

PayBack's Impact on the Community

Your generosity last year has allowed more than \$36,200.00 to be returned to the Saint Louis Metro Area thru community service.

Kids in the PayBack program earned money to repay their victims at non-profits in St. Louis City and County, St. Charles County and St. Clair County, Illinois.

These offenders are either too young or immature to obtain

employment. In addition, the majority of the juveniles come from depressed areas, where quality of life and employment opportunities are few or non-existent.

The PayBack program is designed to provide an opportunity for young people, aged 9-16, to pay their court ordered restitution to victims, while acquiring basic work skills, gaining an increased sense of self-esteem,



Performing Community Service

connecting with responsible adults in their neighborhoods, learning respect for people and accepting personal responsibility for their actions.

Welcome New Board Members

The new year brought big changes to PayBack's board. After more than a decade, Northern Trust's Greg Petersen has retired from the board.



Jake Bleyenbergh

We thank Greg for his dedicated service as a former board member, Vice- President and Treasurer. Also, immediate past president Linda Jacobsen resigned to pursue a doctorate. PayBack wishes Linda well in all her endeavors. Michelle Funkenbusch, an attorney with Pulos, Blankenship & Jianakoplos replaces Linda as board president. New additions to the board are

West Community Credit Union's Jake Bleyenbergh, recently retired St. Louis City Juvenile Court Chief Deputy Juvenile Officer Joe Scalise and Senniger Powers attorney Sara Weilert Gillette. PayBack's new board members are a welcome addition and are working to make a sure PayBack is a stronger, more visible organization.

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Mission Statement

The mission of PayBack is to fund and administer restorative justice programs for juvenile offenders and victims by raising restitution funds, locating job sites and teaching lessons in accountability.

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Variety Keeps Fundraisers Interesting

It may be a wine tasting, it may be a race on a closed highway, or it may be an opportunity to dress



Kjell and Asha Lundal

as old Hollywood glamour for a Trivia Night. PayBack likes to keep its fund-raisers interesting and fun.

PayBack is always looking for different and exciting ways to raise money. This is especially important because unlike many non-profits, PayBack does not receive government funding. This past December, PayBack partnered with The St. Louis Track Club for

“Fun on the Freeway”.

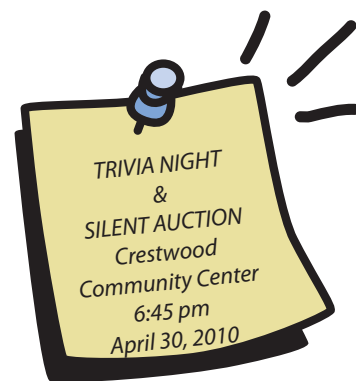
More than 2,500 runners /walkers participated in the 5k race held on I- 64/40 near Forest Park prior to its re-opening. In addition, PayBack was the beneficiary of a wine tasting held at Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar in Frontenac.

Our next event is an April 30th Trivia Night/Silent Auction at the Crestwood Community Center.

To Whom It May Concern

“This letter is to thank you for executing the “PayBack” juvenile restitution program. Last month I received a check to cover losses received in a home robbery, by a local child who was an acquaintance of my son. I understand this money actually came from the boy working in the community and not the Family Court System. I think it fantastic that you are teaching kids that their unlaw-

ful activity has consequences. More importantly, I am thrilled to hear your program is teaching misguided kids they can make a positive contribution to the community if they live and work responsibly. I didn’t know the boy, but from what my son shared with me, this boy had experienced some tough breaks. I hope your program has helped him choose a better path - Best Regards, Janet”



Meet the Executive Director

PayBack Executive Director Melissa Jaco believes it’s important to thank people. If you’re a donor, you’re aware of this. At years end, Melissa always hand writes thank you notes to those who support PayBack. This year, it was 268 notes. “People have worked hard for their money”, Melissa says, “It’s a conscious decision to write a check and I’m very appreciative that people understand PayBack provides benefits to all of us, not a small segment of the community.



Melissa Jaco

Many Thanks to the St. Louis Cardinals who underwrote this issue of PayBack Press . . .

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