward studies on profiling & education inequality.

### Rhode Island Wall of Hope

On Sept. 10, 2005 we partnered with Waterfire to hold a 9-1-1 Remembrance.

For National Neighborhood Day, the Youth Council cleaned the Wall of Hope.

In Sept. 2006, we will again hold a 9-1-1 remembrance at the Wall of Hope.

### Interfaith Dialogue

Oct. 13, 2005, we held a "Break-Fast" to mark an unusual confluence of holy days, with 70 Muslim, Jewish and Christian participants in facilitated discussion.

We will soon host a landmark meeting of Muslim and non-Muslim faith groups.

We hope to expand these efforts into a series of Interfaith Dialogue Dinners.

### Community & Justice Awards

*Recognizing community leaders for commitment to the ideals of social justice.*

On Nov. 1, 2005, RICJ honored David Duffy. And we honored the winners of our new "Building Bridges: Imagine A World" Children's Art Contest.

On Oct. 25, 2006, we will again present our highest award.

*Please save the date!*

## IN 2006, PLAN TO JOIN US

**April 25, 2006**

RICJ Metcalf Diversity in the Media Awards Breakfast

**July 2, 2006**

RICJ Pawsox BBQ Night

**September 2006 TBA**

RICJ Wall of Hope 9-1-1 Remembrance

**October 25, 2006**

RICJ Community & Justice Awards

