### WHO WE ARE

VORP is a voluntary confidential process in which victims and offenders of non-violent crimes have the opportunity to meet face to face in the presence of a trained Volunteer Mediator.

The victim and offender discuss the crime, its effect, and ways to help restore the loss. VORP seeks to broaden the meaning of restitution beyond replacement of damaged or stolen property and by contributing to the restoration of the participants' lives.

VORP is a proven deterrent to crime. Independent research studies by the Department of Social Work at the University of Tennessee in 1994 and 1997 conclude that juvenile offenders who participate in the VORP process are half as likely to commit future crimes as juvenile offenders who do not participate.

#### WHY WE DO THIS

VORP gives the victims the chance to ask questions, receive compensation for their loss, and to find closure. Most victims who participate in VORP express satisfaction with the process. Ninety-seven percent of VORP agreements are successfully fulfilled.

Offenders have the opportunity to realize that a person has been hurt by the crime, to apologize directly to the victim, and to do what can be done to make things right again. This gives offenders a second chance.

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**Program in Hamilton County** 

### Victims

- Participate in a meaningful way to resolve important questions and issues surrounding the crime
- Discuss what it takes to "right the wrong"
- Receive compensation for the loss

# VORP

Victim Offender RECONCILIATION Program in Hamilton County

## What is VORP?

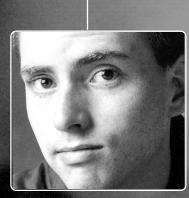
VORP is a voluntary and confidential process in which victims and offenders have the opportunity to meet face to face in the presence of a trained Volunteer Facilitator.

## Offenders

- Realize people have been injured by their acts
- Apologize directly to the victims
- Participate in determining restitution terms and time frames











### **Our Community**

- Valuable tax dollars are saved by reducing court involvement
- Community peace and good will are enhanced
- Conflict resolution skills are spread throughout the community

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