



Uplift ALL Lives: A Message from Amicus

One of the first things people notice when coming into Amicus' office in south Minneapolis is a series of drawings lining the west wall. It isn't the typical art you'd see in an office setting. It is a row of young men of many races, some looking tough, some sad, some in profile, some staring straight back at the person viewing them. The artist, Carl Wesley, calls it the "Lifer Series" because the drawings depict men who, at the time, were serving life terms at Minnesota Correctional Facility-Stillwater. Wesley wanted to show people that, even with those doing time for the most serious crimes, there is more to that person than what they did on the worst day of their life.



"At Amicus we know who we're working with. We know they're not all angels, but we also know their humanity. We're proud to be the newest member of the Volunteers of America-Minnesota (VOA-MN) family and we invite you to join with us on our shared journey to uplift lives – ALL lives – even those of the men we call 'the lifers.'"- John Turnipseed, VOA-MN Board of Directors and former Amicus Board member.

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RADIUS

What works to guide girls involved in the juvenile justice system to a more positive path?



Amicus Radius works with girls who have often experienced significant trauma in their lives before acting out in a way that attracts the attention of law enforcement. Through work in small groups, resource referrals and circles with friends and family, we help them realize the infinite possibilities within themselves.

Each year up to 90 girls in the Hennepin County Juvenile Justice system are referred to Radius. The program has been recognized as a success: in January 2013 it was honored as Program of the Year by the Minnesota Women's Consortium.

What works for girls in the juvenile justice system?
Radius works!

AMICUS VETERANS JUSTICE PROGRAM

Since it began in 2012, the Amicus Veterans Justice Program has helped 143 veterans who have been incarcerated after their service to our country.



Staffed by veterans, the Amicus Veterans Justice Program helps navigate both the red tape of the Veterans Administration and the confusion of myriad community agencies to find the services which can best meet a vet's specific needs. With our help, former soldiers find employment, access veterans' benefits, advance their education, gain assistance with housing and much more. Amicus also runs a successful support group for veterans incarcerated at Minnesota Correctional Facility - Lino Lakes.

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