

2006 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Succeeded in getting the City of Denver to make a substantial financial investment in providing **community-based re-entry services for people leaving jail and prison**. This campaign could serve as a model in other communities.
- Succeeded in defeating a proposal which would only allow families to visit loved ones via video at the new jail in Denver. A letter signed by over 300 CCJRC members to the Mayor and members of City Council **ensured that families will be able to visit loved ones in person, too**.
- CCJRC was one of the plaintiffs in a lawsuit brought by the ACLU to advocate for the voting rights of people on parole. While this lawsuit was unsuccessful, we will continue our efforts to ensure that **people, once released from prison, are entitled to full rights of citizenship, including voting**.
- We are nearing completion of a *Parolee Re-Entry Guide* that will provide extensive information to people in prison, people on parole and their families to help them be more successful after their release.
- We collaborated with our members in Ft. Collins to **successfully** defeat the expansion of the Larimer County Jail and collaborated with our members in Colorado Springs to host a forum entitled, “The Jails are Full – Now What”. Through these efforts we are raising public awareness and political pressure that perpetual jail expansion is not acceptable or necessary.
- We wrote a three-part series in our newsletter that chronicles the experiences of “Bob” after his release from prison. This series was so popular that CCJRC compiled the series into one booklet that our members and the public can order.
- We partnered with the Piton Foundation, Metro Organization for People, the Fatherhood Initiative, Charity’s House Ministries and several academic experts to conduct an extensive and comprehensive research project on the needs and barriers people face while on parole. This is the most comprehensive, grassroots analysis ever done in Colorado and our report of findings will be released in early 2007.
- We partnered with Aphelios to produce a photo documentary that highlights what challenges people face while on parole. This photo display will be showcased on our website by the end of the year.
- Our public education programs reach allowed us to reach out to a wide and diverse audience through speaking engagements, community events, and our newsletters.
- We added nearly 2600 people to our mailing list this year.