



RESTORE

A restorative justice program for merchants, community, and young adult shoplifters

The City of Fort Collins RESTORE program is a juvenile diversion program for young people who have shoplifted to deal with their charge in a way that is meaningful to themselves and the community.

RESTORE is a volunteer-driven program which supports young offenders as they identify the harm caused by shoplifting theft—to victims, merchants, law enforcement, families, and the community—and, helps youths who have made a poor decision avoid the stigmatization and the far-reaching consequences of a criminal conviction.



RESTORE began in 2002 and has provided services for more than 2,190 young people who shoplifted, their families, the involved merchants and community members.

Participants are referred to RESTORE from Fort Collins Municipal Court or Larimer County District Attorney's Office, and have taken responsibility for shoplifting. Young participants and their parents learn the social and economic costs of this crime, and work together to strategize how the juvenile can make better choices, make things right for their families and repair the harm to the merchants.

Restorative Justice, a program within the City's Community Development and Neighborhood Services, is funded by a state grant for juvenile diversion which, in turn, underwrites referrals from the District Attorney's Office. All other Remaining referrals are funded by the City. The City also funds program support costs such as office space, maintenance, IT support and many other associated costs.

Philanthropic support will invest in operational program development, and establish a dedicated RESTORE coordinator to orchestrate and strengthen all RESTORE sessions and program services.

Currently, program duties are shared and are the secondary responsibility for staff members who are working on other aspects of departmental programming. Program development For RESTORE will build much-needed program continuity and centralize operational practices for the long-term sustainability and future success of RESTORE.

Financial support is an investment in the effectiveness and future sustainability of RESTORE and its capacity to positively impact young adults, their families and our community.

Sustained funding for essential RESTORE services has changed and these valuable services are at risk. The City of Fort Collins seeks \$20,000 per year for 3 years in charitable support to generate sustained operational capacity for RESTORE.





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Philanthropic support will:

- > Keep young people out of the criminal justice system
- > Hold young people who shoplift accountable for their theft in a way that is meaningful to themselves and our community
- > Enable participants to repair the harm caused by their crime by giving back to the community, their families and taking steps to prevent future shoplifting theft
- > Connect young people and families with needed community resources. And,
- > Leverage RESTORE's current success to the next level of operational, programmatic, and organizational maturity.

The Evidence:

- > Less than 2% of young people who complete The RESTORE Program commit another theft within 12 months after program completion.
- > Young people in the RESTORE Program avoid entering or going further into the justice system when they participate in and complete this diversion program.
- > Parents/guardians are required to participate in the program for young people under 18.
- > Participants must complete an accountability contract which includes community service.
- > RESTORE receives a 95-100% satisfaction rating by all participants.
- > Pre and post survey data indicates positive changes for young people who complete the program in the following areas: sense of accountability, self-esteem, awareness of harm, decision-making, locus of control, connection to community, connection to family, stress.

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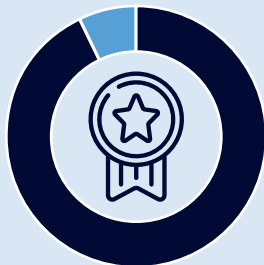
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YOUNG PEOPLE SERVED
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92.8%
COMPLETION RATE
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1,585 
VOLUNTEER HOURS

