



Our Mission

In recognition of the value of a peaceful community, Mediation Matters provides the skills and processes that help people handle conflict in a constructive way.

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What's Been Going On

New Website & Social Media Presence

This past June Mediation Matters rolled out a revamped web presence, which includes a brand-new website and social media pages on Facebook, Twitter, and Linked-In.

In a few short weeks hundreds of people have utilized the site and social media pages. We're ecstatic to continue using these mediums to spread awareness, reach more of the community, and engage our volunteers, partners, & stakeholders.

Schenectady High School Peer Mediation Banquet and 2014's Graduating Mediators

We would like to send a huge thank you to the Schenectady High School Principal, Diane Wilkinson and Schenectady City School District Superintendent, Laurence Spring for attending our Annual Peer Mediation Club Banquet.

We were all very inspired by our students' commitment to peace and conflict resolution. It has been an amazing year for the Peer Mediation Club at Schenectady High School. We are looking forward to next school year as our students continue to transform their school and community through mediation and conflict resolution.

Moreover, we also want to congratulate all of our peer mediators that were part of 2014's graduating class!

Please visit the website at:

www.mediationmatters.org

As for social media, you can check out our pages at the following addresses:



www.facebook.com/mediationmatterscdrc



[@MediateMatters](https://twitter.com/MediateMatters)



www.linkedin.com/company/mediation-matters---cdrc

Christ Community Reformed Church 5K Run/Walk/BBQ Recap

As highlighted in last April's newsletter, Mediation Matters was the charity of choice for CCRC's 5K Run/Walk/BBQ, promoting physical fitness and healthy lifestyles.

Over a hundred participants of all ages in the scenic Clifton Park neighborhood ran, jogged, walked, played games, and ate delicious food.

Proceeds from the event produced a \$1,000 donation to Mediation Matters. For all those who turned out, we are enormously grateful! Also, huge thanks to CCRC for making us a part of such an awesome event.



Counties Served

Albany
Rensselaer
Saratoga
Schenectady
Warren
Washington

Office Locations

Albany/Rensselaer/Schenectady
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Albany, NY 12206
518-446-0356

Saratoga/Warren/Washington
480 Broadway , LL-32
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
518-584-6361

Mediation Matters has space for mediations available in all six counties.

General

Please call either of our office locations or if you would like to speak to someone about any of the following:

- Finding out more about mediation.
- Scheduling a mediation.
- Becoming a mediator.
- Collaborating or volunteering with the organization.

If you would like to learn more about mediation and the services we offer, please visit our website.

www.mediationmatters.org

Looking Ahead

Saying Goodbye to VISTA Extraordinaire Brennan Frazier

Brennan will be leaving the organization at the end of July, which will mark the end of a two year VISTA tenure of capacity building and community organizing. Often armed with little more than his two legs, a phone line, and an email account, Brennan's been instrumental in increasing the organization's ability to reach target populations in need, such as veterans, youth, and the formerly incarcerated.

Second Annual Fundraising Dinner

Last year we held our first ever fundraising dinner, which was a beautiful night on the waterfront where our volunteers, supporters, friends, and family came together to raise money for and celebrate the growth of Mediation Matters. Judge Crummey (Colonie Town Court), Magistrates Rika Murray & Richard Rivera, and Board Member Bob Reilly all spoke about the impact of mediation and the importance of volunteerism.

Pilates for a Purpose

As part of Reform Pilates Studio's community outreach program, Saturdays at 10:00 AM the studio hosts Pilates for a Purpose. The event is a 50 minute fundraising pilates mat class, that is open to all levels of experience, and is free to attend.

At the event donations are accepted at the door, with 100% of the proceeds going to the weekly non-profit. On July 26th Mediation Matters

We'll certainly miss his dedication, stoic demeanor, dry wit, and the way he puts the casual in business casual. Don't fret too hard though. He'll be staying in the capital region and we are certainly going to find ways to keep him involved as a mediator and volunteer.

His successor certainly has big shoes to fill, but we're confident he's laid the groundwork to ensure they'll succeed.



This year the event's location and catering will be the same as last year's: with the venue being the Albany Yacht Club and catering done by Jackie Baldwin.

The event will be held the **evening of October 7th**, but it's never too early to start organizing and getting the word out.

A save the date will be sent out in August and invitations can be expected in September, so stay on the lookout for more information!

will be the sponsored non-profit, so come out and support the organization, enjoy the class, and start your Saturday right with some exercise!

Reform Pilates Studio is located on 18 Division Street, Suite 203, Saratoga Springs NY. To learn more about the studio, visit their website at: <http://www.reformyourbody.com/>



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