

JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS AFFECTING THE CORPORATION SINCE 1978

1978 Jonathan Houston met with Francis Darigan, Kevin Horan, Richard Licht, and Joseph McGair in the State House Legislative Dining Room to discuss plans to create a job-training program for ex-offenders on September 8th.

On October 24th, the Articles of Incorporation were completed. The documents were filed with Secretary of State on November 2nd. Justice Resource Corporation, Inc. became the legal name of the corporation. Incorporators included George E. Battey, Jr., George Bristol, Esq., William McSoley, III, and Thomas M. Ryan.

The corporation opened its first office at 99 Brownlee Boulevard in Warwick on December 3rd.

The corporation signed its first contract with RI Department of Economic Development/Division of Job Development and Training on December 3rd. (United States Department of Labor – Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, US DOL-CETA Title IIB #9213, Sub-Grant #387 \$144,745).

Fern-Hanaway Company, Providence-based marketing, public relations, and advertising firm donated its services to create a series of brochures, letterhead, and a marketing plan for the corporation. James Rupkey became the organization’s account representative on December 10th.

1979 Neil J. Houston, Jr., Executive Director, Crime and Justice Foundation, Boston, MA., conducted the initial staff training on March 5th

Governor J. Joseph Garrahy appointed the corporation’s executive director, Jonathan Houston, to the New England Correctional Coordinating Council on March 15th.

The corporation was awarded U.S. DOL-CETA Title IV #9435, Sub-Grant #387, \$82,814 on May 18th.

The corporation adopted its Personnel Policies on June 25th. The document’s initial draft was composed by Neil J. Houston Jr.

The corporation adopted its By-Laws on September 19th.

The corporation elected its first Directors and Corporate Officers on October 9th.

1980 The corporation is certified as tax exempt under 501-(c)-3 of the Internal Revenue Code. (Employer ID# 05-0379917; Determination #80-740) on August 8th.

The Rhode Island Division of Taxation provided the corporation with a Certification of Exemption (Exemption #2287) on August 9th.

The corporation held its original Annual Board of Directors Meeting in the House of Representatives Lounge at the State House on October 6th.

- 1981** The organization hosted the 1st Excellence in Justice Awards at the Chateaux D'Ville in Warwick on May 8th. Keynote speaker: Henry Mascarella, Executive Director, Crime and Justice Foundation, Boston, MA.

At the Annual Meeting on December 8th, By Law III (2) entitled 'Annual Meeting' was amended. The meeting would now to be held on the first Tuesday in October.

- 1982** The corporation voted to expand the Board of Director membership from 17 members to 19 members on January 13th.

The corporation's executive director, Jonathan Houston, completed the Harvard University Grantsmanship Training Program on January 26th.

Governor J. Joseph Garrahy proclaimed April 16th "Justice Resource Corporation Day."

Jonathan Houston completed the Harvard University Fundraising Training Program on May 14th.

The corporation was awarded US DOL-Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), Title IIB #3074, Sub-grant #387, \$44,282 on October 4th.

The corporation voted to expand the Board of Director membership from 19 members to 21 members on October 5th.

The Providence Journal published Jonathan Houston's opinion editorial entitled, "Crime and Punishment" on October 14th.

- 1983** Rhode Island Foundation awarded the corporation its first private sector grant with a \$28,000 gift on March 29th.

The corporate office relocated to 100 Sandy Bottom Road in Coventry after a fire at Brownlee Boulevard on April 14th. The office space, provided rent free, was located within the local Department of Labor and Training, Job Training Office.

Old Stone Bank provided the first corporate gift with a \$1,000 contribution on June 6th.

Jonathan Houston was elected to serve on the New England Council on Crime and Delinquency on July 1st.

The corporation was awarded a \$27,000 Family Court contract to provide restitution services on October 1st.

The corporation voted on October 5th to charge a 5% banking, bookkeeping and accounting fee on all restitution collected.

The corporation voted to change from a business calendar year to a fiscal year from October 1st through September 30th on October 25th.

The corporation authored Rhode Island's Crime Victims' Bill of Rights and submitted the bill to corporate director and State Representative R. Kevin Horan as well as House Judiciary Chairman Jeffrey Teitz for submission on November 15th.

1984 The corporate office relocated to 86 Weybossett Street, Providence on July 1st.

The corporation held its first charity golf tournament to benefit the organization on August 12th at Valley Country Club in West Warwick.

Mary Q. Hawkes, PhD. and Jonathan Houston published "Trickle Down Economics and the Survival of a Small Nonprofit Organization" in the Journal of Social Work on August 20th.

The corporation was the primary sponsor of the inaugural Crime Victims' Rights Week in Rhode Island held September 17th through the 21st. Keynote speaker: Constance Noblet, President, National Organization for Victim Assistance.

The corporation was recognized as an exemplary program by Rhode Island Attorney General Dennis J. Roberts II and named Jonathan Houston an Honorary Assistant Attorney General on September 19th.

The corporation's first long-range plan was approved by the Board of Directors on October 9th.

Annie-Laurie Kneissel and her brother, Alexander von Auersperg, enrolled in Project Victim Services on November 4th. Their stepfather, Claus von Bulow, was scheduled to be retried for the attempted murder of their mother, Sunny von Bulow. The corporation was soon cast into the international spotlight.

The corporation voted to change the organization's name to Justice Assistance on December 4th.

The corporation voted to expand Board of Director's membership from 21 members to 23 on December 4th.

The corporation introduced a computer-based management information system on December 4th.

1985 Following the Von Bulow trial, the corporation submitted language to amend the Rhode Island Crime Indemnity Fund Act as it related to award amount, application, eligibility, and administration on January 11th.

Lieutenant Governor Roger Begin appointed Jonathan Houston to the Teens, Crime and the Community Legislative Study Commission on January 26th.

The corporation was retained to provide technical assistance to the Attorney General's Task Force on Offenders and Community Service on February 11th.

Rhode Island Family Court Judge Edward Healy appointed Jonathan Houston to serve as his designee on the Department of Justice Commission to Design a Service Delivery System for Crime Victims on April 1st. The executive director was the only non-governmental official and non-prosecutor to serve.

The corporation was retained to provide technical assistance to the Governor's Justice Commission Planning Committee on Youth Advocacy on May 22nd.

The corporation was the primary sponsor of the International Halfway House Association's Northeast Regional Conference on June 10th. The conference was held in Newport, RI.

Speaker of the House Matthew Smith appointed Jonathan Houston to serve on the Governor's Justice Commission on June 21st.

The corporation signed its first contract with the Cranston-Providence Job Training Consortium on June 17th. (US DOL-JTPA #85-6611 CT/WE Summer Youth Project \$6,710).

The corporation signed its first contract with the Balance of State Job Training Consortium on July 22nd. (US DOL-JTPA Title IIA, 8% Education Set Aside, #5903, Sub-grant #387, \$45,878).

The corporation signed its first contract with the Northern Rhode Island Job Training Consortium on October 15th. (US DOL-JTPA, Title IIA, #5077, Sub-grant #387, \$20,000).

The Board of Directors voted to increase the accounting, banking and bookkeeping fee attached to restitution collection by 10% on October 12th.

The first meeting of the corporation's Newport County Advisory Committee was held on November 27th. Host: Mrs. Eileen Slocum, considered to be the 'Grande Dame' of Newport society.

On December 4th, the corporation voted to change fiscal year from October through September to July through June.

1986 The corporation expanded Project Restitution to all Family Courts statewide on January 1st.

United States Senator John Chafee offered the corporation's executive director his chief of staff position on January 6th. The offer was declined because negotiations with the Aitken Charitable Trust for inclusion in the trust document were underway.

The corporation signed first contract with Governor's Justice Commission on January 15th (US Department of Justice, Justice Assistance Act [US DOJ-JAA] #86-5088, \$20,938).

The corporation designed and implemented a pilot crime victim service delivery system for the 6th Division District Court on April 1st. Funding was provided by the Rhode Island Foundation.

The organization signed a contract with the Governor's Justice Commission on April 15th (US Department of Justice, Victims of Crime Act [USDOJ-VOCA] #86-4055, \$35,266).

The corporation expanded the state's second 'Victim's Rights Week' to include a candlelight vigil to commemorate homicide victims on April 24th. Keynote speaker: Alexander von Auersperg, President, National Victim Center.

United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention named the corporation's Project Restitution an "Exemplary Program" on May 20th.

The corporation was the primary author of the amendment to the Victims' Rights Act of 1983 entitled, "The Crime Victims' Bill of Rights" to establish a Victim Service Unit on June 15th.

The corporation was the primary author of the amendment to the Victims' Rights Act of 1983 entitled, "The Crime Victims' Bill of Rights" to prohibit enrichment by criminal offenders on June 15th.

The corporate office relocated to 169 Weybosset Street in Providence on July 1st. Rhode Island Hospital Trust and Arthur Anderson, Inc. donated the rental expenses.

The Aitken Charitable Trust awarded \$150,000 toward the endowment of the corporation. The trust document called for annual contributions for 15 years. Trustees: Annie-Laurie Aitken, Russell Aitken, Annie-Laurie Kneissel, Alexander von Auersperg, and G. Morris Gurley, Esq. Chemical Bank served as the executor of the trust.

The corporation was the primary author of the Rhode Island Constitutional Amendment, Article I, Section 23 entitled, "Rights of the Victim." The amendment went before voters on November 4th and passed with 65% of the vote. Rhode Island became the first state in the United States to enact a constitutional amendment relating to victims of crime.

1987 Rhode Island Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Fay publicly lauds the corporation's victim service delivery system on May 29th.

The United States Department of Justice and the Pacific Institute recognized the corporation's Project Restitution as an exemplary program on June 1st.

The Providence Journal, in an editorial, endorsed the corporation's Project Victim Services on June 4th.

The corporation was awarded its first legislative grant on June 5th. The grant totaled \$30,000.

The Board of Directors reviewed and revised the corporation's personnel policies on June 8th.

Jonathan Houston was invited to participate in the Providence Chamber of Commerce's first Leadership Rhode Island Program as a presenter on June 24th.

The corporation held its inaugural Chairman's Reception for contributors at the Brown University Faculty Club on October 20th.

The Governor appointed Jonathan Houston to serve on the Transitional Housing Task Force on November 5th.

The first public service announcement relating to the organization was televised on November 9th. The announcement aired on WJAR TV-10.

Neil J. Houston, Jr., President, Gardiner Howland Shaw Foundation, and long-term technical advisor to the corporation is tragically killed by a drunk driver on November 10th.

1988 Institute for Court Management, Boulder, CO, completed a program audit of Project Restitution on January 14th. The audit was considered an 'errors free' success.

The Board of Directors voted to rename the Excellence in Justice Achievement Award the Neil J. Houston, Jr. Memorial Award as a lasting tribute to his achievements in the criminal justice field on February 9th.

The General Assembly appointed Jonathan Houston to serve on the Commission to Study the Feasibility of Establishing Community Service Programs as Alternatives to Certain Fines, Imprisonment and Conditions of Probation on March 25th.

The corporation was awarded its first Supreme Court contract to provide services to crime victims on August 5th (#2710-589, \$200,000).

Mary Q. Hawkes, PhD., Department Chair, School of Social Work, Rhode Island College, completed a program evaluation on October 11th.

An In-Service Training Manual was completed, and staff training commenced on October 11th.

The corporation celebrated its 10th anniversary on November 4th in conjunction with the Neil J. Houston, Jr. Memorial Awards.

The Justice Assistance Management Information and Reporting System (JAMIRS) became fully automated and networked on November 9th.

1989 The American Correctional Association appointed Jonathan Houston to the Probation and Parole Study Commission on January 16th.

The corporation was awarded its first Department of Corrections contract to design and implement a home confinement/day-reporting center (Metropolitan Day Reporting Center) on March 10th (#0000-000, \$700,000).

The corporation was awarded first Workforce 2000 contract on March 15th (#9018-38, \$44,043).

The Office of the Governor ordered a change in eligibility criteria for acceptance into the Metropolitan Day Reporting Center, lessening the requirements for entry. The Board of Directors voted to cancel the RIDOC contract for reasons of public safety on April 12th. The Department of Corrections changed the eligibility criteria and transitioned from a day reporting service model to a home confinement program.

The corporation was awarded a state Violent Crime Indemnity Fund contract to provide services to crime victims on October 13th (VCIF #2710-80900-589, \$50,000).

The corporation was awarded Department of Corrections contract to design and implement a pre-trial bail and day reporting program (Project Bail) on November 30th (#0000-000, \$125,000). After a favorable federal district court ruling accepting Project Bail as a legitimate means to reduce the inmate population the contract was terminated for fiscal considerations on December 28th. Project Bail went on to become the District Court Bail Unit.

1990 The Mayor of the City of Providence appointed Jonathan Houston to the Homeless Task Force on January 3rd.

The corporation submitted legislation calling for the creation of a Rhode Island Department of Justice on January 7th. The suggested department called for the Department of Attorney General, State Sheriff's Office, State Marshal's Office, Capitol Police, Department of Corrections, Juvenile Detention Center, Probation and Parole, and State Police to be merged into one coordinated unit. The legislation was tabled for further study. The Rhode Island Department of Public Safety was created in 2012 with many of the elements recommended in 1990.

The corporation was the primary author of the Community Corrections Act submitted to the General Assembly by the RI Department of Corrections on February 13th.

Rhode Island College introduced a Justice Studies Program and Jonathan Houston provided the keynote address at the colloquium introducing the program on April 18th.

The Democratic candidate for governor, Bruce Sundlun, asked Jonathan Houston to write his criminal justice position paper on July 2.

Bruce Sundlun, Rhode Island Governor-elect, selects Jonathan Houston to serve on his transition team to assist in matters relating to the state's justice system on November 10th.

1991 The organization codified all Rhode Island general laws relating to victims of crime and introduced the 'Victims of Crime Act' on February 14th. The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee 12 – 0 on April 26th. The presiding justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court denied seeing the bill prior to passage by the Senate Judiciary Committee and requested that the bill be reheard and defeated. The organization's executive director informed the committee that the presiding justice not only knew of the bill, but on two separate occasions reviewed the draft and recommended changes (all of which were included in the final draft). The bill was tabled for further study on June 30th.

The governor declared a state budget emergency and freezes the spending of all “Restricted Receipt Accounts” to meet the state payroll. The corporation was denied access to the \$50,000 VCIF grant, \$35,000 VOCA grant, \$16,666 remaining in the Family Court grant, and \$50,000 DOC grant on March 1st. In addition, the \$88,000 Workforce 2000 contract was not signed. The corporation furloughed all employees one day per week and borrowed from bank line of credit and the Aitken Endowment Fund to meet expenses.

Arnold Company, a Boston-based marketing, public relations, and advertising firm donated production services to create a series of television and radio advertisements for the corporation. The first advertisement ran on April 29th.

Project Fresh Start reorganized to include competency attainments specific to job development and retainment on May 16th.

Staff furloughs ended but several service staff were laid-off and project services were reduced on July 1st.

The state refused to reimburse the corporation the VCIF, Family Court, and DOC grant money it borrowed. Project Victim Services reduced service in Providence County Superior Court, Project Restitution’s Family Court activities were financed privately, and DOC contract was rewritten at a lesser amount on July 1st.

Francis W. Hatch Award was presented to Justice Assistance and Arnold Fortuna Lane (formally Arnold Company) for “creative excellence in New England Advertising” by the Advertising Club of Greater Boston on August 5th.

The governor appointed Jonathan Houston to the Committee to Draft Legislation relating to Intermediate Sanctions on November 5th.

The organization was awarded a Rhode Island Department of Corrections contract to provide technical assistance in the design and development of intermediate sanctions on December 15th. The organization retained the services of Anthony Trivisono, Executive Director Emeritus of the American Correctional Association, to lead the effort.

1992 Project Fresh Start initiated its first classroom-training program in auto-body repair at the Hanley Vocational School in Providence on January 21st.

Cranston School Department and organization collaborated to develop a high school graduate equivalency diploma (GED) program for ex-offenders on January 21st.

The Family Court did not renew the corporation’s contract to provide restitution services on June 27th. The court decided to provide the service in-house. The corporation was asked to provide technical assistance, and to provide intellectual property access to our JAMIRS technology. The organization declined.

1993 The corporate office was relocated to 259 Weybossett Street, Providence, on July 1st.

The corporation signed a four (4) year, \$700,000 contract with the RI Department of Corrections to provide technical assistance in writing department protocols to meet American Correctional association standards for accreditation on September 3rd. The project was scheduled to begin in November but is pushed back to May. The corporation brought together a team of Jane Joyce, consultant, Boston Foundation; Anthony Trivisono, Director, International Correctional Studies, Salve Regina University; and Susan Jennest, technical writer, Crime and Justice Foundation, Boston, MA.

Workforce 2000 merged its job training funding with the United Way forming the Private Industry Council. The corporation was required to re-bid its contract. The newly appointed director of corrections endorsed the Travelers Aide (zero-years' experience in the field) proposal for 75 women offenders over the corporation's (fifteen-years' experience in the field) proposal to serve 600 men and women offenders. Travelers Aide was awarded the contract and within two-years the program failed.

1994 The Providence Journal published Jonathan Houston's opinion editorial entitled, "Mixed Signals on the ACI" on February 23rd.

The Community Mental Health Association asked the corporation to replace the initial Fostering Flowers program manager after two work release inmates escaped from the Meadowbrook Farm work site while under the guard of correctional officers. The corporation signed the memorandum of agreement and reauthorization of funding with the Cranston/Providence Job Training Consortium on April 4th (USDOL-JTPA #0095-94-9523-25, \$117,404).

The organization's executive director was one of fifty (50) invitees to attend the White House Briefing on Crime and Delinquency on April 14th. Presenters included Vice President Albert Gore, Attorney General Janet Reno, Secretary of Labor Robert Reich, Secretary of Education William Reilly, and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Henry Cesaareos. Jonathan Houston then attended the follow-up working meeting in July.

Jonathan Houston provided the Victims' Rights Week keynote address for the State of New Jersey, Victim Service Providers Association, in Atlantic City on April 20th.

The Foster Town Council placed the Fostering Flowers job-training program on its May 1st agenda. Jonathan Houston faced a large, hostile crowd plus the media. People purporting to be members of the Klu Klux Klan threatened the executive director and his family, the project director, and the clientele if the corporation failed to terminate the program. The state and local police were advised. In subsequent meetings, the town becomes less hostile and eventually embraced the effort.

Following a ten-year period in which the organization served as a sole source provider, the court administrator re-bid the victim service delivery program. The corporation signed a three-month, \$50,000, interim, and retroactive agreement on August 3rd.

On September 22nd, the court administrator awarded the corporation the victim service contract naming Justice Assistance a ‘sole source’ contractor.

The corporation entered into an agreement with the Supreme Court to assist the Central Registry in locating missing victims associated with the Rhode Island credit union scandal on September 22nd.

The corporation signed its first Greater Rhode Island Private Industry Council Regional Employment and Training Board contract on October 13th (#P4002-387, \$100,000).

- 1995** RI Department of Corrections modified the technical assistance contract on March 24th. The organization withheld payment from a sub-contractor after learning they were negotiating with the department director to become the primary and exclusive contractor.

The Fostering Farms program was relocated to the Howard Reservation in Cranston on April 1st.

Jonathan Houston provided the keynote address at the Victims’ Rights Week Conference, hosted by the Florida Department of Justice, in Tampa, Florida on April 22nd.

United State Attorney General, Janet Reno provided the keynote address at the 14th Annual Neil J. Houston, Jr. Memorial Awards on May 12 at the Potowomut Golf Club in Warwick. In describing the corporation, she stated, “What has touched me so deeply about Justice Assistance is, I have never seen a program in this country that not only talks about balance but really adheres to a balance. You care about ex-offenders. But just as much as you care about ex-offenders, you care about victims. And you are the foremost victims’ advocates I know.”

The Board of Directors approved the executive director’s request for a six- month professional development leave-of-absence on November 15th. Jane Joyce was named interim director. The executive director returned on December 1st upon learning of the supreme court administrator’s effort to terminate the organization’s contract.

- 1996** On February 14th the court administrator notified the corporation that retroactive to January 2nd the family court would no longer need their restitution services. The family court hired the son of the presiding justice of the superior court as an investigator to conduct restitution services. Employee grievances by state employees were filed protesting the hiring. The court administrator, in the same letter, notified the corporation that effective March 1st its contract would be reduced by \$50,000 annually. The superior court hired an investigator to work in the Central Registry and collect restitution.

The corporation designed and implemented FVI, LLC, a for-profit corporation to provide family violence intervention services on November 3rd.

- 1997** FVI, LLC was spun away as an independent business and signed a management contract with the corporation to provide payroll services on April 1st.

The US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime presented a certificate of appreciation to the corporation's executive director, Jonathan Houston, "In recognition of your dedication to victims' rights" on April 19th.

The corporation's executive director addressed the participants of the Inaugural Economic Crime Summit on May 18th. Topic: Technology and Elderly Victimization.

1998 The corporation signed its first contract with the Rhode Island Department of Administration on July 1st (#2481-40100-0589, \$100,000).

The corporation relocated its corporate office on July 1st to 943 Park Avenue, Cranston.

On July 15th, the Board of Directors voted to institute a client-processing fee of \$180. Municipal Collection Agency, Ltd. was retained to bill and collect fees.

1999 The University of Rhode Island entered into a training and research agreement with the corporation on February 28th. The primary focus was domestic violence treatment. Dennis Stark, Chief Financial Officer at the University of Rhode Island, and Richard Suter, Regional Manager, Marsh Financial of Boston, MA. conducted a review of the corporation's benefits package and presented their recommendations to the Board of Directors Personnel Committee on April 18th.

The Rhode Island Public Safety Commission (formerly the Governor's Justice Commission) recommended that the corporation take over the management and service component of the state's program for family and friends of murder victims on July 25th. The corporation agreed after discussing the program with the YWCA, the interim manager of the program.

The Corporation for Public Management, Worcester, MA, selected as a finalist by the George Soros Foundation for an Open Society Institute grant, designated the corporation as the project manager for the Providence demonstration site on August 22nd.

BOTEC Corporation of Cambridge, MA conducted a needs assessment of the corporation's services for crime victims as part of a statewide planning grant on August 28th.

The corporation held the 15th and final charity golf tournament at the North Kingstown Municipal Golf Course on September 5th.

The United Way initiated a movement to have all Rhode Island non-profit organizations align their Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) language. On December 12th, the Board voted to stand by the corporation's EEO statement. On March 21st, Jonathan Houston met with the top management and volunteers of the United Way and suggested a side-by-side reading, reminded the participants that the corporation was not a United Way member agency, and voiced concern with the threat to withhold funding if an organization failed to comply. United Way accepted the corporation's language and the corporation agreed to support the initiative.

The Board of Directors voted on December 12th to increase the client-processing fee to \$20 effective January 1st.

- 2000** The corporation redesigned and implemented Project Survivor Outreach Services at the request of the Rhode Island Public Safety Grant Administration Office and signed a management contract on September 27th (USDOJ-VOCA #00-409-VOCA, \$40,000). The corporation entered into a collaborative agreement with the RI Victim Advocacy and Support Center and agreed to assist RIVASC in attaining their IRS 501-(c)-3, charitable organization status.

Rhode Island Supreme Court Chief Justice, Joseph Weisberger, appointed Jonathan Houston to serve on the Committee on Rules of Evidence: Child Sexual Assault on November 1st.

- 2001** The executive director met with the District Court judiciary and presented a “State of the Corporation” address at their annual meeting on January 26th. The judiciary asked that this become an annual presentation.

The corporation completed the revision of the program position descriptions and submitted them to the Board of Directors for approval on April 12th.

The City of Cranston Mayor, John O’Leary, appointed Jonathan Houston to the Commission to Study Public Buildings on June 19th.

The Department of Business Regulations penalized the corporation \$400 for failure to register as a fund-raising agency on June 4th. The corporation appealed the fine, arguing its exempt status. DBR agreed but noted that future fund-raising efforts may be hindered if the corporation hired professional fund developers. On September 27th the corporation signed a consent decree.

On June 26th, the Supreme Court administrator was notified of the corporation’s board of directors’ vote to no longer provide services to crime victims in Kent, Newport, and Washington County Superior Courts effective July 1st. Three employees were laid-off.

The Internal Revenue Service agreed to waive all penalties and interest charged the corporation associated with late payroll tax payments on June 28th. IRS ruled that the corporation was an innocent injured party and assigned blame on the state’s contract reimbursement practices.

The corporation was the primary author of the amendment to RIGL 12-29-4 entitled, “Domestic Violence Act” that related to cases filed with a ‘batterer intervention’ sanction on June 29th.

Brown University School of Medicine, Butler Hospital, and FVI, LLC entered into an agreement with the corporation to conduct a National Institute of Health multi-year study on substance abuse and its relationship to domestic violence and treatment design on July 3rd.

On August 23rd, the RI Department of Corrections entered a collaborative agreement with the corporation to provide targeted victim notification marketing materials.

Spectrum, Inc. of Marlboro, MA approached the organization about purchase and merger on August 23rd.

2002 Brown University and Butler Hospital entered into a second agreement with the corporation to conduct a National Institute of Health study on domestic violence treatment involving women and the relationship with alcohol on January 10th.

Brown University and Butler Hospital entered into a third National Institute of Health study agreement with the corporation on the impact of legal and illegal substance abuse as it relates to domestic violence on April 16th.

Board voted to authorize organization to increase processing and supervision fee by \$100 on June 11th.

Jonathan Houston provided the commencement speech at the Department of Corrections women's facility on June 12th.

With funding provided by the Rhode Island Foundation, Chapter 6, a Chicago-based a cappella group, conducted an arts centered staff in-service training on September 5th. A benefit concert by Chapter 6 to support the corporation was held that same day at the Greenwich Odeum.

On October 1st, after completing an assessment of Project Survivor Outreach Services (SOS), the corporation voiced management concerns and recommended that the Rhode Island Justice Commission not continue financial support for the Rhode Island Victim Advocacy and Support Center (RIVASC) as a stand-alone program.

The corporation signed a two-year contract with US Department of Justice for Project Safe Neighborhoods on September 24th (USDOJ-BJA #2002-F1101-RI-GP, \$170,000).

Chief Justice Frank Williams, Rhode Island Supreme Court, appointed the corporation's executive director to serve on the Committee to Address the Legal Needs of Indigent Defendants" on December 10th.

The Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court nominated the corporation to receive the national award of excellence by the US Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime on December 23rd.

Jonathan Houston was invited by the United States Department of Justice to be a part of the 10-member Rhode Island delegation to attend a three-day summit to reduce gun violence in Philadelphia, PA from January 29th through January 31st.

United States Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime presented the corporation's executive director with a certificate of excellence for its outstanding work with crime victims. The award, presented to Jonathan Houston and the board president by the Rhode Island Supreme Court on April 23rd noted that the Department of Justice was "inspired by his compassionate service to crime victims."

2003 The 25th Anniversary Committee was formulated and held its first planning meeting on January 16th.

The corporation established the Project Safe Neighborhoods Steering Committee on January 21st.

Project Safe Neighborhoods selected the upper South Providence neighborhood as the first target neighborhood to reduce gun violence on February 11th.

The corporation celebrated its 25th Anniversary at the Greenwich Odeum, East Greenwich, RI on November 21st and 22nd featuring a return concert by Chicago-based a cappella performers Chapter 6.

2004 The corporation began videotaping Project Safe Neighborhoods' local public service announcements and b-rolls on January 27th. Videotaping was done in conjunction with RDW Group, the organization's media engagement partner.

Jonathan Houston was invited to participate in the United Way's Community Needs Assessment meetings on February 25th and 26th.

The Rhode Island Supreme Court initiated the creation of a direct linkage, or victim portal, between the corporation and the courts database through the J-Link management information system on March 15th.

COX 3 Cable and RDW Group began planning the Project Safe Neighborhoods "Town Meeting Gun Summit" on April 28th.

The corporation hosted the Project Safe Neighborhoods' Community Engagement meetings at the MET Center on May 26th and 27th. The Police Education and Research Forum (PERF) and the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) facilitated the meeting.

The corporation's executive director participated in the COX 3 "Town Meeting Gun Summit" on June 2nd. The live, inter-active program was available to every school in Rhode Island and was aired repeatedly over the month of June.

Jonathan Houston was invited by the United States Department of Justice to be part of a 10-member Rhode Island delegation to attend a three-day follow-up summit to reduce gun violence in Kansas City, MO. from June 15th through June 17th.

The organization entered into a collaborative agreement on August 10th with the ARIAS Group of Cincinnati, Ohio to initiate a "Peaceable Communities Initiative" in Providence. The initiative focused upon police and community relations and involved Resolutions, Inc. of Boston and the Police Education Research Forum of Washington D.C.

The corporation placed a Project Safe Neighborhoods billboard entitled, "GUN CRIME MEANS HARD TIME. VERY HARD TIME" on Route 95 North. Viti Corporation of Middletown

donated the space and RDW Group provided the creative work. The signage was for the month of September.

- 2005** Andrus Family Foundation selected the City of Providence as the first “non-crisis” city in the United States for funding of the Peaceable Communities Initiative. The corporation was named the local lead agency on July 19th.

The corporation was selected by the department of administration and the state courts to assist with the design and implementation of the Rhode Island Victim Information Portal on February 4th.

The corporation served as the local host of a Peaceable Communities Initiative focus group on March 29th. The topic, sustaining good police and community relations, was impaired for reasons of financial control by The Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence and The Family Services Center. The Andrus Family Foundation withdrew its financial commitment stating, “It did not want to go where it is not wanted” on March 30th.

The COX Cable TV-3 Project Safe Neighborhoods “Town Meeting Gun Summit” received the COX Corporate Impact Award on June 22nd.

The state department of administration issued authorization allowing the corporation private vendor access to the State Government Information Network on August 4th.

- 2006** The corporation submitted a plan to increase offender supervision fees by the Department of Corrections to the House Finance Committee on February 21st.

The corporation, in conjunction with Consumer Safety Technology, Inc. of Boise, Idaho, conducted a demonstration of DUI/DWI ignition locking system for the General Assembly on March 22nd.

The corporation entered into an agreement with Lighthouse Computer Services of Lincoln, RI to design a single unit, GPS tracking device to use on sex offenders. Representatives from the courts, law enforcement, corrections, the defense bar, prosecution and domestic violence organizations were brought together to address the issue on April 18th.

- 2007** Rhode Island Victim Support and Advocacy Center abandoned the contract leaving the Parole Board in danger of losing federal grant funds. The corporation signed a bridge contract with the Parole Board to provide victim notification on January 17th (# 06-427-VOCA, \$30,000).

Jonathan Houston was appointed by Senate President Joseph Montalbano to the Joint Legislative Committee to Study Sex Offender Legislation on February 6th.

Governor Donald Carcieri appointed the corporation’s executive director to the state’s Personnel Appeal Board. The Senate Judiciary Committee voted to approve the appointment on June 20th.

The Municipal Collecting Agency informed the corporation that the agency was going through reorganization. Katherine Brown, the corporation's Deputy Director, began a series of negotiations to improve the rate of collection and reporting requirements on July 18th. Within 6-months, the rate of return increased by twenty percent.

On September 6th, the governor's policy staff asked the corporation to offer solutions to the state's budget deficit, in particular to identify savings at the Department of Corrections.

A local defense attorney filed motion to eliminate the Justice Assistance client fee. William Brody, Esq. represented the corporation and won a favorable ruling on September 12th. Judge Madeline Quirk presided.

The corporation presented a concept paper to the governor's chief of staff, Brian Stern, calling for the creation of an Office of Community Alternatives November 14th.

2008 The Providence Journal published an opinion editorial entitled, "Normalize the Individual Not His or Her Environment" on January 22nd written by Jonathan Houston.

Representatives of the Rhode Island Medical Society, Mental Health Professionals Association and Drug and Alcohol Treatment Association met with corporation's executive director to endorse a plan to create an Office of Community Alternatives on January 29th.

Jonathan Houston addressed the Netopian Society at Wannimoisett Country Club to discuss the corporation's plan to save money at the Department of Corrections using technology and the creation of an Office of Community Alternatives on March 12th.

The corporation's executive director met with the Office of the Attorney General's Chief of Criminal Prosecution to alert their office to the emerging practice within the District Court of bypassing the filing with sanctions process on March 20th. A strategy was agreed upon and the practice soon ended.

The corporation and Roger Williams University School of Justice Studies entered into a student internship agreement on April 1st.

A feature story entitled 'Law and Order' written by Mary Murphy, focused on Justice Assistance appeared in The Providence Journal on April 28th.

The corporation celebrated its 30th Anniversary at The Rotunda in the Convention Center on May 21st. Roger Williams University School of Law hosted the event and Dean David Logan provided the welcoming address.

United States Congressman Patrick Kennedy (D-District 1) announced a \$200,000 grant award to the corporation to continue its research and development of an inter-operational, statewide, GPS offender tracking system on July 28th.

The corporation presented the GPS-ACTS solution to Governor Donald Carcieri, State Police Colonel Brendan Doherty, and Jerry Williams, Director, Department of Administration on October 24th. The solution anticipated saving the state \$20 - \$30 million within 4-years.

The corporation presented the GPS-ACTS solution to the Rhode Island Police Chief's Association on December 15th.

- 2009** United States Congressman Patrick Kennedy (D-District 1) held a press conference and awarded the organization a \$200,000 Congressionally Authorized Grant to research the feasibility of inter-operational statewide tracking systems for offenders on May 12th.

After numerous starts and stops regarding the state GPS bid Lighthouse Computer Services notified the organization along with the governor that they are withdrawing their bid to provide GPS tracking of offenders on June 15th.

The corporation entered into a partnership agreement with AMS-SCRAM to provide alcohol detection on June 18th.

Jonathan Houston was invited to become a member of the Rhode Island Highway Safety Coalition on August 25th.

The corporation kicked off its first direct mail capital campaign on September 5th.

At the 28th Annual Neil J. Houston, Jr. Memorial Awards banquet, the corporation presented the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award to Judge Edward Healey on October 14th. The Board announced that the award would be named in perpetuity the Edward V. Healey Lifetime Achievement Award.

- 2010** The corporation entered into a management agreement with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Board to collect restitution on January 10th.

Governor Donald Carcieri re-appointed and the Senate confirmed Jonathan Houston to the Vice Chairmanship of the State's Personnel Appeal Board on June 8th.

The corporation launched the state's first recidivism study of offender's court ordered to attend batterers' intervention services on July 5th.

The corporation initiated a shared relationship with the department of corrections and the state courts to devise a referral method for misdemeanor sanctions to be managed by the corporation on July 13th.

The corporation received a \$25,000 Legislative Community Service Grant on November 1st to manage the Victim Assistance Portal.

- 2011** The corporation published an analysis of rate of recidivism among court ordered offenders attending batterers' intervention services on March 11th.

On June 13th the Board of Directors voted to increase the client processing fee by \$5 per month.

The corporation launched 'Justice Assistance News' a monthly electronic newsletter through Constant Contact on August 15th.

Chief Judge Mary Lisi, US Federal District Court, District of Rhode Island, appointed Jonathan Houston to the Judicial Merit Selection Panel on October 3rd.

- 2012** The corporation published a report regarding the high rate of plea negotiated dismissals involving individuals who violated the domestic violence statutes on February 2nd.

The General Assembly amended the Rhode Island General Law entitled, "An Act Relating to Criminal Procedures – Criminal Injuries Compensation" changing the amount appropriated to the annual budget of the administrative office of the state courts and passed through to the corporation on June 12th. Governor Lincoln Chafee signed into law on June 21st.

On June 14th the Board of Directors voted to approve the corporation's management succession plan.

On June 14th the Board of Directors vote to sign a 5-year general service agreement with the current executive director that includes a 1-year employee option and a subsequent 2-year consultancy. It was the first such employment contract in the corporation's history.

The City of Providence St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee selected Jonathan Houston to serve as the 2013 Deputy Grand Marshal and the 2014 Grand Marshal on June 26th.

Jonathan Houston addressed the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association on July 17th. The topic was "Violation of Domestic Violence Statutes Status Report."

Presiding Justice Alice Gibney and the corporation's executive director met to discuss expanding program services within the superior court on October 16th.

Governor Lincoln Chafee and Jonathan Houston met regarding the formation of a 'blue ribbon' commission to study the federal Affordable Care Act and its potential impact upon sentencing in Rhode Island on November 5th.

- 2013** On April 11th the Board of Directors voted to extend the year general service agreement with the current executive director by 1-year through 2018 followed by a subsequent 2-year consultancy.

The organization agreed to enter collaboration with the Brown University School of Public Health and the Roger Williams University School of Law to develop a program and evaluation model to test and implement a treatment centered Office of Community Alternatives for offenders awaiting trial on February 11th. The effort centered upon the implementation of the Affordable Care Act referred to as 'Obama Care.'

John W. Wall, a long-time supporter and influential member of the corporation's board of

directors, passed away on February 18th. Mr. Wall was credited with creating the corporation's philosophy that the private sector is the strength behind change in the justice system.

WJAR-TV10 featured Jonathan Houston on the evening news focusing on the high (70%) dismissal rates involving the violations of the state's domestic violence statutes on May 2nd.

The first reception was held to raise awareness and financial support for the William G. Brody Fund at the home of Jonathan and Pamela Houston on May 24th. The fund was created to provide financial aid for indigent clients ordered to attend family violence intervention classes.

On June 28th the corporation received a \$200,000 Legislative Community Service Grant for the Office of Community Alternatives pilot project to develop a supervision model designed to reduce the awaiting trial population at the Adult Correctional Institutions. In addition to designing the project model, the corporation was charged with designing a research component in conjunction with Brown University and agreed to test MAP-IT, a motivational interviewing computer triage.

The Office of Community Alternatives pilot project management team met with Attorney General Peter Kilmartin to review the initial project design on August 20th. The attorney general agreed to partner with the corporation in the effort and assigned assistant attorney general and chief of the Kent County division, Maureen Keough, as his designee.

On September 11th the board of directors voted to eliminate the position of executive director and combine the board president position with the title of chief executive officer. Jonathan J. Houston was elected the corporation's president and assumed the additional title of chief executive officer.

2014 On January 9th, after consultation with Superior Court Presiding Justice Alice Gibney, the corporation agreed to operate the Office of Community Alternatives pilot project in Kent County Superior Court.

The corporation's president and CEO met with Thomas Farrell, President of the White Family Foundation, to discuss the Office of Community Alternatives pilot project on March 20th. The foundation awarded the organization a grant to support the pilot project's research effort on June 5th.

Representatives from The Laura and John Arnold Foundation contacted the corporation to begin discussions regarding the Office of Community Alternatives pilot project and to determine if the foundation would invite the corporation to apply for a full research grant. Discussions were initiated on February 2nd and began in earnest on March 11th.

The corporation accepted its first participant in the Office of Community Alternatives pilot project on March 28th.

Jonathan Houston along with the Brown University research team met with Neil Steinberg, President of the Rhode Island Foundation, and his management team to discuss the Office of Community Alternatives pilot project on April 30th.

On May 6th, Michael Fischer, United States Senate Judiciary Committee staff member, contacted the corporation after hearing of the Office of Community Alternatives pilot project from Federal Court Magistrate Judge Patricia Sullivan to discuss federal funding support on May 6th.

The Rhode Island Foundation conducted a site visit and interviewed the corporation's management team regarding the Office of Community Alternatives on June 4th.

On December 30th, The Rhode Island Foundation awarded the corporation \$85,000 to support the Office of Community Alternatives Pilot Project.

2015 Jonathan Houston served on a featured panel at the Roger Williams University School of Law Spring Symposium on Mass Incarceration. The symposium was held on May 5th.

On May 19th Community Resources for Justice (Boston, MA) and Justice Assistance initiated discussions regarding the merger of the two organizations.

On June 26th, the corporation's President/CEO meets with Superior Court Presiding Justice Alice Gibney, Assistant Attorney General Maureen Keough, and Public Defender Mary McElroy to discuss OCA expansion plans and to review the project's Continuing Legal Education credited proposed lesson plan. The President/CEO was surprised that the meeting included the court's specialty judges and magistrates. The meeting devolved into concerns regarding resources on the part of the specialty courts, particularly the drug court.

On July 1st, the corporation suspended enrollments to the OCA Pilot Project. Staff began the process of revising the project protocols and training manual, integrating the Level of Service/Risk-Need-Responsivity LS/RNR) assessment, and introducing a Cognitive Behavioral Treatment (CBT) curriculum to the project.

Justice Assistance and Community Resources for Justice (CRJ) signed a non-disclosure agreement and their collective board merger committees met formally for the first time on July 8th. Representing the corporation were William Brody, Esq., Committee Chair, Alan Doyle, Jonathan Houston and Debra Moretti.

On September 15th, Representative Robert Craven (D. North Kingstown) met to discuss the corporation's roll regarding the Governor's Justice Reinvestment initiative conducted by the State Council of Governments and the Pew Foundation. The meeting was at the request of the Speaker of the House, Nicholas Mattiello.

Michelle Rodriguez and Chenise Bonila from the State Council of Governments (SCG) met with corporate management to discuss the Governor's Justice Reinvestment initiative and the intersection with the Office of Community Alternatives on September 17th. The corporation was left with the uneasy feeling that SCG had a 'cookie cutter' outcome design and had failed to

familiarize themselves with Rhode Island's laws, protocols, and culture. The management team raised concern regarding the future of OCA.

On November 30th, the corporation announced that the OCA pilot project was entering its second phase and would again be accepting referrals commencing January 4th.

The Center for Prisoner Health and Human Rights (CPHHR) completed the OCA process evaluation and conducted the exit interview with corporation management on December 21st. The evaluation concluded the project was expensive but could save money; the project's participants were critically complex; the project was needed; the project was wanted by most of the stakeholders, and the project was misunderstood.

2016 On January 11th the corporation announced the rebranding of the OCA project. The new name became the Justice Assistance Day Reporting Center.

The corporation's management team met with the state's public defender, Mary McElroy, on February 4th to discuss wrap-around services, project protocols, LS/RNR, CBT, and referrals. The public defender and the corporation agreed to referral protocol – a return to the originally proposed protocol. Within one week the Kent County assistant public defender refused to follow agreed to referral protocols.

The state's Justice Reinvestment Initiative Commission introduced legislation to overhaul the state's sentencing and supervision policies, paying attention to probation protocols in March. The Department of Attorney General opposed many aspects of the legislative package.

On June 23rd, the Justice Reinvestment Initiative Commission's legislative package passed the state Senate but failed to come out of committee in the House of Representatives.

The corporation's management team met with representatives from WhaleRock Point Partners to discuss the state's request for proposal (RFP) issued to develop a pay-for-success (PFS) funding model on November 21st. PFS was proposed by the corporation in 2014 as a funding formula to support the day reporting service delivery model. The representatives from WhaleRock Point Partners urged caution, voicing concerns with the language in the RFP.

2017 The corporation partnered with Quantified Ventures (Washington, DC), The Institute for Labor Studies and Research, and Flagship Staffing Services to respond to the initiative to develop the state's first pay-for-success offender service funded program on January 3rd.

The corporation's president presented the welcoming remarks at the dedication of the Neil J. Houston, Jr. Transitional Release Center in Pawtucket on February 9th. The Center, operated by Community Resources for Justice (Boston, MA), was the first federal halfway house for offenders in Rhode Island.

On February 23rd, the Francis J. Darigan, Jr. Scholarship was established by Jonathan and Marjorie Houston. The fund, managed by Greenwood Credit Union, was in partnership with Roger Williams University School of Law.

On February 23rd, the Neil J. Houston, Jr. Memorial Endowment Fund was established by Jonathan, Pamela and Marjorie Houston.

The board of directors formally amended a long-standing protocol of rotating corporate officers annually on September 14th. The amended protocol became a two-year rotation of corporate officers.

- 2018** On April 20th, the corporation received a grant award from the Ocean State Charitable Trust to support the upgrade of the needed technology hardware to support the US Department of Justice funded improvements to the Justice Assistance Management Information and Reporting System (JAMIRS). This was the first grant received by the corporation from the Trust.

On April 26th, the corporation initiated the first external fundraising drive to support the Neil J. Houston, Jr. Memorial Endowment Fund. The primary funding was provided by members of the Harvard Class of 1967. Mr. Houston's Quincy House roommates, Albert Kamen and James McCandlish, Esq. introduced the fund drive.

- 2019** The Neil J. Houston, Jr. Memorial Fund was transferred to the Rhode Island Foundation on January 24th.