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# Our Vision is for communities to have the tools to resolve conflict creatively and reach meaningful, equitable solutions.



### The 2022 Impact Report is here! Click to download.

# **NEW OPPORTUNITY ALERT**

We're are expanding our volunteer programming and are excited to announce the creation of CRCSTL Volunteer Committees.

These Committees will function as working groups that enhance CRCSTL's Mission of empowering people to resolve conflict through accessible mediation, coaching, and education. Many of our volunteers have expressed interest in assisting us with planning, networking, and advocating for use of our services to our community. These committees are the perfect opportunity to get involved, meet new people, and participate in affecting positive change on a meaningful and lasting level.

Available opportunities include:

#### Event Planning and Fundraising Committee

PURPOSE: Planning and hosting events, sending invitations, supporting event promotion

#### Examples:

- MAP Graduation
- Small gatherings (e.g., Coffee and Conversation)
- Networking meetings-Volunteer appreciation events
- CRCSTL Annual event (eg: CRC Soiree)

#### V.O.I.C.E. Committee (Volunteer Outreach Initiative for Conflict Education)

PURPOSE: Conducting community outreach with and on behalf of CRCSTL

#### Examples:

- Conducting community presentations
- Tabling community events
- Attending neighborhood
  meetings
- Developing promotional content-Social networking: including testimonials and

#### Education Committee

PURPOSE: Maintaining and developing mediation and conflict resolution knowledge base through educational workshops, blogs, and presentations

#### Examples:

- Coordinating CRCSTL Lunch and Learns
- Supporting MAP and Rule 17 through role play and presentation
- Blog posts about the field of conflict resolution to establish CRCSTL as a

- blogsEnvelope stuffing
- Material delivery to community partners (e.g., library material drop-off)

Volunteer with CRCSTL

- subject matter authoritySLPM Support

# Out and About with CRCSTL

### **Rule 17 Training**

This January, CRCSTL held its bi-annual Rule 17 Community Mediation Training to teach new and experienced mediators about the fundamentals of mediation. During this training, led by Simone Haberstock, the mediation process was explored step-by-step through interactive coursework, active input from participants, and mediation role plays. All activities were keyed toward topics in community mediation and the Conflict Resolution Center - St. Louis.

Would you be Interested in attending the next training? The next set of trainings will begin over the summer.

Visit our website for information on upcoming trainings.

### A Word from Our Executive Director Wolf Smith

From the very beginning of civilization, humans in community created both conflict and resolution. Indeed, our ability to face conflict as a community and to overcome it together has always been humanity's greatest strength.

For CRCSTL, our model of community mediation relies on those strengths. We work with volunteers to help people in their communities resolve conflict. This model of neighbors helping neighbors works! But the volunteers who support us go beyond just mediation.



Last year, volunteers led the launch of our conflict coaching program, where we empower individuals with the space and tools to reflect on their own responses to conflict. Volunteers also took the lead in our outreach efforts, helping us spread the word to their own neighborhoods and community. Finally, volunteers kept us grounded, providing guidance through our Student-Led Peer Mediation Advisory Board and as members of our Board of Directors. Thank you to all of the volunteers who make CRCSTL better every day!

## **Real-Life Solutions**

"At a time when cooperation between landlords and tenants was a crucial element in homelessness prevention, CRCSTL worked to break through years of impasse to enable healthy communication and lasting solutions. Both tenants and landlords find help in a safe space with CRSCTL."

> -Jonathan Belcher, MSW Senior Director of Programs, Long-Term Transformation St. Patrick Center



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WORKPLACE

### How can we help you?

Neighbor disputes? Landlord or Tenant Issues? We can help!

Get help from CRCSTL

# **Upcoming Events & Dates of Interest**

March 1st First Day of Women's History Month

March 4th Inaugural Game - STL City SC

March 7th Municipal Primary Elections - STL City

March 9th · *9 am–12:30 pm* Landlord Networking Event St. Patrick Center • 800 North Tucker (free parking in Lot 2)

March 12th Daylight Savings Time

March 14th 314 Day

March 17th St. Patrick's Day

March 18th · 9 am – 6 pm Freedom Community Center (FCC) Community Kickback & Canvassing Event

March 20th First Day of Spring

March 22nd First Day of Ramadan

March 25th · *4 pm - 7 pm* <u>Urban Art Expo</u> The Omega Center • 3900 Goodfellow Blvd, 63120

March 28th · *6 pm - 7:30 pm* <u>Renter's Townhall</u> Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being • 1000 North Vandeventer Ave, 63113

March 30th St. Louis Cardinals Opening Day

April 1st April Fool's Day

April 2nd Passover

April 4th General Municipal Primary Elections

April 7th <u>Association of Missouri Mediators Member Free Webinar</u> What Mediators Need to Know About Pending Bills

April 9th Easter Sunday April 15th · 6 *pm* STL Assoc of Community Organizers (SLACO) Trivia Night Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church • 5020 Rhodes Ave, 63109 To register contact <u>info@slaco-mo.org</u> or 314.361.9406

April 16th Orthodox Easter

April 17th National Volunteer Day

April 18th Tax Day

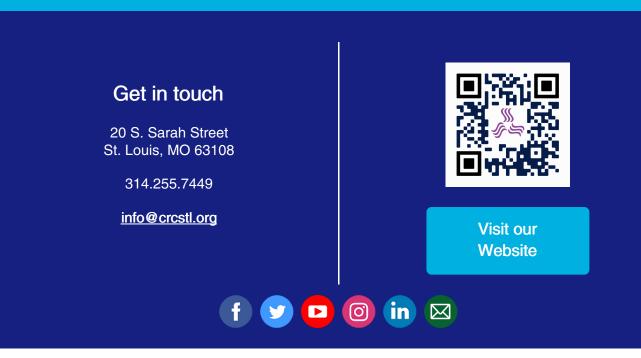
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