

# Justiceworks•Journal

*Fostering Restorative Justice for Communities*

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## **Join Justiceworks, Ltd. and Friends at the 7th Just Run Half-Marathon and 5K Event**

**Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup> , 2013 from 8:30 a.m.  
at the Pffifner Pioneer Park on the Wisconsin River**

Register now to run, walk or just come out in support of Justiceworks' efforts to promote forms of justice that strengthen and heal communities. All proceeds support restorative justice programming in Portage County.

For seven years the run has generated the the community's enthusiasm for a quality half-Marathon and 5k run/walk which begins and ends along the beautiful Wisconsin River in conjunction with the Riverfront Jazz Festival. It features:

- Live music along the scenic race course which winds its way downtown Stevens Point, across the UWSP campus, through Schmeekle Reserve and back along the riverfront path.
- Pre-race *Kid's* ¼ Mile Run with prizes and refreshments;
- With easy directions, water stops, refreshments at the finish and prizes, t-shirts and awards galore, what could be more fun-filled for a good cause?



**Join the fun and show your support for evidence-based responses  
to community justice issues!**

## *Community Support for Justrun Broad!*



It takes a community effort to create a successful event like Justrun.  
The following have been and are significant contributors  
whom we can't thank enough:

- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
- Lummis, Lloyd and Barkley
- Anderson O'Brien Law Firm
- Ministry Health Care
- PT Associates of Portage County
- BMO-Harris Bank NA
- Hostel Shoppe Ltd.
- Dr. Steven Faber, DDS
- Dental Health Center
- Muzzy Broadcasting
- Apple Bagels
- Maher Water Co.
- Emmy J's
- Adventure 212
- Target
- Trig's Foods
- Lee Ayers Jewelers
- Stevens Point Police Department
- Altenberg Dairy, Kwik Trip, Copps and McDonald's
- Individual volunteers too numerous to mention but gratefully acknowledged.

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## Just Run 2 Half-Marathon & 5K Run

### Name & Address (Please Print)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Event Registration Information

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender: M or F

Please check which event you will be participating in.

☐ Half-Marathon Run ☐ 5K Run

☐ Half-Marathon Walk ☐ 5K Walk

### Registration Fee Information

Online registration with credit card payment is available  
at [www.justiceworksltd.org](http://www.justiceworksltd.org) or [active.com](http://active.com)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Half-Marathon Run  
\$45 to Aug. 1; \$50 to Aug. 29; \$55 Aug. 30 -Aug. 31.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ 5K Run  
\$25 to Aug. 1; \$30 to Aug. 29; \$35 Aug. 30 -Aug. 31.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Half-Marathon Walk  
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\$\_\_\_\_\_ 5K Walk  
\$25 to Aug. 1; \$30 to Aug. 29; \$35 Aug. 30 -Aug. 31.

### T-Shirt Information

Shirts are guaranteed for registrations post-marked or  
received online by 8/10/13. **T-shirts for late  
entries based on availability.**

Please check which size you'd like (adult sizes.)

Just Run Kid's t-shirts are available for order at \$8/each.

ADULT SIZES ☐ Small  
☐ Medium  
☐ Large  
☐ XLarge  
☐ XXLLarge

QTY	Youth Small
QTY	Youth Medium
QTY	Youth Large
TOTAL	= \$_____ TOTAL

## **Restorative Justiceworker Profile: Benjamin Barr Lindsey and Juvenile Law**

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Before the early nineteenth century, Anglo-American courts recognized that children under the age of seven had not matured enough to recognize the difference between right and wrong, and therefore could not be recognized as criminals. Effectively that meant children *could* be convicted felons from the age of about eight on. The great English jurist and legal commentator William Blackstone noted approvingly that in England in the 1700s, children as young as ten had been executed for murder.

In this country, New York, Massachusetts, and Illinois led the way in establishing the first services for abandoned, neglected, or “wayward” youth in the early 1800's. Children could be placed in group homes or reform schools on many grounds, social as well as legal. Many aged out of the system in worse shape than when they went in. The lack of specific legal protections for children created a huge problem. To address this, in 1899 Illinois created the first separate juvenile court in Cook County. Just two years later, Judge Benjamin Barr Lindsey was appointed judge of the new juvenile court of Denver, Colorado.

Lindsey, a native of Tennessee, worked his way through the legal profession and only became a judge in 1900. He was actually the main force behind getting the juvenile court established in Denver. He became recognized nationally and internationally as a juvenile justice pioneer not only through his own or co-authored books, but also through national and international speaking tours and radio appearances. The judge even appeared as himself in two films made in 1920 and 1921 that focused on his work with juveniles.

Illinois may have acted first, but Judge Lindsey greatly influenced what would become the pattern for juvenile courts for some time to come. Lindsey referred to the youths who came before him as “my boys,” and he got to know them as well as he could to help him decide their cases. In many ways he acted more as a social worker than a judge, and he valued rehabilitation as much or more than punishment. He might not have used the words “restorative justice,” but he practiced it in his courtroom.

Like many reformers of his day, Judge Lindsey was active in several different areas of social reform. He worked for ballot and election reform, the abolition of child labor, the establishment of probation for prisoners, the creation of public recreation areas, and even state support for the dependents of prisoners. Ben Lindsey needs to be remembered as a pioneering justiceworker whose legacy continues to unfold in the lives of countless children and their families.

## **Doing Justiceworks by Shifting Gears**

Several years ago a diverse group of people committed to restorative justice, believed it had the potential to improve the lives of individuals entangled in the legal system, and thus the life of the community as a whole. They created Justiceworks, Ltd. Volunteers and dedicated employees then promoted restorative justice through a variety of means: providing legal services to the needy, working with offenders and ex-offenders, supporting sober living facilities, sponsoring community forums like the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and more. These efforts raised awareness of restorative justice in Portage County and beyond, and attracted the support of a wide spectrum of the community who volunteer in various capacities or support the efforts of others to make restorative justice a reality.

Lately, Justiceworks has employed a new and powerful tool to promote restorative justice in general, and our programs and projects in particular: Facebook. This new way of doing things has been gratifying because of the response received to the effort. Facebook has publicized activities and calendar, alerted our followers to articles or media relating to restorative justice, noted the passing of longtime local justiceworker Jim Bablitch, and expressed appreciation to those who generously donated for his memorial to Justiceworks, and D&D Auto for their generous support of our work.

One new Justiceworks project has recently gained a lot of attention on its own. Shifting Gears, LLC is the first community bike shop in Portage County, and aims to promote restorative justice by helping ex-offenders change their lives in positive ways. Justiceworks promotes Shifting Gears with its own Facebook page. Photo albums that document its beginnings, feature bikes for sale, and highlight good places to bike in Portage County, like the Tomorrow River Trail, showing its western trailhead in Plover. The Facebook page has information about the bikeshop's location, hours of operation, and more.

Justiceworks is a community endeavor, and Shifting Gears is shaping up to be the same. Local media have always given Justiceworks and now Shifting Gears a strong public support arm, but Facebook allows Justiceworks and Shifting Gears to communicate directly with our volunteers and the public without filters or delays. If you have a Facebook page, please "like" Justiceworks, Ltd. and Shifting Gears, LLC, and encourage your friends and family members to do so.

Facebook is an interactive medium, and Justiceworks invites your input as to what you would like to see on our pages. Please let us know what you think about future posts on "Today in Justice History," short sketches of justiceworkers from our past or present who are not as well known as they deserve to be, and alerts to upcoming events or guest speakers in our area, region, or state that relate to restorative justice. Don't be afraid to use the comments section!

As always, you can also email Justiceworks at [info@justiceworksltd.org](mailto:info@justiceworksltd.org).

## Justiceworks Calendar

- **August 31<sup>st</sup>, the 2013 Just Run Half-Marathon and 5K event, Saturday morning of Labor Day Weekend!**  
**ON-LINE REGISTRATION STILL OPEN**  
Get your running equipment and training plans in gear. Mail-in registration available in this issue.
- **Wednesday, August 22, 2013** Board of Directors meeting, Conference Rm D, County-City Bldg, 5:00 PM
- Shifting Gears youth bike sale at the shop **August 17<sup>th</sup>!**
- Shifting Gears adult bike sale at the shop **September 17<sup>th</sup>!**
- Family Law Information Center meeting **October 1**, 1:00 pm in Conference Rm E of the County-City Building

### Family Law Information Center Welcomes New Help!

**Katie Ligman** recently graduated from UW-Madison with majors in both political science and English. Around this time next fall, she will be getting ready to start the first year of law school. She has volunteered in the Family Law Information Center to learn more about divorce and family law proceedings. She hopes to work with domestic abuse and family law cases after graduating from law school. Katie enjoys traveling, being outdoors, fishing, skiing, swimming, and working out. She loves live music, and when not working or studying for the LSAT, you can most likely find her rocking out at a concert.

**Joanie Hanson** is a long time resident of Stevens Point. She met her husband, George while students at UWSP. They left the area for a few years, but moved back 28 years ago, and raised their family here. Their Stevens Point home has been in her husband's family for four generations, and they enjoy living near family and friends. Joanie retired from the Department of Motor Vehicles, and then worked as a part-time bailiff for Portage County. She volunteers for the Wisconsin Nicaragua Partnership and the annual holiday basket drive through Bootstrap. She has an interest in family law, and a desire to help those who need assistance through the legal system. She enjoys spending her free time with her children and grandchildren. She enjoys basket-weaving as a hobby.



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A newsletter published by Justiceworks, Ltd, a non-profit community justice organization dedicated to advancing policies and practices of justice that create right relationships in communities. Volunteer task forces of Justiceworks consider justice related issues such as mentoring, victim/offender conferencing, substance-free housing, and access to justice. Justiceworks has received grants from the State Bar of Wisconsin, the Community Foundation, the United States Department of Justice, St. Bronislava Church, the Polish Legion of American Veterans, Wisconsin Humanities Board, and Portage County. Advances in the response of the justice system require substantial assistance and commitment. To join the effort please return the registration below with your donation. All contributions are tax deductible as Justiceworks is a tax exempt organization under Sec. 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Justiceworks, 1547 Strong's Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You!

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### **quote for a quarter:**

“There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to not believe what is true.”

Soren Kierkegaard

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