

PayBack Celebrates 25-Years of Community Service

In 1983, a group of concerned citizens realized victims of juvenile crime had little recourse if they wanted to be reimbursed for their losses.

The majority of the offenders were too young or immature to obtain employment.

Also, many came from depressed areas where the quality of life and property values have suffered and employment op-

portunities are few, if not non-existent.

Thus, PayBack was created with \$10,000 in seed money from Monsanto and a two year grant from the Junior League of St. Louis.

Now, twenty-five years later, juvenile offenders participating in the PayBack program have returned more than half a million dollars in restitution to area crime victims.



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Bob Wallace & Charles Jaco

They've also generated 300,000+ hours of community

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What is Restorative Justice

Restorative justice is a philosophical framework and a series of programs for the criminal justice system that emphasize the



PayBack Kids cleaning graffiti

need to repair the harm done to crime victims through a process of negotiation, mediation, and reparation.

A prime component of restorative justice is restitution to crime victims.

For example, if an offender vandalizes, he or she, must pay for the repairs.

A 2001 report by the United States Department of Justice

found that "restorative justice" programs, on average, yielded reductions in recidivism compared to non-restorative approaches to criminal behavior."

We certainly find that to be true in our community.

According to Family Court statistics, more than 95-percent of the kids that participate in

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Community Impact

Did you know ... during the first half of 2008, more than 360-kids completed the PayBack program. This means thousands of manpower hours for non-profits where these kids performed their community service and more than \$26,000 returned to area crime victims. To learn more, contact Executive Director Melissa Jaco at melissajaco@yahoo.com or (314) 303-6029.

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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service work at local nonprofits.

Kids, ages 9-16, who come before the Metropolitan Area Family



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Courts for crimes such as vandalism, shoplifting, or burglary are screened, counseled and placed at local not-for-profits for their court ordered community service.

For this mandatory work, juveniles earn minimum wage credit through PayBack, to be used exclusively for repayment to their victims.

PayBack is a win-win for all. The victims get reimbursed for their

losses, non-profits benefit by the manpower and kids are held accountable for their actions.

In addition, it's estimated the St. Louis Metropolitan Area has saved more than \$700,000 in crimes not committed by PayBack participants.

It's no wonder that PayBack has been nationally recognized for the quality and innovation of its juvenile justice program..

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PayBack, complete the program and about 70-percent don't come back to the juvenile court as re-offenders.

Court records show the recidivism rate for juveniles participating in PayBack (approximately 28%) is lower than for non-participating juveniles.

Garden Party

Soon it will be time for the PayBack Garden Party! This annual event is always fun and it gives friends an opportunity to learn more about the program. It's also a chance to meet donors, judges, court employees, work-site representatives and the PayBack Board of Directors. Hope to see you there!



Board Member Spotlight

PayBack Board member Nancy Sido is a retired attorney for the St. Louis County Family Court. For more than 26-years, Sido served as a prosecutor in juvenile delinquency proceedings and worked with abused and neglected children at the Family Court. She retired in 2005, joined PayBack in 2006 and became Board Secretary in 2007.

In addition, Sido helms PayBack's Public Relations Committee and Speaker's Bureau.



Board Secretary Nancy Sido

HELP NEEDED?

Are you a local not-for-profit located in St. Clair County, Illinois? Do you have work a youngster could do? If so, maybe you'd qualify as a PayBack work-site. To find out more, contact Kevin Hagarty, Community Service Supervisor at the St. Clair County Juvenile Probation Department, (618) 825-2235.

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