

Happy Holidays!

My colleagues and I at the Delaware Center for Justice (DCJ) wish you joy and good health during this holiday season and the New Year to come.

Because of your generosity, our clients have dared to hope—hope that they can and will overcome the obstacles often posed by institutional practices that are inherently unjust. To believe that you do not have to be defined by your past is liberating, and to most of our clients, this is a brand new experience. Thank you for making that possible.

Your unrestricted dollars have allowed us to keep our phones ringing, our lights on, our computers up-to-date, and our data secure and efficiently systematized. We are able to organize, mobilize, and strategize for safer, more secure communities and a justice system that is equitable. We are able to continuously improve our programs and the skills of the team in order to provide quality programming and advocacy for those we serve.

2014 was a challenging, but successful year. We dealt with such complex issues as decreasing recidivism, halting gun and gang violence, reducing truancy and disengagement in school, victimization, stigmas, and social injustice.

We dealt with the complex individuals who had to navigate through these issues. Not surprising, these individuals are often the most vulnerable and marginalized among us.

But make no mistake—every day we also dealt with courage, resilience and renewal in the persons of strong children, women, and men who emerged determined to retake control of their lives, using the tools and assets that you have made available to them.

Our 2015 resolution is to keep improving our services, educating and involving the community, working to decrease violence and increase opportunity, and advocating for true social justice.

I am Ashley Biden, newly appointed Executive Director of DCJ. It has been a great honor to serve for the past three years as the Associate Executive Director, and I look forward to serving in the New Year. It is with humility and pride that we at DCJ serve our clients and our community.

We as an organization, and as individuals, understand that our society is only as strong as our weakest link. Thank you for sharing that belief, for standing with us, and for the richness you bring to bear in spirit, commitment, and financial support.

Warmly,



Ashley Blazer Biden, MSW  
And the DCJ Team

