

## Area justice advocate's work goes on after this death (4.26.08)

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Maloney stressed community service over jail time

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Dennis Maloney had his hand in a number of programs and initiatives, but everything he was known for can be traced back to helping youth and improving a community.

"He really was a champion for the youth that was challenged in some fashion," his wife, Nancy, said. "He really championed their causes."

Maloney, who suffered a fatal heart attack in February 2007, was known locally and nationally for his work in restorative justice for youth and adults, said Mary McDonald, Maloney's sister.

A local event today will help carry on his work in restorative justice — juvenile offenders paying back through community services instead of serving jail time — which has spread into programs nationwide.

Programs including JOSHUA — Justice Organization Sharing Hope United for Action — a faith-based program in Green Bay focused on justice in the community, such as supporting the formation of a drug treatment court in Brown County.

"He was a very big advocate on restorative justice," said Judy Vogels, incoming president of JOSHUA.

Two years ago, Maloney was the keynote speaker at the annual JOSHUA fundraiser. This year, his work and efforts will be remembered as the group moves forward and continues his message, Vogels said.

Because of Maloney's passion for programs like JOSHUA, the group has been able to continue his efforts and keep his dream alive, Nancy Maloney said.

"I would think that this would be his deepest dream, that his heartfelt time and effort and thoughts would be propagated beyond his life," she said.

If you go:  
What: JOSHUA's annual fundraiser and silent auction  
When: 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday  
Where: Notre Dame Academy, 610 Maryhill Drive, Green Bay  
Cost: Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door.