

Jl Announces Fall Grant Awards

On November 30th, the Justice Initiatives Board of Directors announced its Fall 2008 grant awards. JI's fall grant cycle resulted in a total of \$17,400 in pledged grant monies. The National Adoption Day Celebration, which recognizes all foster children who have been adopted in the twelve months prior to the event, was one recipient of the \$17,400 in total pledged grant monies. The event recognizes the individuals involved in the adoption process, raises awareness of the need of foster children for adoptive homes and celebrates the successful creation of families. A special session of court is conducted to finalize the adoptions.

Justice Initiatives' mission is to educate the community about the court system and to advocate, support and advance its needs and interests. To further this mission, JI holds competitive grant processes twice a year to address needs in the 26th Judicial District. Award amounts are determined based on the merit of the project and available funds. For more information, visit the grants section of JI's webpage.



Diversity Training Presented

Diversity Training for court staff, court officials and judges was presented by members of the local Asian community including the Girl Scouts' Hornet's Nest Council, Davidson College, The Boat People SOS, Inc., and The Asian Herald. The presentation included basic and good-to-know cultural information and differences regarding the local Asian population that help members of the court provide better service in their daily interactions with this community.

Justice Initiatives matched funds received by the Trial Court Administrator's Office from the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation through its Front Porch Grants program. The program is an effort to build informal social capital within our community. The goal is to increase trust and expand social connections and informal networks in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

Traffic Ticket Website Launched

Have you ever been pulled over for speeding? Ever had to go to court to resolve a compliance issue? The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office has launched the Online Traffic Ticket Resolution Center to negotiate speeding tickets and to resolve compliance tickets. Examples of compliance tickets are expired license, no registration, and no inspection.

A link to the Mecklenburg County Online Traffic Ticket Resolution Center can be found at Justice Initiatives' homepage.



Parent Coordination Training

Parenting Coordination Training was presented by the North Carolina Psychological Association, the Center for Cooperative Parenting, Inc., the Family Court Administrator's Office of the 26th Judicial District and Justice Initiatives. The three-day training fulfilled the 24-hours training requirement under N.C.G.S. § 50-93(a) to serve as a Parenting Coordinator.