



Help Us Create a More Just Community in Waterloo Region and Beyond.

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Guided by restorative justice principles, CJI addresses conflict and crime by engaging people who cause harm, people affected by the harm, and the community.



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BackHome

BackHome helps youth in custody build informal networks of support that assist them to reintegrate and prepares the community to receive them.

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Empowering Youth, Engaging the Community.



The Need

Youth leaving custody are frequently isolated from caring supports. They struggle to form trusting relationships and are stigmatized. Often living with mental health or addiction issues, low self-esteem, and low employability, they are vulnerable to returning to old lifestyles.



Youth in Custody

I work with a youth who has made great positive change and who has gained new confidence in himself. We have continued regular recreation and together have successfully achieved his goal of being employed.

— A BackHome volunteer



Community Volunteers

How CJI's BackHome Program Works

1. Through BackHome Recreation Night, youth engage with volunteers and social agencies during a shared activity in local custody facilities.



4. Upon release, youth are supported by BackHome Circle volunteers practically and emotionally as they navigate formal community services to find homes, jobs, health care, etc., and settle into the community.



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