



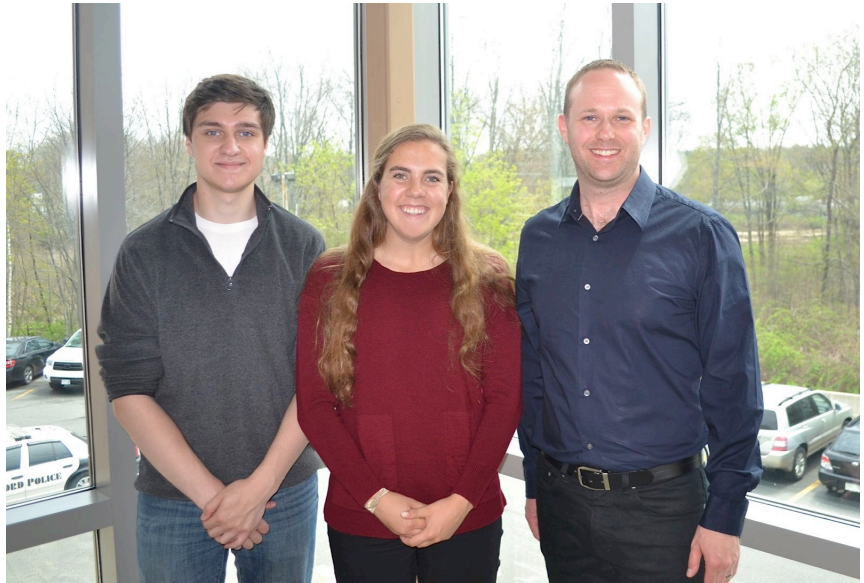
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Blurb: (L-R) Nick Tyndall and Grace Campbell prepare to interview C4RJ volunteer Chris Sanders for a video appreciation recognizing C4RJ's volunteers.



**Toasts and Boasts for C4RJ Volunteers  
*Nonprofit hosts appreciation event***

On Thursday, June 19, 6-8 PM Communities for Restorative Justice (C4RJ) is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation event at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 54 Walden Street in Concord center. The occasion will highlight the work of more than 100 volunteers trained in the organization who have helped conduct the 600 cases since the program started 14 years ago.

A short film produced by Acton-Boxborough Regional High School student Nick Tyndall and interviewer, Concord Academy student, Grace Campbell will be shown. The film features three C4RJ volunteer interviews. Since many C4RJ cases involve youth, it is fitting that teens are helping to make this appreciation event meaningful.

“Our volunteers are the backbone of this organization,” says Di Clymer, C4RJ Board Vice President. “They commit to ongoing training and are ready to facilitate the cases as they are referred by the police. Their dedication is remarkable. So many milestones have been achieved thanks to their commitment.”

This will be not only an opportunity to salute the volunteers but also to showcase the success of this program now serving 12 communities. A major part of that success is the extraordinary participation of the 12 police departments who refer the vast majority of C4RJ's cases.

The C4RJ board is planning a festive event with music, food, and drink to toast the team of people who have made this work possible. State legislators and town officials have been invited and we hope townspeople will come be part of the toasts and boasts. The event is free and open to the public. RSVP to [www.C4RJVolunteer.eventbrite.com](http://www.C4RJVolunteer.eventbrite.com) or by calling 978.318.3447.

C4RJ, a nonprofit community-police partnership, began in Concord in 2000 and was working in Carlisle soon thereafter. Today, C4RJ partners with 12 communities and is overseen by a board of directors and a police council. Its scores of trained volunteers work closely with law enforcement and others affected by crime throughout the process. In recent years, C4RJ has been working with schools interested in incorporating restorative principles and practices. To learn more about C4RJ, visit [www.C4RJ.com](http://www.C4RJ.com).

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