



Mediation Services
for Anoka County

**Celebrating 20 Years of Peacemaking
in Anoka County Communities**

June, 2007

Dear Friends,

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Mediation Services for Anoka County is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) agency promoting peaceful solutions to community problems.

It seems that each week we read or hear about more incidents of burglary, assault, vandalism, theft and bullying in our communities. The perpetrators are often repeat offenders, and we wonder if they are unable to care about, or even recognize how their actions impact their victims.

As Anoka County continues to grow, so do the challenges and numbers of offenses. Mediation Services of Anoka County has developed a Restorative Justice approach which holds offenders directly accountable to their victims and the community. The program works! We need your help to continue to grow this program and its services.

On September 6, 2007, Mediation Services for Anoka County will hold its 12th Annual Benefit at the Lyric Arts Main Street Stage in Anoka and will feature the play, "Nunsense II," local restaurant offerings, desserts and a chance to take part in our silent and "lively" auction. Proceeds will assist to fund the Restorative Justice services.

I, as an Anoka County Commissioner, Rhonda Sivarajah, am serving as the Honorary Chair of this Benefit, and am hoping you will join me in helping raise the funds necessary to keep this valuable service working for us. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$250 - \$3,000 (see enclosure).

Thank you for putting MSAC on your list of worthy beneficiaries and considering a sponsorship of the September 6th benefit. When Mediation Services produces results, problems and violence are averted – which saves all of us as taxpayers and promotes peace in our community!

Best regards,

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