



2024 NCVRW Community Awareness Project Summaries

The following are summaries of 2024 NCVRW CAP recommended projects:

Alabama

1444 – Mobile County District Attorney's Office (MCDA)

Project: NCVRW Awareness Campaign and Resource Fair

The MCDA hosted a dual event that connected the community with its office and more than 15 community agencies that provide services for victims of crime and their families. The dual event, Crime Victims Vigil and Community Resource Fair, was held on Thursday, April 25, 2024. Two billboards were advertising NCVRW and the MCDA event. MCDA also promoted this event on its website and other social media platforms. These advertising methods promoted awareness of NCVRW across all demographics in the Mobile County Community, reaching over 500,000 citizens. Victim Service Officers distributed 500 postcards, either by mail or hand delivery, promoting the event. Along with these advertising methods, the District Attorney was interviewed on local news and radio stations promoting the dual event, which several local news stations covered. Employees of the MCDA wore shirts with the themed artwork in the weeks leading up to the event. A table was set up in the Government Plaza for the public to create luminaries in honor of or in memory of crime victims, and more than 75 luminaries were made and displayed. Printed materials and candle tins were given out with the theme and artwork as keepsakes for attendees. All the mass media advertising was printed or published using the artwork and theme provided. Butterflies were released at the Vigil, and Victim Service Officers constructed a beautiful “Memorial Wall” where family members were able to place pictures of their loved ones who had been lost to violent crime. CAP funds were used to purchase billboards, luminary supplies, t-shirts, butterflies, postcards, postage, stickers, tissue, and candles.

1607 – Victims of Crime and Leniency (VOCAL)

Project: One Heart in the Park and Walk - Montgomery

VOCAL held a Community Partner event followed by a Candlelight Memorial Service. Adding the partner component allowed them to allow crime victims to meet and speak with representatives from other agencies that could provide services. It was very successful, and they plan to expand this element next year.

CAP funds were used to purchase a small tent/shelter rental as a memorial area for attendees to post pictures and messages, chairs, tables, printing, bags, and audio equipment.

1644 – Montgomery County District Attorney's Office

Project: Forever in Our Hearts: Hope and Healing

From April 22-26, the main lobby of Montgomery County Courthouse Annex I, where the Montgomery DA's Office, Sheriff's Office, and Family Court are housed the "Forever in Our Hearts: Hope and Healing" memorial wall. The digital display featured a looped video that played photos and names of murder victims that their loved ones electronically submitted. The monitor was surrounded by static display boards filled with tribute messages and other expressions of love, also contributed by the victims' families. Throughout NCVRW, Annex I visitors and other community members were encouraged to write words of support and encouragement to all victims of crime on purple hearts that were posted to another static display board. In addition, the area featured an informational table filled with resource pamphlets and literature that listed vital contact information and a summary of the services provided by victims' assistance agencies that provide aid for victims and families of victims of gun violence, sexual assault, child abuse, human trafficking, domestic violence, DUIs, and property crimes, among others. On Tuesday, April 23, The DA's office hosted a 5th annual "An Evening of Remembrance." This impactful victims' vigil provided Montgomery families, neighbors, and friends an opportunity to come together to pay tribute to loved ones who all forms of criminal violence have taken. The entrance to the host venue was lined with commemorative "Forever in Our Hearts" cardstock luminary boxes that attendees were allowed to take with them after the vigil. In addition to the programs, they received invitations to view the digital memorial wall upon arrival. They were also given commemorative NCVRW buttons and keychains as a keepsake from the evening. Visitors to the "Forever in Our Hearts" memorial wall were also provided with commemorative items.

CAP funds were used to purchase digital advertising, commemorative keychains, and giveaways, including heart-shaped buttons, luminaries, ribbons, and other supplies.

Alaska

1554 – Victims for Justice (VFJ)

Project: Tree Ceremony and Victim Service Awards

VFJ hosted two events: The Ceremony of Remembrance (previously called the Tree Ceremony) and the Victim Service Awards. The Ceremony of Remembrance is a centerpiece event for NCVRW, honoring those affected by violent crime. VFJ was joined by victims' families, law enforcement agencies, victim service providers, legal professionals, and others to honor Alaskans whose lives have been impacted by violent crime. This year, nearly 200 ribbons were hung. Each of the eleven colors of ribbons represented a different category of violent crime. This year's ceremony was at the Homicide Memorial at Hostetler Park in Anchorage and streamed live through Facebook. The 2024 Victims Service Awards were associated with National Crime Victims' Rights Week. VFJ recognized individuals, teams, programs and organizations that demonstrate outstanding service in supporting victims and victim services in Alaska as part of their annual recognition events.

CAP funds were used for the digital media campaign, A/V services, victim service awards, printing, and photography services.

Arizona

1550 – Homicide Survivors, Inc. (HSI)

Project: Lighting the Path - Remembering our lost loved ones.

Homicide Survivors began the week with a wellness workshop for crime victims of all ages. This included a trauma-informed yoga instructor, and an advocate certified in breathwork and leading the workshop. A space was provided for crime victims to pause and use this time for self-care and reflection. Additionally, HSI had one advocate host three social media "lives" with crime victims to share their stories. Towards the end of the week, two unsolved case highlights were professionally edited and launched on YouTube. On the last day of NCVRW, HSI hosted a candlelight vigil for victims. Law enforcement, media, community partners, and members attended.

CAP funds were used for a professional photographer/videographer, social media ads, printing for Save the Dates Postcards (listing all events during NCVRW), vigil supplies including printing, vigil performers, and chair rental.

1700 – Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. (CPLC)

Project: NCVRW Awareness Event

CPLC—De Colores hosted an event for National Crime Victims' Rights Week that promoted community-wide public awareness of the rights and available services for victims of all crimes. The funds provided were used for promotional items, educational materials, art supplies for a healing wall, and T-shirts. All the information was provided in English and Spanish to reach more survivors in the community.

CAP funds were used for T-shirts, tote bags, stress balls, seed packets, and art supplies.

Arkansas

1625 – Crime Victim Assistance Association of Arkansas

Project: Arkansas Crime Victims' Rights Week Events

Crime Victim Assistance Association of Arkansas held three public events. The first event was an Opening Ceremony held on April 21st, 2024, at Loft 1023, with over 40 in attendance. This event marked the beginning of National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Arkansas and served as a memorial for survivors of homicide. Survivors of homicide shared their stories and fellowshiped with others. The second was a Recognition and Victim Rights Forum was held on April 23rd, 2024, at North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce. The M.C. was Fox 16 anchor Donna Terrell. Over 67 people attended this two-hour event. A panel discussion addressed how victim services provided hope and healing throughout survivors' lives using new and creative ways. Various community organizations presented awards to those who exemplified dedication to victim rights. The Forum included a viewing of the video presentations provided for NCVRW. A Candlelight Vigil was held on April 25th, 2024, at Allsopp Park Pavilion, LR. This event honored those who experienced violence and helped raise community awareness. This effort, while for all victims/survivors, notably recognized often under-served victims of violence: people with disabilities, children, people who are Deaf, LGBTQ, men, and immigrants. Each event was advertised to the public and numerous victims' rights organizations. The theme was utilized in all advertising, promotional giveaways, and banners. Children in attendance were given a bag of art materials, including stickers and a cape with the NCVRW theme.

CAP funds offset venue costs for the events, including printing of programs, posters, and resource cards; interpretation needs; large and small candles for vigil; T-shirts and printing; Crime Victims' Rights Week banner; promotional giveaways including flashlights, ribbons, children's capes, and stress balls; youth art bags and art supplies; and billboards.

1453 – A Quarter Blue (AQB)

Project: “I Inspire Hope. How would you help? Options, services, and hope for crime survivors.”

AQB presented their event on April 27, 2024; an information booth was at Orange Home Grown Farmers' and Artisan Market. AQB serves this city and surrounding cities as the only Trauma Recovery Center in Orange County for crime survivors. Staff distributed crime prevention resources, resources regarding healthy coping strategies, and printed materials about support opportunities for victims of crime, including a journal booklet, "I Choose Hope." This booklet included a QR Code for VOCA and AQB's websites. Participants traced around their extended arms on canvas to symbolize, “We are a Community of Hope.” A secondary site displayed works of art by crime survivors at The Potting Shed, a boutique garden store on the Plaza in the Heart of Old Towne Orange. One collaborative piece was a two-foot metal armor shield, “I Fight for Hope.” Participants etched a word or drawing into the metal. “I Choose Hope” was a two-step art processing activity. Community members who have endured violent crime had time to reflect and process their thoughts with AQB's clinical staff. They wrote down what they needed to release on paper and placed it in a large box. They then were encouraged to decoupage cutouts inspiring hope onto a box locked at the end of the night at 5:00 PM. Martha Wade, former victim of sexual assault and Founder of AQB, offered a brief message of hope. She locked the box as a symbol of closing the lid on the attributes that keep survivors of crime from hope. The closing session was shared on social media for a more significant ripple effect.

CAP funds were used to print Inspire Hope booklets, feather flags, banners, art supplies, t-shirts, doves, and event signage.

1509 – Safe Harbor Trauma Recovery Center

Project: NVCRW Community Resource Fair

Safe Harbor held a Victims Rights Week resource fair and program. The fair included Safe Harbor Trauma Recovery Center (TRC), the Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program (HBVIP), several community partners, and two former clients of TRC. The fair was intended to inform and educate hospital staff, including doctors and nurses, community partners, their constituents, outpatients, and visitors about 2024 National Victims’ Rights Week. The fair was located on Harbor UCLA Medical Center grounds, in a high-traffic area marked off by promotional flags, adjacent to the weekly Farmers Market. The fair included a program from 1230pm to 130pm in which TRC and HBVIP could educate attendees on the resources each provides, the need to raise awareness of victims’ rights and introduce our community partners. Two former clients and their families shared their stories with the attendees. The program was closed by one ER physician sharing her personal story of working at a trauma center, treating victims of crime, and the need to raise awareness of Victims’ Rights in our community, both on and off the hospital campus. Attendees received promotional items, including water bottles, stress balls, and pens; presenters/community partners received t-shirts. The fair results brought a sense of community for the presenters and staff and a sense of healing and closure for the clients and families in attendance.

CAP funds were used for printed materials and giveaways, including water bottles, stress balls, t-shirts, pens, stickers, and a retractable banner.

1619 – San Francisco District Attorney's Office, Victim Services Division

Project: NCVRW Awareness Activities

The DA's office targeted community members throughout San Francisco's Public Library system. They decided to have five-day presentations and tabling at five public libraries in different neighborhoods with 2-3 team members. This year's theme was "How would you help? Options, services, and hope for crime survivors. They wanted to spread awareness of crime victims and the resources available to the community through the division by engaging with library patrons. While participating in these opportunities, attendees accessed printed materials with information on the division and public safety, including customized NCVRW whistles and flashlights to promote public safety in the community.

CAP funds were used for waterproof flashlights and safety whistles for giveaways.

1636 – Partnerships for Trauma Recovery (PTR)

Project: Second Annual Afro Soccer Wellness Event (ASWE)

The Afro-Soccer Wellness event occurred at Oakland International High School, featuring eight soccer teams representing the Bay Area's diverse African diasporas and immigrant communities. The event attracted 200 participants, including soccer players, community members, parents, caregivers, and children. They collaborated with several African-based associations and agencies supporting forcibly displaced communities, such as the African Advocacy Network, the Center for African Studies at Berkeley University, Mentor A Newcomer, the Center for Empowering Refugees and Immigrants, and the Priority African Network. Key activities of the event included soccer matches with teams from Cameroon, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Uganda, and other African countries. A Wellness Community Dialogue was also held, where community leaders and providers explored the nexus between wellness and sports activities as a therapeutic approach. The session emphasized the importance of creating culturally appropriate and contextually relevant safe spaces to support forcibly displaced communities and crime survivors. Discussions covered recent crimes, such as the tragic killing of an Eritrean community member at a gas station and other African immigrants who have not received adequate support. Leaders discussed amplifying the voices of these victims and survivors, highlighting the necessity of solidarity and robust advocacy alongside creating healing spaces. The event featured activities such as stickers and face painting to engage children. A total of 203 T-shirts with critical messages and logos, including the National Crime Victims' Rights Week logo, were distributed. An artist/DJ performed throughout the event, adding vibrant entertainment. Educational flyers were disseminated to inform the community about applying for victims of crime compensation and where to access this information. These trauma-informed and culturally appropriate flyers, available in English, Tigrigna, Amharic, and Spanish, addressed stigma and encouraged forcibly displaced crime survivors to seek support. In the soccer matches, the Nigeria team emerged victorious.

CAP funds were used to print fliers, posters, child activity kits, t-shirts, and medals/awards for the soccer event.

1739 – Sonoma County District Attorney

Project: Community Resource Fair

Project funds were used to host a resource fair in the central town square of Santa Rosa, California, the Sonoma County Seat. The fair presented an opportunity for members of the community to learn about services available to victims of crime and create awareness of the work still left to be done to support survivors overcoming victimization. Those attending the event were able to interact with providers from 21 different agencies who provide unique services to victims of crime. In addition to the resource fair, they hosted a virtual panel of professionals to discuss how to improve services and support provided to victims of crime that honor the whole person. The panel reviewed a real-life case recently highlighted on the DOJ website, discussed the issues highlighted in the story, and how they may have handled the case differently. The challenges victims face

because of changes in the laws or lack thereof were also discussed, and they worked together to find the best ways to collaborate within each level of care that's needed.

CAP funds were used for advertising the event; paying associated fees for the venue, including costs to close a section of street parking to encourage safety and allow for a food truck and hydration station; portable toilets; print materials, including flyers and posters, giveaways including logo bags, pens, buttons, and bookmarks; and raffle prizes including Sonoma County Children's Museum passes, and Sonoma County Parks passes.

1750 – Monterey County District Attorney's Office, Victims of Crime Unit

Project: NCVRW Awareness Events

They hosted an annual Victim's Dedication Ceremony (VDC) during National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). This year, they marked 25 years of honoring victims/survivors of crime and recognizing those who were murdered by an act of violence. To advertise NCVRW and promote the VDC, they created and provided NCVRW-themed vehicle magnets to all law enforcement agencies in Monterey County. They were displayed on patrol/investigation vehicles during April. They created and displayed NCVRW-themed yard signs around the District Attorney's Office. These were shown the week before and during NCVRW. They also created and displayed NCVRW-themed billboards on four different public buses. These were displayed the week before and during NCVRW. NCVRW-themed challenge coins were created and provided to participants, inspirational guest speakers, non-profits, and general volunteers.

CAP funds will be used to print the magnets, paper fans, billboards, yard signs, and chair rental for the ceremony.

Colorado

1555 – District Attorney's Office, 8th Judicial District of Colorado

Project: NCVRW Community Event including a Candlelight Vigil

On April 21, the District Attorney's Office held a public resource fair. The office coordinated with nine other agencies to be present, including the victim advocacy units from local law enforcement, domestic violence agencies, a sexual assault crisis agency/advocacy center, a child advocacy agency, and a local art museum that assisted with the art project. The art project included cards for people to fill out, either about how they were helped on one side or how they would help on the other. The cards were available at the events on both days of the event. Partner agencies were given some to fill out at their location and encouraged to bring them to the event on the 25th. From April 22-26, the office provided ribbons and pins for staff to wear each day. On April 25, the DA's office held an event at a local center with 125 people in attendance, which provided "Outstanding Victim Services Professional" awards to advocates from multiple agencies, featured three speakers (one victim, two parents of victims) to talk about their experience in the criminal justice system, and held a candlelight vigil during which submissions on "how would you help" question/art installation were read. Everyone present was invited to participate in writing about how they were helped and how they would help with the notecards created for the event. Bags and pins were distributed at the event.

CAP funds offset event expenses, including bags, pins, tissues, ribbons, and the location rental.

Connecticut

1565 – Neighborhood Victim Advocacy Program

Project: NCVRW Paint and Grow

The “Paint & Grow” event symbolized hope and growth by providing a supportive space for celebrating the healing and rebirth of people who have been victimized or have experienced crimes. Participants were able to express their creativity through painting a pot and planting a seed or succulent. As they watch it grow, they will be reminded of the nonlinear, challenging, beautiful healing process. A children's table with activities for children to engage in during the event was also available.

CAP funds were used for potting mix, pots, plants, seeds, succulents, gloves, soil scoopers, paint, palettes, paintbrushes, disposable cups for water, craft paper (to line tables), paper towels/ wet wipes, face-painting kit, construction paper, cardstock, lamination pouches, glue, markers, colored pencils, scissors, paper bags, giveaway items including t-shirts, keychains, stickers, large flower pots, and ribbon pins, table and chair rental, tablecloths, venue rental, pop-up tents for each station, promotional signage/banners, speaker fee, disposable face masks, decorations, and signage holder.

District of Columbia (DC)

1635 – Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC)

Project: NCVRW Community Celebration

On April 26, NVRDC hosted a Community Celebration (named the Clothesline Project) to commemorate the victims of violence in the District in the last year, highlight the growing number of resources for victims of crime, and illustrate how, in addition to grief and pain, there are also places and opportunities for hope and joy in our community. The Clothesline Project’s central activity was providing blank T-shirts for survivors to post messages about hope, healing, and justice. This event also included partner community organizations so attendees can learn about the variety of services available to survivors in the District. Throughout the event, NVRDC disseminated outreach materials about crime victims’ rights and services available in the District. Throughout April, victims’ resources stickers were plastered throughout the District of Columbia so that victims would know what local resources can support them. Targeted promotion of NCVRW and DC crime victims’ rights and services on social media was conducted throughout the week.

CAP funds offset the venue rental, supplies, T-shirts, and outreach materials.

Florida

1459 – University of Florida

Project: NCVRW Survivor Rock Project

The University of Florida Police Department's (UFPD) Office of Victims Services (OVS) hosted a tabling event related to the theme of National Crime Victims' Week "entitled "Survivors Rock! Supporting Survivors of Crime." Individuals on the UF campus and Gainesville residents were invited to attend. The tabling event allowed visitors to stop by various tables and collect information about National Crime Victims Week and available resources, participate in various activities to gain information on statistics and resources and leave encouraging messages to crime survivors. For example, attendees could paint rocks with encouraging messages for survivors (hence "Survivors Rock") or play a ring-toss game that would allow participants to further their knowledge of obstacles and resources available for survivors. Swag items such as pens and notebooks were

placed at various tables to encourage participants to stop at each table. Additionally, participants would "check-in" and be supplied with a "passport" card. After attending each resource table and submitting their "passport," participants would receive a NAVAA t-shirt and tote bag.

CAP funds were used to purchase supplies, including markers, paint markers, pairs of jeans, brochures, totes, pens, rocks, tablecloths, retractable banners, and t-shirts.

1461 – Escambia County Sheriff's Office – Victim Services

Project: National Victims' Rights Night

National Victims' Rights Night was a Resource Fair for victims of crime. There were 32 tables with 32 resources for victims to talk with and gain valuable knowledge. Each resource provided pamphlets and literature to each victim. The booklets and literature provided contact numbers and services available. Every victim was able to talk with each available resource to understand what they offered and how they could assist the victim. This event let victims know what resources were available to them in the community and that they were there to help with the healing process. This event also helped each resource learn what other resources were available in the community because many of the vendors did not know some of the resources in the community.

CAP funds were used to purchase journals, printing, ribbons, keychains, stickers, postcards, bookmarks, posters, and postcards.

1473 – Leon County Sheriff's Office

Project: Hike and Seek Justice

The Leon County Sheriff's Office held an event called Hike and Seek Justice. In preparation for the event held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, they developed The Holistic Guide for Survivors of Crime booklet in both English and Spanish that included NCVRW-themed stickers on the front cover, t-shirts with the NCVRW 2024 logo, and yard signs that were scattered along the hiking trail to utilize as conversation starters with survivors of crime. The Holistic Guide for Survivors of Crime booklet was distributed on the day of the event to participants and participants throughout NCVRW through the partnering agencies of the event at different events that celebrated NCVRW. It outlines safety planning, the importance of a support system, how to talk to children about crime, resources, resilience, and coping with crime. On the day of the event, they distributed those items to participants at the hike. During the morning of the event, they hosted workshops at the library adjacent to Pedrick Pond Park using a healing and hope-centered approach.

CAP funds were used to design and produce the "Wholistic Guide for Survivors of Crime" booklet, National Crime Victims' Rights Week stickers for brochures, T-shirts, advertising, speaker costs, workshop supplies, and yard signs.

1482 - Our Village Okeechobee

Project: NCVRW Social Media Campaign

The funds were used to provide a community-wide dinner and awareness event. They were able to reach several thousand students with information and giveaway-themed bags. They were unaware this would have such an impact, but having the bags to give away drew more attention than expected.

CAP funds were used to pay for designing and developing social media materials, printing promotional materials, guest speaker fees, supplies/costs associated with community events, advertising, producing video/social media materials, and venue rental.

1590 - Hillsborough County Victim Assistance Program

Project Description: NCVRW Mass Media Campaign and Awareness Event

Their public awareness campaign consisted of NCVRW advertising on para-transit buses, LED digital mobile trucks, magnets for police cars, and totes for our Victim's Resource Fair. The digital advertising LED digital mobile truck traveled the streets of Hillsborough County the entire week of April 21-27. The two paratransit buses advertising NCVRW traveled through targeted high-crime areas. Magnets for police cars offering help for crime victims were distributed to five police agencies in Hillsborough County and placed on 360 patrol vehicles. The tote bags purchased through the grant were given to all visitors at the Victim Resource Fair on April 25th.

CAP funds were used to purchase digital mobile truck ads, magnets for police patrol cars, totes, and bus wraps.

1616 - Miami-Dade County/Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD)

Project: MDPD's NCVRW Resource "Walking One Stop"

In recognition of NCVRW, the Miami-Dade Police Department, spearheaded by the Victim Advocates, held community awareness events throughout Miami-Dade County to promote the services and resources available, meet at the community center, social workers, community partners, walking one-stop, filled bags with informational materials of services for the community, split into five groups, walked 10-mile radius along with 20 NRU officers, walked up to houses, knock on doors and provide information, identified victims and family of deceased persons, assistance with restraining order, housing assistance, and returned to community center to debrief.

CAP funds were used to purchase water bottles, backpacks, wristbands, and door tags for the event.

1631 - FIU Global Forensics and Justice Center

Project: Providing Options, Services, and Hope to Victims of Crime through Education and Forensic Science

FIU held a community awareness campaign information for National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). Staff at the Global Forensics and Justice Center (GFJC) initiated a vigorous and engaging social media campaign. In addition, I will produce, publish, and distribute printed awareness materials for the campus community and the underserved community around campus. These materials and efforts raised awareness of the FIU Empowerment Center, the services made available to the FIU community, and the work of FIU's Global Forensic and Justice Center (GFJC). An additional event included an online seminar/panel discussion/presentation including experts from Global Forensics and Justice, Campus Police, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners and Survivors of Crimes, and FIU's Victim Empowerment Program during the week of April 21-27 for students, faculty, staff, and community members. The Seminar already had 800 registrants and was recorded for future viewing. The last event consisted of community outreach by FIU students to surrounding community businesses, including restaurants, bars, grocery stores, barber shops, salons, etc. This outreach included the distribution of flyers with information on where victims can receive support and a QR Code to the online seminar. It encouraged students, faculty, staff, and community members to engage with all those who

will provide services and support for victims of crime on campus and in the surrounding community, such as law enforcement, victim advocates, sexual assault nurse examiners, and forensic scientists.

CAP funds were used to purchase a banner to hang on campus, the printing of a fact sheet, speakers, and interpreters.

1688 - Project HELP, Inc.

Project: Family Fun Survivor Event

Project HELP, law enforcement partners, and other victim service-related community partners hosted an event open at no cost to all community members directly or indirectly impacted by crime. Leading up to the event, the community partners raised awareness for the event through social media, during interagency meetings, and by handing out flyers during events such as parades and community walks. With the increase of community partners, they were able to eliminate costs related to the venue and guest speakers. They could, therefore, utilize funds to increase promotional items associated with NCVRW. States Attorney Amira Fox emceed the awareness and resource fair event at Baker Park and shared how the State Attorney's Office in the 20th Judicial Circuit works to help victims. Sheriff Kevin Rambosk with the Collier County Sheriff's Office, Chief Ciro Dominguez with the Naples Police Department, and Captain John Wallace with the Marco Police Department all spoke about how their agencies strive to support victims and seek justice. Victims and families were invited to talk and share their stories and how they felt community partners could help victims best. Over 15 victim service providers were present at the event with resources for victims. At the beginning and end of the program, victims could participate in healing yoga sessions or create pottery with "Empty bowls" as a symbol of how all can help support others. Toward the end of the program, survivors and families were invited to hang a ribbon on the "survivor tree" to honor or represent the crime that has impacted them or their loved ones. Those ribbons stayed on the tree in the park throughout the weekend and the rest of the NCVRW. Additionally, before the event, community members who could not attend were encouraged to submit their name, victimization, and any message they wanted to be read aloud. Several requests were received and read during the ribbon ceremony as well.

CAP funds were used to boost social media campaigns, park rental costs, table and chair rentals, a photographer/videographer, a photo booth with NCVRW graphics on photos, NCVRW give-a-ways, banners, table runners, and the design and printing of the event program.

Georgia

1499 – Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles-Georgia Office of Victim Services

Project: NCVRW Panel Discussion and Pop-up Sessions

At Clayton State University, the Georgia Office of Victim Services hosted a panel discussion, From Surviving to Thriving: How to Find Help After a Crime. The panel consisted of service providers from multiple organizations who educated the audience about assisting crime victims. The event was held in person and live-streamed via Facebook. There were approximately 100 attendees present, and the livestream received over 1,000 views. Information tables from their office and other community organizations were also available for attendees to receive information about victims' rights. On other days that week, they provided informational tables at eleven other state events dedicated to NCVRW, including a pop-up informational table at the University of West Georgia.

CAP funds were used to purchase printed business cards, hand sanitizer, tumblers, pens, and giveaways.

1538 – Operation Recovery Inc.

Project: Operation Recovery Inc.'s "3rd Annual United Hearts in The Park."

The billboard and fliers served as NCVRW awareness and pre-event promotional materials. The billboards announced NCVRW, the date and time of the United Hearts In The Park, and featured victims of crime. The fliers announced NCVRW and the date and time of the event, and they were distributed throughout the city by hand. The t-shirts served as gifts for survivors and thank-you gifts for major sponsors and partners. The rack cards served as quick-access informational tools for survivors and guests. The wristbands served as gifts for guests and survivors. The banners and yard signs served as promotional materials during and after promotional materials for NCVRW awareness, major sponsors, and partners, as well as easy access to obtain feedback from the guests. The photographer captured professional still memories of the event. The DJ enhanced and uplifted the atmosphere for the event. The survivors' gifts were drawstring bags, water bottles, pens, certificates, certificate holders, cardinal bird pins, towels, stress balls, and lip balm. The color paint sets and oval and round canvas magnets were used in the art center for guests to create artistic memories.

CAP Funds were used for billboards, a photographer, t-shirts, water bottles, pens, printed cards, banners, and fliers.

1566 – Bibb County Solicitor's Office Victim Witness Assistance Program

Project: NCVRW Awareness Campaign

The Solicitor's Office advocates put up NCVRW displays in the following high-traffic areas: the lobby of the Bibb County Courthouse, the Lobby of the Bibb County State Court, the Lobby of the Bibb County Sheriff's Office, the Lobby of the Washington Library, and the Lobby of Centenary Church (which has a weekly Hispanic service). Each display had an easel with a poster, a table with NCVRW brochures, and community resource/victims' rights brochures. In addition, the Facebook page of the Solicitor General posted NCVRW activities and photos.

CAP funds were used for posters, brochures, easels, folding tables, and supplies.

1604 – DeKalb County District Attorney's Office

Project: NCVRW Community Awareness Campaign

A 170-pinwheel garden was "planted" in front of the DeKalb County Courthouse in commemoration of the families and 170,000 children who reside in DeKalb. The remaining pinwheels and NCVRW yard signs are complete with a QR scan code to access additional victim support and community service resources through Find Help Georgia. Yard signs and pinwheels were also dispersed throughout the County to key neighborhood partners who work with the Crime Strategies and Community Prosecution Unit. A massive billboard project was funded, where one static sign was created, 300,000+ showings on a digital sign, and ten bus depot signs. Finally, as each activity aimed to increase public awareness, a massive media push was conducted to showcase the project.

CAP Funds were used to print yard signs, pinwheels, billboards, and bus depot wraps.

1724 – Rape Response, Inc.

Project: 2024 NCVRW Awareness Campaign

The Voices for Victims: March of Resilience was hosted on April 27th, 2024 in the Gainesville City Square. The event aimed to raise awareness for National Crime Victims Rights Week and inform survivors of the crime and their rights under Georgia law. The afternoon included a speaking forum, a march, and a resource fair. Several survivors of various crimes were present to speak about their experiences with crime, with a focus on what helped them survive the aftermath. We also invited participants to share their own stories. After the speaking portion, participants were asked to take a pre-made sign and march around the Square. After the march, the group returned to the Square for a well-attended resource fair. At the resource fair, community partners had tables set up and shared information on how their organizations can help survivors. The tables also gave giveaways of each organization's promotional items and information on victim compensation. The subgrantee also shared the Georgia Crime Victims Bill of Rights with attendees.

CAP Funds were used to offset expenses for the event permit, sound system rental, chair and table rental, t-shirts, balloons, tote bags, poster boards, and giveaways.

Hawaii

1442 – Department of the Prosecuting Attorney - County of Maui

Project: NCVRW Family Day/Candlelight Vigil

In alignment with this year's theme and the devastating wildfires of August 2023, they aimed to bring awareness and resources to victims of crime that occur after natural disasters. The Victim/Witness Assistance Division in the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for Maui County hosted an event supporting Victims and families affected by Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and other Violent Crimes during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the evening of April 24, 2024. This annual observance provides an opportunity to bring awareness, honor the resilience of crime victims, and promote their rights and services. The Maui Ceremony & Candle Vigil occurred on April 24, 2024, at the Kalana O Maui County Building Courtyard. The program included keynote speakers from various local organizations and special guest speaker Molly Maurer, a survivor of the Las Vegas and Thousand Oaks mass shootings. Throughout the event, different service providers hosted booths offering resources for those seeking assistance. These resource providers are an essential lifeline to help individuals navigate challenging circumstances.

CAP funds were used for the speaker and giveaway items, including fans, tote bags, umbrellas, pens, leis, wristbands, and printed banners.

Illinois

1516 – Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services

Project: NCVRW Workshops and Community Events

Communities Partnering 4 Peace (CP4P) is a network of independent community-based organizations that work to reduce instances of gun violence in their respective neighborhoods. Metropolitan Family Services is the convener of this network and provides wraparound services, including legal services. During the warmer months, CP4P organizations conduct neighborhood events known as Light in the Night (LIN). These events are intended to reclaim public spaces by offering food, programming/entertainment, and resources. The CP4P Justice Corps partners with these organizations to provide free civil legal services. For National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the CP4P Justice Corps, a practice group of the Legal Aid Society (LAS), coordinated their attendance at various LIN events throughout the City of Chicago to distribute our promotional materials and engage with community members. As these communities have high instances of incarceration and community violence, crime victims' rights are of particular importance.

The CAP funds offset expenses for printing information calendars, tote bags, and tumblers.

1533 – Chicago Police Department

Project: NCVRW Chicago Community Resource Fair(s)

In recognition of National Crime Victims’ Rights Week 2024, the Chicago Police Department's Family Liaison Office held multiple community engagement events that brought together victims, survivors, family members, and community members impacted by crime incidents. The crux of each community engagement event was to empower people and communities alike while raising overall awareness and support, spanning all communities within the City of Chicago. These events included the following:

- **Area 1: 04/21/2024, MAIU, Family Liaison Office** - Community Resource Fair featuring a presentation by the Illinois Office of the Attorney General. Topics include crime victim rights, compensation, healing, and trauma support with community partners.
- **Area 2: 04/27/2024, Family Liaison Office** - Walk to Raise Awareness & Community Family Resource Fair with collaborative community partners.
- **Area 3: 04/26/2024, Family Liaison Office** - Youth Violence Awareness Day with Helen & Joe Foundation, Pilsen Wellness Center, L.C.C., Comfort Dogs and Partner Community Providers.
- **Area 4: 04/27/2024, Family Liaison Office** - Candlelight Vigil in Honor of Loved Ones with Build Chicago
- **Area 5: 04/23/2024 and 04/24/2024, Family Liaison Office** - Blood Drive in Honor of Victims and Families with Sponsor Community Blood Center.

The CAP funds offset expenses for photo frames, candles, pens, document sleeves, tote bags, and other supplies.

1676 – City of Carbondale

Project: NCVRW Resource Fair and Victims’ Conference

The City of Carbondale collaborated with the Office of the Jackson County's State's Attorney and the Carbondale Public Library to create a public awareness campaign throughout the Southern Illinois region that included 17 daily print advertisements through the Southern Illinoisan daily newspaper that ran on April 13, 2024, through April 27, 2024. WPSD-6 kicked off NCVRW with an in-studio interview with the Director of Violence Prevention Programs for the City of Carbondale, Illinois. In addition, WPSD-6 also provided a free run of station television ads on their station and online advertisements on their website as part of the overall media package to promote NCVRW throughout the region. 2024 NCVRW branded materials like whistle key rings, paper bookmarks, and tote bags, along with informative flyers, were handed out at various events throughout the week that targeted victims of crime and regional services providers that assist victims of crime.

CAP funds were for television media packages, tote bags, bookmarks, and whistle keyrings.

Indiana

1460 - Holly's House

Project: NCVRW Multi-County Campaign

NCVRW was celebrated in a multi-county campaign. Radio, social media, informational tables, and a community discussion were all utilized throughout the week. Community members viewed Mark Wynn's "This

Is Where I Learned Not To Sleep" and participated in a panel with Mark Wynn, Vanderburgh County Sheriff Noah Robinson, County Prosecutor Diana Moers, Holly's House Executive Director Kristine Cordts, and USI Professor Jara Dillingham. They also hosted a community resource fair before the screening and the next day during training on the Ivy Tech Community College campus. Radio ads were heard by an estimated 100,500 people daily in Vanderburgh, Posey, Gibson, and Warrick Counties. Information tables were also staffed in the county courthouses throughout the week.

CAP funds were used for a media campaign, foam board posters, handouts, cups, notebooks, and band-aid dispensers.

1479 - Victim Assistance, Fort Wayne Police Department (FWPD)

Project: NCVRW Candlelight Vigil and Media Blast

Mass Media advertising through Regal's Movie Theater Ad (15-sec video, 45,437 impressions over six weeks), Fort Wayne Newspapers email blast with 30,000 subscribers. Two ads were placed in each Citilink bus, which consisted of 37 buses with NCVRW themes, and our contact information was running from April 1st to April 26th. Our Candlelight Vigil was held on April 22nd at the Public Safety Academy, where we had around 175 individuals attend. This provided information about all types of crimes, promoting NCVRW and awareness and the theme "How Would YOU help?". NCVRW proclamation and commemorating NCVRW to celebrate victims/survivors. During the Vigil, t-shirts were made with the NCVRW theme and handed out during the event, as well as 120 Keepsake tealights.

CAP funds were used for t-shirts, bus wraps, theater ads, newspaper ads, and vigil supplies.

Iowa

1748 - Waypoint

Project: Creating Hope and Healing for Victims of Crime

Waypoint completed the following activities to promote its NCVRW events:

1. They ran two targeted Facebook ads on April 4th-20th for both the Cedar Rapids area and outer counties.
2. Created and circulated one banner between partnering organizations: Iowa City Attorney's office April 1st-5th, Marion Police March 18-25th, Hiawatha Police April 8th- 12th, Linn County Attorney April 15th-19th, and Linn County Sheriff April 22nd-27th.
3. When dropping off the banner, they placed yard signs at partnering organizations, but the yard signs remained until around April 27th at most locations.
4. Distributed coffee sleeves at partnering coffee shops: In Cedar Rapids, Fairfield, Mt. Pleasant, and Keokuk, they were mailed on April 4th, with the agreed distribution to be 250 at each location for the week of April 8th-14th.
5. They distributed grocery totes containing an informational brochure and magnet to partnering New Pioneer Co-op grocery stores in Iowa City April 21st-27th and the Cultivate Hope Corner Store in Cedar Rapids April 9th-27th, Stuff, Etc. Consignment Store on April 21st, and Opening Ceremonies on April 21st/Candlelight Vigil on April 26th attendees.
6. Provided fidget pop wallets to Opening Ceremonies/Candlelight Vigil attendees.
7. Displayed candles and decorations at the Candlelight Vigil.
8. Provided art supplies to decorate hearts at the Candlelight Vigil and programs for attendees.
9. A musician was hired to perform at the Opening Ceremonies on April 21st

CAP funds were used for social media ads, banners, giveaways, supplies, grocery totes, and a musician for the vigil.

Kansas

1634 - Options Domestic & Sexual Violence Services

Project: Promoting Rights and Services for Victims of Crimes

Options held a screening of Audrie & Daisy on the Fort Hays State University campus for the public. The documentary film features the effects of sexual assault, drinking, cyberbullying, and revenge porn on young victims. Following the documentary, a panel discussion was held with Options, Fort Hays State University Police, Jana's Campaign (domestic violence outreach and education organization), and High Plains Mental Health Center. They offered programs and cell phone wallets and displayed posters created with project funds. The local AMC theatre generously donated popcorn. The Interactive Art Exhibit event was held on April 25 at the Hays Downtown Pavilion, and it featured a white suit and wedding dress to be used as the canvas for the artwork. The purpose of the Interactive Art Exhibit is to allow people to express and process their emotions and thoughts on abusive relationships, including SA, DV, stalking, etc., through art. Participants were encouraged to paint on the wedding gown, suit, or canvas words, images, or abstract shapes to express themselves. Options also participated in the Hays Arts Council's Spring Art Walk on 4/27/24. This allowed them to display this artwork to a larger, established audience and continue the art project with the community. Options featured a display of adhesive wallets for individuals to take and posters created with project funds.

CAP funds were used to purchase adhesive wallets and art supplies for interactive project posters, fliers, and movie screening programs.

Kentucky

1597 – Ion Center for Violence Prevention

Project: NCVRW Awareness Week

Ion Center provided five activities during NCVRW:

1. A collaboration with libraries to offer posters and bookmarks that include NCVRW themes and resources available for victims/survivors. Posters and bookmarks were available at no charge and shared among 13 counties in Kentucky.
2. A flash tattoo event for victims of crime that partnered with three female tattoo artists with lived experience. The tattoo artists created a flash sheet with 16 designs for victim-survivors to choose from at no cost while learning about local resources.
3. Take Back the Night is a community event that features a music performance, speaker, march, resource fair, clothesline project, and survivors speaking out.
4. A victim/survivor guided painting for victims of crime to learn more about local resources and NCVRW and engage in self-care.
5. A Facebook campaign with paid ads for targeted audiences in the Ion Center region for NCVRW and resources.

CAP funds were used to purchase bookmarks, posters, the event venue, artists and supplies, and social media ads.

1611 – Ramey-Estep Homes Inc.

Project: NCVRW Awareness Campaign

Primary activities included producing and distributing informative brochures and pamphlets that outlined victims' rights and available services. These materials were carefully designed to be accessible and informative, targeting underserved and marginalized populations within the service area.

To maximize outreach, they organized two major community events on April 24th. The first event was a public speaking engagement with a testimonial and advocate highlighting the importance of supporting crime victims and the various ways community members could contribute to this cause. This event emphasized a call to action, encouraging attendees to get involved and support victims in their recovery journeys. RE held a resource fair, providing a platform for various service providers to showcase their offerings and connect directly with crime victims and their families. Attendees had the opportunity to receive immediate assistance and information about long-term support services. Throughout National Crime Victims' Rights Week, they continued their outreach through social media campaigns, sharing information and resources across online platforms and ensuring continuous engagement. Additionally, informative materials were displayed and distributed at all four locations. RE gave three interviews with news coverage on one local news station. They also had their local newspaper come and put out an article. To promote, a press release was sent out. The purchase of two banners helped display information and promote the activities.

CAP funds were used to print bracelets, bags, shirts, banners, brochures, and rack cards.

Louisiana

1543 – Covenant House

Project: Stand in Solidarity

Covenant House New Orleans kicked off NCVRW in the Treme neighborhood by hosting a community resource fair. Funding was utilized for the approved Resource Guide for referrals to community partners. Those partners joined them on April 21, 2024, to engage with the historical Treme neighborhood facing multiple systemic barriers causing increased crime. The goal was to reach crime victims and connect the community with resources to decrease vulnerabilities that may cause a person to make decisions from a survival mode perspective.

CAP funds were used to purchase a canopy and distribute resource booklets.

1648 – Silence is Violence

Project: Peace Walk and Butterfly Release for Crime Victims and their families.

Silence Is Violence organized a series of events in New Orleans to create a supportive space for survivors to share their experiences. The events began with a Butterfly Release at Longue Vue House and Gardens on Sunday, April 21, 2024, in memory of children lost to violence. A community peace walk occurred in the Treme/Bywater/French Quarter area on Thursday, April 25, 2024, highlighting the city's fight against violence. The following day, Friday, April 26, 2024, an All-White Balloon Release honored homicide victim. The week concluded with a wellness retreat at Longue Vue House and Gardens for those who assist victims of violence, featuring yoga and Tai Chi sessions to help individuals decompress and relax. These events brought together the community and criminal justice agencies.

CAP funds were used to purchase street banners, t-shirts, cups, speaker fees, butterflies, city event permits, and balloons.

Maine

1378 – Hope and Justice Project

Project: 3rd Annual Color ME 5K Run/Walk for Hope

The 3rd Annual 5K Color Run/Walk event was held on Saturday, April 27th. The event's purpose is to center on the need to help strengthen the rights of victims and survivors affected by all crime types in Maine. As a reflection of this year's theme, "How would you help? Options, services, and hope for crime survivors", the event provided local resources from organizations and community area providers. These resources represent how all create supportive and safe environments for crime victims to share what happened to them, access services, and perhaps find healing and hope. With over 200 community members in attendance, 161 participated in the 5K run/walk. The venue accommodated everyone comfortably. During the event, activities for families included face painting and bracelet making. Community volunteers played an iatrical role in assisting racers with directions while en route and showering them with colored powder. Participants received drawstring bags filled with t-shirts, sunglasses, bracelets, awareness pins, and informational bookmarks. The bookmarks provided valuable information for crime survivors to access national and Aroostook County direct services and information. Hope and Justice Project staff spoke about the importance of this year's theme and believing, supporting, and giving hope to all victims of crime.

The CAP funds were used to purchase color run supplies, lanyards, flier printing, bookmarks, table covers, a stand banner, t-shirts, drawstring backpacks, wristbands, and bracelets.

Maryland

1445 – Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center (MCVRC)

Project: 2024 Make a Difference 5k & Resource Fair

Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc. (MCVRC) hosted its 3rd annual 5k and resource fair. This event brings together victims of crime and the community to increase awareness regarding victims' rights and available services and encourages partners, including police, state, and other advocacy organizations. Every registrant for the event received themed promotional items, including a t-shirt and a branded, reusable shopping bag. Individuals were encouraged to wear the t-shirts and create social media posts to increase the community's awareness. The walk dedicated each mile to a different area:

- Mile 1 was focused on victims' rights facts;
- Mile 2 was honoring heroes; and,
- Mile 3 was about lives lost, which is why we fight. These focus areas allow guests to reflect on important work areas. This learning space also provided a safe space for families to gather and reflect.

CAP funds were used for advertising, rental space, sound equipment, t-shirts, signage, and tote bags.

1588 – Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM)

Project: Michigan NCVRW Vigil

The PAAM CAP for 2024 consisted of a multi-pronged approach to raise awareness about crime victims' rights across the state. Lawn signs were purchased with the OVC 2024 NCVRW artwork and slogan to be displayed by each prosecuting attorney's office in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and one in the Lower Peninsula. Ink pens were purchased with the 2024 OVC NCVRW slogan, distributed to every county prosecuting attorney's office in Michigan, and shared with community members across the state. Two banners with the 2024 NCVRW artwork and slogan were displayed publicly in the office building less than ½ block from the State Capitol. PAAM acquired and displayed luminary bags with stickers with the 2024 NCVRW artwork and slogan at our state's crime victim's rights vigil. Glow sticks were used as "candles" at the vigil. In addition to these efforts, sizeable electronic billboard displays with the 2024 OVC NCVRW slogan and artwork were displayed during NCVRW in eight different locations across Michigan. These efforts consisted of sharing the message of victims' rights in multiple formats statewide across Michigan to raise public awareness of victims' rights and to cause conversations about why victims' rights are essential. The NCVRW theme this year is, in many ways, a community call to action. The goal was to ensure people would consider the importance of victims' rights in the state.

CAP funds were used for the vigil's banners, yard signs, pens, stickers, billboards, luminary bags, and glow sticks.

1618 – Wayne County Prosecutor's Office

Project: NCVRW Health Fair and Senior Wellness Event

On Tuesday, April 23, 2024, an Elder Fraud Presentation for Seniors was held at the AB Ford Community Center. During this presentation, Postal Inspectors Andrew Brandsasse and James Van de Putte spoke with seniors about the warning signs to look for concerning scams. On Wednesday, April 24, 2024, the Crime Victim Awareness Event at Frank Murphy Hall of Justice. During this event, a survivor of sex trafficking was the keynote speaker.

CAP funds were used to purchase a banner and table runner, billboard, t-shirts, community awards, and promotional items, including hand sanitizer, pens, sports bottles, and stress balls.

1628 – Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (GTPAO)

Project: 2nd Annual Crime Victims Support Walk and Talk

On April 24, 2024, the GTPAO will host its 2nd Annual Crime Victims Support Walk and Talk. The Grand Traverse County (GTC) Victims Assistance Program hosted the Crime Victims' Support Walk. Due to inclement weather, the walk portion was canceled, and all events were moved inside. The presentation included crime victims speaking about how the crime affected them. The speakers included a victim of kidnapping, torture, stalking, and criminal sexual conduct, a victim of domestic violence, a victim of strangulation, and a victim of stalking. Speakers included the Grand Traverse County Sheriff and the Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. In addition to the Support Crime Victims Walk, the GTC Victims Assistance Program rented a digital billboard for Crime Victims' Rights Week.

CAP funds were used to purchase balloons, a helium tank, a stage rental, T-shirts, and a digital bulletin board.

1647 – Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney

Project: NCVRW Social and Printed Media Campaign/Event

The Office of the Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney, Victim Rights Unit hosted an event at the Velocity Center in Sterling Heights, MI. The event included a panel discussion that explained how the criminal justice system works. The information provided included insight from victim advocates, prosecutors, crime survivors, judges, police officers, and community partners who sat on the panel. Attendees were also given items purchased with the CAP funding, including contacting the Crime Victims' Rights Unit staff for assistance. Community leaders also spoke about how they help crime survivors with their work.

CAP funds social media and newspaper ads, the printing of fliers and handouts, and giveaways, including pens, stress balls, clips, and lip balm.

1672 – Equality Michigan

Project: NCVRW Community Resource Fairs

Equality Michigan ACES (DYS) implemented three forums titled "Call to Action" around the state. The first forum was scheduled in Bay City at the Great Lakes Bay Pride office on April 23, 2024. The special guests were the Director of Great Lakes Pride and an advocate from the Bay Area OLOC organization. They discussed what types of services they offered and how the community might get involved. The second forum was scheduled in Ferndale at the Affirmations Community Center on April 25, 2024. The special guest speakers were representatives from the ACLU and the LGBTQ+ Veteran's Center. They discussed their services and focus for 2024. They offered service flyers with information on how the community might get involved. The third forum was held on 4/26,2024, in Kalamazoo at the library. The special guests were the Out Center director and the Equality Michigan Executive Director. They discussed their services, handed out information, and discussed how the community could get involved.

CAP funds were used to purchase totes, t-shirts, postcards, event site fees, and dog tag necklaces.

1693 – Common Ground

Project: Annual NCVRW Awareness Event

For National Crime Victims' Rights Week, Common Ground's Victim Assistance Program partnered with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office Victim Services Section to increase awareness of crime victims' rights and available services across Oakland County. Materials featured information about both programs, including contact information and QR codes, so individuals could easily connect to these resources. In the week leading up to NCVRW, awareness materials were delivered throughout Oakland County. Beginning on 4/16, approximately 1,750 victims' rights cards, 120 buttons, and 100 brochures were distributed to law enforcement agencies across eight cities: Clawson, Hazel Park, Madison Heights, Oxford, Pontiac, Southfield, Walled Lake, and White Lake Township. 1,000 coasters and 100 buttons were delivered to local bars in the following cities: Auburn Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Ferndale, Lake Orion, Oxford, Rochester, and Royal Oak. Ten posters were distributed in Oxford and Pontiac at the All for Oxford Resiliency Center, Common Ground's Resource & Crisis Center, Oakland County Circuit Court, Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, and Oakland County Sheriff's Department. Approximately 75 buttons and a handful of t-shirts were delivered to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office staff. On 4/23, the remaining materials (victims' rights cards, brochures, buttons, t-shirts) and stickers were available. They were displayed at a resource table at the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office's annual Crime Victims' Rights Ceremony.

CAP funds were used to purchase t-shirts, stickers, coasters, buttons, posters, brochures, and victim rights cards.

Minnesota

1642 – Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES)

Project: CLUES National Crime Victims' Rights Week

La Cultura Cura was organized by the Family Services Department of CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio). This event featured guest speakers who discussed various topics related to crime victims' rights, specifically within the Latino community. Unfortunately, the community activist on sexual assault had to cancel her presentation due to a conflict with her work schedule, and the attorney canceled on the day of the event due to a family member's death. Throughout the week, they conducted a virtual Red Lipstick campaign to raise awareness of sexual assault in the Latino community. An in-person resource fair at the local church, La Misión El Santo Niño Jesús, where various organizations provided resources, was held. The event also featured a panel of domestic violence and sexual assault advocates who discussed victims' rights. As part of the event, victims and survivors, guided by artists, created a banner titled "Transformation," which was exhibited in the CLUES building for the community to visit. These events were posted daily during the campaign on the website, Facebook, and Instagram accounts.

CAP funds will be used for artist fees, art materials, event marketing, printing promotional materials, speaker fees, and rental costs.

Mississippi

1426 – Pearl River County Sheriff's Department

Project: Pearl County NCVRW Resource Fair

Pearl River County Board of Supervisors and the Pearl River County Sheriff Department invited the community to attend the first NCVRW resource fair at McNeill Park & Walking Track. Hundreds of emails were sent to discuss the event at County Board meetings, announcements were made, and three interviews were conducted on the local radio station WRJW. The five local TV news stations were sent the information, and WXXV-25 attended and covered the event. The Sheriff's Office spoke at several civic club meetings, Chamber meetings, and Main St meetings and placed fliers throughout the County advertising the event. A great article was published in the Picayune Item, and an after article will be published soon. Many different Facebook pages shared information and posts that promoted the awareness event. The NCVRW event was shown many times on WXXV-25.

CAP funds were used to purchase items for giveaways, including stadium cups, tote bags, bracelets, and information rack cards.

Missouri

1579 – KC Mothers in Charge

Project: Sixth Annual Pee Wee's Walk

The sixth annual Pee Wee's Walk took place on Saturday, April 27th, 2024, to kick off National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Over 200 people registered for this community walk, and they received a short-sleeved t-shirt noting the NCVRW logo, the date of the walk, and who they were honoring during the walk. Double-sided yard signs to honor a loved one lost to violence and a community resource were posted along the 3.2 miles of paved trail. These signs included a photo of the deceased and a message to note a personal aspect of the

deceased. The family member who submitted the yard sign info could take the sign home after the walk. The walk also included a banner where participants could sign the name of a loved one or note how they would take action during the week. The banner was placed alongside the trail, and volunteers assisted individuals in signing it.

CAP funds were used for banners, yard signs, and t-shirts.

1601 – Missouri Department of Public Safety - Office for Victims of Crime

Project: Three-Day Statewide Crime Victims' Rights Ceremony

The 2024 Missouri Crime Victims' Rights Ceremony was held at the Missouri State Capitol on April 25, 2024, beginning at 11 am with table displays and the ceremony at noon. Due to the weather, the event was moved inside the Capitol Rotunda. This event was well attended, with approximately 200 in attendance, which included law enforcement, prosecutors, advocates, victims, and state employees. Before the event, the Missouri Victim Services Academy was held, and over 80 Missouri Advocates attended. Greene County Prosecutor Dan Patterson was the Master of Ceremony. The Missouri Department of Public Safety Director, Sandy Karsten, started the ceremony by announcing the theme "How Would You Help? Options, services, and hope for crime survivors." With this, she recognized those in attendance and presented the Proclamation. General Counsel for the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, Amy Fite, addressed the theme and delivered, "The rights of victims granted in the statute are absolute, and the policy of this state is that the victim's rights are paramount to the defendant's rights." Jolie Foreman, Shelby County Victim Advocate, echoed the words of victim rights and working with victims. Joe Marquez was a guest speaker addressing the process of working with Law Enforcement, the Prosecutor's office, and the advocacy provided throughout the process. In addition to the ceremony, ten organizations provided information and resources to attendees.

CAP funds were used to print posters, t-shirts, programs, bookmarks, victim information cards, and social media ads.

1641 – St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office Victim Services

Project: NCVRW Victim Services Resource Fair – St. Louis City Hall

The Victim Services Unit within the Circuit Attorney's Office hosted a Resource Fair for Victims of Crime in the City of St. Louis. This fair was hosted at City Hall, and the funds were used to provide goodie bags for Fair participants.

CAP funds were used to print fliers, retractable banners, tote bags, notebooks, water bottles, stress balls, postcards, and victim resource cards.

Montana

1556 – Lincoln County Victim/Witness Program

Project: NCVRW Candlelight Vigil

As the hustle and bustle of the community went by, over 32 individuals gathered on the lawn at the Court House to support and comfort victims/survivors of crime. Everyone had National Crime Victims' Rights Week t-shirts, while glow sticks were spread throughout the area to illuminate the faces. Guests were welcomed by the Advocate, who thanked all in attendance and thanked the members who had set up booths to promote services in the community. A brief history of NCVRW, funding for the event, and the Victim/Witness Program were

mentioned. The theme for the event, “How Would You Help? Options, Services, and Hope for Crime Survivors,” was discussed, and a challenge for all community members was given. A prayer was provided by a community member whose son was killed by a drunk driver over 30 years ago. Families, friends, and community members stood shoulder to shoulder, their collective grief finding solace in the encouragement of each voice. Amidst the dim flickering of glow sticks and candles, each survivor stepped forward and shared their stories, some with trembling voices yet with resolve in sharing the weight of their experience. Their words echoed across the gathering, weaving a cloth of strength, courage, and resilience in the face of loss and grief. In attendance was the granddaughter of Chief Bockman. Bockman is Libby's only LE Officer killed in the line of duty in 1924. She was here to attend the memorial dedication in honor of her grandfather later in the week.

CAP funds were used to purchase digital media education, promotion, glow sticks, magnets, and t-shirts.

New Jersey

1591 – Ocean County Prosecutor's Office

Project: NCVRW Social Media Campaign and NCVRW Walk

Grant funds were used to support two primary initiatives implemented by the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office of Victim Witness Advocacy: a law enforcement-based social media campaign and an annual walk supporting NCVRW. For the law enforcement-based social media campaign, the office purchased 1,000 car magnets for patrol vehicles in law enforcement agencies across Ocean County. The magnets displayed the official artwork for NCVRW 2024, distributed by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). The magnets were distributed to participating law enforcement agencies from April 14 to April 20, 2024, and displayed on the vehicles starting April 21, 2024. Municipal police departments participated in demonstrating the magnets along with the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office, the Ocean County Sherriff’s Department, and the Ocean County Department of Corrections. Officers within each department then posted photos on social media and shared pictures with the office to show off the magnets and spread awareness about NCVRW. Many police departments continue to display magnets on their patrol vehicles to spread awareness about crime victims’ rights and access to services. The office also purchased giveaway items distributed at the 2nd Annual NCVRW Walk hosted by the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office of Victim Witness Advocacy. The walk is a publicly advertised event open to the public to participate in NCVRW and raise awareness for crime victims’ rights and available services. The event took place on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at the Seaside Heights, NJ, boardwalk to kick off NCVRW. During the event, representatives from collaborative agencies who assist victims were present to meet with attendees and provide information and literature on the services they offer. Walk participants were provided several giveaway items upon their attendance, highlighted with the theme and official artwork for NCVRW 2024.

CAP funds were used to print ribbon car sign magnets, notepads, pens, and stress relievers.

1685 – YWCA Northern New Jersey

Project: NCVRW Clothesline Project

YWCA Northern New Jersey hosted the 30th annual Clothesline Project on the Green to promote the general public’s awareness of rights and services for victims of all types of crimes. This outdoor event was in an open public space across the street from the Bergen County Courthouse. The Clothesline Project allows victims of crime to create shirts with any design and messaging they wish, and then the shirts are displayed. YWCA Northern New Jersey originated the Clothesline Project in 1993 and is now replicated in other cities, states, and countries. In the last, over 2,000 shirts were displayed by victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual violence, clergy abuse, incest, campus hazing, and other crimes, with messages ranging from shocking to angry

to hopeful. YWCA NNJ convened a public event with presentations from each partner organization and a keynote speaker. County officials such as the Bergen County executive, Bergen County Prosecutor, Bergen County Commissioners, and Bergen County Sheriff were in attendance. They addressed the crowd in support of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Survivors were encouraged to attend and bring shirts for display. There were several stations where shirts were created on-site.

CAP funds were used to print T-shirts, posters, and fliers, advertise, rent tables and chairs, and give away journals, tumblers, and sanitizers.

New Mexico

1470 – Sixth Judicial District Attorney's Office

Project: NCVRW 5K Walk for Hope

The Sixth Judicial District Attorney's Office kicked off the week (4/22/2024) with a Survivor Luminary Light Up. The county manager read the proclamation to kick off the event. Community members, survivors, elected officials, law enforcement officers, and service providers could write messages on the luminaires to inspire hope for onlookers. The town of Lordsburg left the luminaires out through Tuesday morning. A 5k Walk for Hope was held in Luna County and Grant County. T-shirts, drawstring bags, cups, sunglasses, stress balls, and a resource guide were purchased with CAP funds, and these items were all free to the participants.

CAP funds were used to print posters, banners, stickers, brochures, and giveaways, including backpacks, plastic cups, and T-shirts.

1594 – Battered Families Services Inc.

Project: NCVRW Walk/Run and Awareness Campaign

A mass media campaign increased the general public's awareness about NCVRW. Radio announcements were aired from three radio stations local to the area: KYVA, 93X, and 103.7 started on 4/03/2024-04/27/2024. On April 23, 2024, a 2-hour live radio forum was held with KGAK radio station in which BFS and a local sexual assault organization participated. Forum participants discussed the purpose of NCVRW, resources for victims of crime, types of crime, and a Q&A session. Social media posts were shared with followers on social media platforms & the Gallup Independent Newspaper published an article focused on NCVRW on 04/22/2023. Lastly, a 5k Run/3K Walk was held on 04/20/2024 for the community free of charge to participants. T-shirts & water bottles displaying NCVRW's logo were distributed to participants. Community resource booths, including other victim service providers, were set up at the event. At the end of the run/walk event, NCVRW and where help can be found were discussed.

CAP funds were used to purchase radio media advertisements, event permit fees, and the printing of water bottles, T-shirts, and posters.

1721 – Resolve

Project: NCVRW Social Media Campaign

Resolve ran a statewide social media campaign on Facebook and Instagram during National Crime Victim Rights Week, with four unique posts that built on the 2024 NCVRW theme. The 2024 NCVRW theme resonated strongly with our organization's mission and vision. Our project emphasized and highlighted stories of hope, change, and healing. The pandemic has been particularly hard for survivors, many of whom are

experiencing increased or resurfaced PTSD symptoms or other mental health issues. Many people are still primarily accessing communities and resources through social media. Being able to reach survivors online effectively is critical. A robust and broad-reaching social media campaign is an incredibly effective way to educate survivors and their support communities on crime victims' rights and the resources available to them. CAP funds were used for social media advertisements.

New York

1410 – Office of the Richmond County District Attorney

Project: NCVRW Social Media Campaign, Theater performance, and Candlelight Vigil

A dove sculpture in a shadow box representing strength, healing, and peace for crime victims' families was dedicated on Monday, April 22nd. RCDA held the 30th Annual Crime Victims' Rights Candlelight vigil on Thursday, April 25th, 2024. The event was well attended, and each person received bags with resource information and giveaways.

CAP funds were used for space rental, printing of tote bags, lapel pins, and vigil supplies.

1428 – SEPA Mujer, Inc.

Project: Circle of Resilience: Healing Together Public Vigil

From April 22nd to April 25th, SEPA Mujer staff held a social media campaign to raise awareness for National Crime Victims' Rights Week. They purchased a banner with grant funds as a backdrop for the videos. Each day, a project coordinator spoke about a different type of crime and the resources available to victims and survivors. On April 26th, SEPA Mujer held their Circle of Resilience: Healing Together Public Vigil, distributing grant-funded tote bags, posters, and stickers. Community members heard testimony from survivors, SEPA Mujer staff, and local elected officials. SEPA Mujer's Thriving Latinas dance group performed a cultural dance and led a call to action to empower survivors to come forward and seek help and resources.

CAP funds were used to purchase printed posters, pens, stickers, t-shirts, and tote bags for giveaways.

1545 – Kings County District Attorney's Office

Project: Annual NYC Crime Victims Candlelight Vigil

The subgrantee utilized funds to enhance its annual candlelight vigil emphasizing National Crime Victim Rights Week. The vigil featured keynote speakers, a choir, and audio/video production of the event. Resource bags with crime victim information and resource lists were given to attendees.

CAP funds were used for buttons, candle holders, tote bags, and fees for event production, including honorariums.

1572– The REACH Center of MHACG

Project: NCVRW Art Display

The funding allowed The REACH Center to organize and facilitate multiple special events in the community, reaching a broad audience and encompassing the rural and urban areas of Columbia and Greene Counties. Events included:

1. Crime Victims' Rights Resource Fair held at the local community college. Twelve community agencies that collaborate with The REACH Center and work with crime victims attended and provided agency and resource information to the community and the campus population consisting of students, staff, and faculty.
2. Memorial Ceremony/What Were You Wearing event at CREATE art gallery showcasing art created by survivors of crime. This event provided the chance to speak with the artists and recognize their success in their healing journey. It also included outfits from What Were You Wearing, a campaign to help reduce victim blaming and stigma surrounding victims of crime and abuse.
3. "How Would You Help" facilitated two interactive workshops collaborating with OASIS Youth Clubhouse and Intensive Case Management programs working with youth impacted by crime and abuse, creating communal, interactive art, and discussing safety and How Would You Help scenarios.
4. Soup Night Community Event partnered with Left Bank Cider, a local restaurant, bringing the community together to present the artworks created by the local Montessori school and discuss violence and crime in the community, prevention strategies, and resources for survivors. All events included promotional items with a "How Would You Help?" theme and artwork with a helpline and resource information.

CAP funds were used to purchase paint supplies, event venue fees, printed items including buttons, tote bags, notebooks, posters, bookmarks, calendars, fidget toys, keychains, and phone card holders

North Carolina

1493 – Cleveland County Government (Cleveland County Sheriff's Office)

Project: Options, Services, and Hope for Crime Survivors in Cleveland County

A digital billboard displaying two ads was purchased for most of April to advertise Victim's Rights Week and the event on April 25th. The ads ran 1440 times a day. They also had a radio spot played 48 times from April 13 through April 25th, which advertised the April 25th event. During Victim's Rights Week, the Crime Victim Advocates held three separate information sessions around Cleveland County. One was held at Gardner Webb University, while the other two were held in different locations around Cleveland County. These sessions were used to help communicate services available to victims, along with advertising Victim's Rights Week and the big event held on April 25th. The Victim Advocates utilized one of the large and retractable banners at these events and connected with approximately 50 people. They also had six storyboards displaying a different message from a crime victim around the historic courthouse uptown. Additionally, a local news network interviewed the agency's Victim Advocate about the week and the event and aired the interview several times during Victim's Rights Week. On the day of the event, they had a community resource fair. Participants such as a dog therapy team, Abuse Prevention Council, and others had information tables regarding the services they provide to victims of crime. They also displayed paintings made by crime victims who participated in the art classes offered on April 13 and April 16, which were provided to victims of crime. Sixteen victims participated in the classes. They had a crime victim deliver a keynote address,

CAP funds were used to purchase a banner, digital billboard, car magnets, yard signs, survivor storyboard supplies, and media advertisements.

1714 – Healing Justice

Project Description: NCVRW Awareness of Rights and Services

Minnesota recently enacted significant legislative changes to post-conviction sentences and created units to focus on prosecutor-initiated resentencing in two major cities and a statewide conviction review unit. The events were centered on sharing information about these changes, uplifting victims' voices, expanding post-

conviction victim services, and protecting victims' rights beyond conviction. The first event was a webinar on April 23rd. This webinar featured the Minnesota Attorney General discussing criminal justice reform initiatives, the conviction review unit, and the importance of victims' rights. Minnesota Conviction Review Unit representatives shared their specific policies and practices for conducting victim outreach in post-conviction cases. Healing Justice staff shared a centralized resource outlining the fundamental sentence changes across the state. This resource included specific and detailed information for victims and survivors about the conviction and sentence review process, locations and offices doing this work, post-conviction rights for victims, and local resources for crime victims and survivors. The second event was a two-part event on April 27th. The first part featured a presentation from nationally recognized speaker and crime survivor Jennifer Thompson, who shared her story of survival and experience with wrongful conviction in her case. Following, the audience heard from system leaders, including the Minnesota Attorney General, For the People, Ramsey County Attorney, and representatives from the Hennepin County Attorney's Office. Each spoke regarding implementing system reform efforts and their commitment to crime victims' rights and services. The second part involved a more profound conversation into the unique needs of survivors in the post-conviction setting while offering support and resources. Other service providers, including a victim support dog, were present during the events to share local resources and information.

CAP funds were used for speakers, travel arrangements, and specialized awareness and support materials.

North Dakota

1708 – North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Project: NCVRW Awareness Event

This year's project included distributing NCVRW Crime Victim information, including business cards, rack cards, grocery totes, and hand sanitizer printed for the resource centers and law enforcement. An outdoor billboard ran for the NCVRW, and information was posted in public bathrooms.

CAP funds were used to purchase newspaper and restroom ads, billboards, social media ads, printed fliers, magnets, business cards, brochures, rack cards, hand sanitizers, and reusable grocery totes.

Ohio

1483 – YWCA Dayton

Project: YWCA Dayton Clothesline Project

The YWCA Dayton's National Crime Victims' Rights Week project included two components. First is the Clothesline Project, and second is a translation project to engage victims in the Dayton immigrant and refugee community. The Clothesline Project was on display at the emergency room in Preble County, home of a YW Dayton satellite campus. As a SART partner, ER staff were excited to have the project on-site. Before the 21st, community members were invited to create shirts representing their journey as victims/survivors. The Rape Crisis Center partnered with the Montgomery County Domestic Relations Court staff to educate non-English speakers about their options after victimization, including filing for a CPO and Rape Crisis services. Posters and rack cards were created with both agencies' information and then translated into Haitian Creole, French, and Spanish, three of the most commonly spoken languages in the area after English. Posters and rack cards were disseminated to relevant community partners, including court staff, resettlement organizations, and Legal Aid.

CAP funds were used to print rack cards, posters, and translation services.

1497 – Women Helping Women (WHW)

Project: NCVRW Chalk the Walk

Women Helping Women (WHW) held a Chalk the Walk during National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Local businesses displayed chalk messages and artwork on their sidewalks, parking lots, and buildings to promote community awareness around NCVRW and encourage support of survivors. WHW will provide each business with an outreach kit, which will include chalk as well as marketing materials. Outreach materials included educational information about survivor resources in the region.

CAP funds were used to print t-shirts and chalk supplies for the project.

1519 – Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center (OCVJC)

Project: Equity in Victim Services Webinar Series

The Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center (OCVJC) facilitated a webinar series on Equity in Victims' Services and stipends for survivors sharing their stories on the webinar series.

CAP funds were used to pay the speaking fees for the lead speaker and survivors of the webinar series.

1613 – Ashtabula County Victims of Crime Assistance Office

Project: NCVRW Community Events

The following events were held during NCVRW:

- School Assemblies. On Monday, April 22, 2024, starting at 4:00, they held an assembly for Bridges, a group with the Ashtabula County Technical & Career Campus. On Tuesday, April 23, 2024, starting at 1:00 P.M., they held an assembly for the Lakeside High School's freshman class.
- Share Your Story” of hope and survival. On Thursday, April 25, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Ashtabula County Public Library, the community joined to create a community of resilient survivors.
- Survivor Walk and Candlelight Vigil. On Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., NCVRW closed by hosting a walk and candlelight vigil at North Park in Ashtabula, Ohio, starting at the Gazebo. After the walk, we will hold a candlelight vigil led by survivors to remember all victims of crime. This event was open to anyone in the community.

CAP funds were used for speaker stipends, advertising, printing of brochures, counter cards, posters, t-shirts, fliers, and various fidget toys for giveaways.

1690 – Battered Women’s Shelter

Project: NCVRW Mass Media Campaign

Six billboards were live during NCVRW's dates 4/21-4/27/24 at six (6) locations around the Akron/Summit County area with the 24/7 crisis hotline number and an announcement of merging two hotline numbers into one. The tote bags, lanyards, safety cards, and posters were distributed through 32 events: 12 professional collaborative meetings (community organizations, local University offices, legal collaborative partners, etc.); 10 tabling events at locations such as local libraries, University of Akron residence halls, Minority Health's Health and Wellness Fair; 4 outreach events at bars and community organizations, one presentation to a University of Akron department faculty; 2 peer support groups with residents of Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority housing; 3 roll call presentations to a local police department. Remaining materials purchased with NCVRW

CAP funds were used to purchase digital billboards and print safety cards, lanyards, tote bags, and posters.

Oklahoma

1592 – Kaw Nation

Project: NCVRW Community Resource Fair

The 2024 Kaw Nation Community Resource Fair was held on April 25th in Ponca City at the Carolyn Renfro Center. During the event, 23 vendors attended and represented multiple service agencies within the Kay County area. The event was promoted through radio advertisements the week of the event and kicked off with a radio interview on April 22nd. A total of 50 radio ads were streamed during the week of the event. The program had 75 posters printed and distributed with the Crime Victims' Rights Week logo on them, starting at the beginning of April. Instead of T-shirts, they purchased 150 tote bags and distributed them to participants so they could have something to hold all the information they would receive during the event. Giveaway items were purchased and distributed to event participants.

CAP funds were used for facility rental, radio advertising, posters, totes, and giveaways.

1615 – Oklahoma City Family Justice Center, Inc. DBA Palomar

Project: Seventh Annual Symbols of Hope Art Contest

In honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, Palomar hosted the Symbols of Hope Art Gallery. Students in the community were invited to create art based on the theme "How would you help? Options, Services, and Hope for Crime Survivors". Several submissions were selected to be displayed in the gallery, and the public was invited to view the art and learn more about the services Palomar provides to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking.

CAP funds were used to purchase art supplies, award ribbons, and social media boosts.

Pennsylvania

1536 – Because Organization Corp.

Project: Steps to Hope: Resource Fair & Awareness Walk/Run

Subgrantee funds were strategically used to support the "Steps to Hope" event activities, enhancing the outreach and impact of this important initiative.

- **Event Essentials:** Funds covered the costs for necessary event infrastructure such as tables, tents, and chairs to accommodate the setup for various Victim Service Providers (VSPs) at the resource fair.
- **Promotional Materials:** They invested in fliers, event banners, and digital advertisements to boost event visibility and attendance. This was crucial in ensuring that the community was well-informed and motivated to participate.
- **Resource Fair Supplies:** Items like clipboards for each resource table, table linens, and promotional gifts such as water bottles and folders were provided to enhance the interaction between VSPs and attendees and make the information exchange more effective. **Visual Enhancements:** Balloons in theme colors were used to create a welcoming and festive environment, aiding in navigation and enhancing the overall aesthetic of the event space.

CAP funds were used to print fliers, banners, water bottles, social media advertising, tables, and chairs.

1589 – Arise Lawrence County

Project: NCVRW Awareness Celebration

This week, Arise hosted two tabling events at Westminster College during lunchtime and placed promotional items and brochures on the tables. Advocates were available to talk to students and other campus members about crime victims' rights and access to services. Additionally, Arise hosted an awareness event and resource fair at the local library in conjunction with Neighborhood Legal Services, where brochures and promotional items were also handed out to individuals and staff members from both organizations being available for questions. On Saturday, April 27th, Arise hosted a tabling event at Westminster College during a busy collegiate game day and handed out brochures and promotional items to students, faculty, staff, coaches, and parents in attendance. Lastly, Arise hosted a social media campaign, including an "Afternoons with an Advocate" session focused on Advocacy services, Crime Victims' Rights, and general Arise services for our community.

CAP funds were used to purchase billboard advertising, printing brochures, notebooks, tumblers, and stylus pens

1606 – Central Bucks Regional Police Department

Project: NCVRW Awareness Event

The Central Bucks Regional Police Department VSU held an event to bring awareness to the many residents of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and the surrounding communities, as well as the thousands of visitors that descend on the town weekly because it is the county seat and a local tourist town. During NCVRW, reusable shopping bags were handed out to all retail stores. Drink coasters were also distributed to restaurants and bars in the borough. The reusable shopping bags contained a pamphlet on victims' rights, how to prevent becoming victims, and a list of the current prevalent scams in the community. The drink coasters were printed with a variety of victim information and resources.

CAP funds were used to purchase reusable shopping bags, drink coasters, and printed fliers

1679 – NOVA (Network of Victim Assistance)

Project Description: NCVRW Panel Discussion and Candlelight Tribute

A community panel discussion was held to raise awareness of the impact that crime has on the individual(s) who experience it, the community as a whole, and how community-wide efforts can make an impact. The general public was invited to share space with critical experts to understand better how change can occur. They heard from panelists from local Law Enforcement, Children and Youth Services, the District Attorney's Office, NOVA Violence Prevention, NOVA Victim Advocacy, and survivors of crime. All of the panelists were NOVA partners, and one theme of the conversation was exploring the web of services that work to help victims and prevent crime. This panel discussion concluded by honoring victims through a candlelit walk on campus. At that time, survivors and their loved ones could pay tribute to the lives lost and the individuals impacted by crime and honor their healing journey. This event was held in a central, accessible location for all members of Bucks County at the Community College.

CAP funds were used for the speaker fee, event space rental, pens, markers, rocks, tokens, and promotional materials, including mugs and tote bags.

Puerto Rico

1567 – Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, Inc.

Project: CAVIC Recognizing Crime Victims' Rights Week

The Imermetro Multidisciplinary Center for Victims and Survivors of Crime CAVIC, during the National Crime Victims Week in Puerto Rico, held a Fair of Support Services related to victims of Crime in Puerto Rico. As service providers, guiding the community regarding the existing support services for crime victims was engaging. The activity occurred on April 24, 2024, en el Centro de Estudiantes de la Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico Recinto Metropolitano. Twenty non-profit organizations attended, *and* more than eighty-one community members attended. During the fair, informative and promotional material (flyers, stickers, sockets for cell phones, pens, lanyards, smiley face stress balls) will be provided, along with information on the celebration of NCVRW. However, the event was promoted through social networks (Facebook, Instagram). a television program (Viva La Tarde on Telemundo), and a promotional banner.

CAP funds were used to purchase the banner, print fliers, and create stickers.

Rhode Island

1548 – Family Service of Rhode Island

Project: 15th Annual National Crime Victims' Rights Week Victims' Grove Ceremony

On April 24, 2024, Rhode Island Attorney General Peter Neronha, Rhode Island General Treasurer James Diossa, United States District Attorney for the District of Rhode Island Zachary Cunha, Providence Police Chief Oscar Perez, a representative from U.S. Senator Jack Reed's Office and other dignitaries gathered at Victim's Grove (located in downtown Providence and overlooking the Providence River) to honor crime survivors, advocates, and organizations committed to providing support and resources for Rhode Island victims of crime. This annual event was broadly attended by the general public and covered by the local media. The program began with a performance of the National Anthem by a local singer and the Providence Police Department Honor Guard presenting the colors. Following a short speaking program based on this year's NCVRW theme and dedication of awards for survivors, their families, and victim advocates who had distinguished themselves either over the past year or as their life's work, a memorial wreath was laid in memory of all Rhode Island victims of crime. Public members were encouraged to spread flowers in the river in memorial to victims lost.

CAP funds were used for audio/visual rental, banners, media advertising, interpretation, and award plaques.

1633 – Day One

Project: Week-long NCVRW Project

The campaign blanketed the entire state of Rhode Island, emphasizing Spanish-speaking communities, the LGBTQ+ community, and parents. Leveraging the power of social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram, they reached a diverse audience spanning ages 13-65+. By addressing a wide demographic range, their efforts resonated with men, women, and children, ensuring comprehensive community awareness and resources for victims of crime. The prevention/education program engages in training, education, community organizing, systems advocacy, and resource development to prevent violence. Aligned with this year's theme of "How would you help? Options, services, and hope for crime survivors." The project engaged all Rhode Island communities, especially our Spanish-speaking communities. It emphasized supporting victims and their families while highlighting culturally appropriate trauma-informed treatment and prevention education

strategies to help better victims of crime from underserved, underrepresented, and marginalized communities. Outreach efforts were made to engage the community at large. Online presence and advertising: Engaging the community through social media platforms, fostering interactive discussions, and disseminating vital information online through e-newsletter messaging, social media, and digital advertising.

CAP funds were used for the graphic design of fliers and social media ads.

South Carolina

1494 – Reclaiming Our Youth

Project: Reclaiming Youth Services 5K Walk/Run

Reclaiming Our Youth Services (ROYS) was very proud to connect survivors of crime with the judicial system and other organizations that serve the needs of those who have experienced this trauma. On April 27, 2024, in Vance, SC, ROYS welcomed victims of crime along with community members to experience words of encouragement and receive information on Options, Services, and Hope for crime victims. They secured a great venue and gave all survivors medals of hope and certificates for their resiliency and perseverance through the tragedy that had invaded their lives. All attendees received promotional items from ROYS expressing "Helping and Healing Hearts." A panel discussion allowed victims to ask questions about the judicial system. Victims' advocates, the sheriff's department, the district solicitor, and several survivors who spoke and encouraged everyone were a big part of the event.

CAP funds were used to purchase tote bags, journals, tumblers, keychains, social media, and appreciation supplies such as certificates, plaques, and medals.

South Dakota

1490 – Call to Freedom

Project: Hidden in Plain Sight

Call to Freedom (CTF) hosted an event entitled "Hidden in Plain Sight" to bring awareness of the rights and services available to survivors of human trafficking. The public awareness event brought together 159 attendees in support of crime victims' rights and enhanced the community's ability to identify and respond to human trafficking. The event featured two panels:

1. A moderated panel of three lived experience experts who shared their journeys to educate the public about the experiences, rights, and services available to survivors;
2. A professional panel comprised of the City of Sioux Falls Chief of Police, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota, and the South Dakota Human Trafficking Coordinator, who shared how their offices work individually and collaboratively to identify and support crime victims and what resources are available to them. Call to Freedom highlighted the 2024 NCVRW theme "Options, services, and hope for crime survivors" by selecting survivor panelists and panel questions (e.g., What resources were most helpful to you on your journey?). Additionally, Call to Freedom disseminated outreach materials, including brochures, posters, and resource directories, to attendees to increase their knowledge of available resources and how to access them. NCVRW

CAP funds were used for speaker fees and venue rental.

Tennessee

1725 – Chattanooga Hamilton County Family Justice Center (FJC)

Project: NCVRW Proclamation Event

The targeted audience for the NCVRW Proclamation was all FJC partners, including law enforcement, victim advocates, courts, local government, city and county, and local businesses, to have a lasting community impact. The impact reached out to the City of Chattanooga, Hamilton County, and beyond due to FJC partners' work in multiple surrounding counties and states. The FJC utilized funds to promote and enhance the public's awareness of victims' rights via billboards. Through reading the proclamation by county and city mayors, all victim service providers and the impact they are making in the community were recognized. By including local businesses, they raised community awareness of the resources available. They started a week before the event and visited both County and City Mayors, City Councils in the City of Chattanooga and East Ridge (a municipality), as well as the Hamilton County District Attorney's office to personally invite them to the proclamation and handed out the printed merchandise. The 2024 NCVRW Proclamation was held on April 19, 2024 at noon. This was the FJC's third annual NCVRW proclamation. Honored speakers at our event included the DA for Hamilton County, both Hamilton County and City of Chattanooga Mayors, a survivor of gun violence, the Executive Director for the FJC, and the Director of Victim Support Services for the Partnership for Families, Children, and Adults.

CAP funds were used to purchase billboards, tote bags, tumblers, stress balls, and lip balm for giveaways.

Texas

1471 – Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone Corporation

Project: NCVRW Awareness and Resource Fair

The main activities for Crime Victims Week were support groups, virtual presentations, workshops, and outdoor fairs. The events included informational material, promotional supplies, a moment of silence, a defense class, lunch, breakout rooms, poster sessions, resources, victim testimonies, and a support group session. The intent was to target the community as well as the surrounding towns. Engage the general public through education on victims' rights and services and promote community involvement by encouraging participants to visit different booths staffed with local partners to discuss the available community resources for victims of crime. The community partners and surrounding law enforcement agencies were available to answer questions and guide victims toward the correct path. The news media participated in the events to capture the family's voices and their experience and give testimonies. All participants were given information on victims' rights and were equipped with options to rebuild their lives.

CAP funds were used to print banners, buttons, pens, t-shirts, and brochures.

1532 – The Ecumenical Center

Project: NCVRW Awareness Campaign

The Ecumenical Center held an in-person information campaign to inform First Responders of the free mental health and counseling services available at The Ecumenical Center satellite locations in three under-served areas of Texas. The Crisis Response team was chosen to contact the first responders because, quite often, this Crisis Team has already worked with the First Responders when there was a mass shooting event or other local tragedy in the location of service that is targeted. A direct mail and email awareness information campaign will be sent to the first responders in three areas of Texas that underutilize victims of crime services.

CAP funds were used for direct mail and email awareness campaign materials.

1546 – Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office

Project: NCVRW Awareness Activities

A crime victim's resource fair took place on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, and a victims' rights week awareness walk was held on Thursday, April 25th. They partnered with the local crime victim's response team for the awareness walk event. On Friday, April 26th, they ended the week off for crime victims' rights with a "How Can You Help" business social media campaign. They had two local restaurants that participated and displayed Crime Victims' Rights Week shirts at the front of their business and the business cards at the host stand. Photos were posted on social media to continue to spread awareness. They also were working on passing out the bookmarks to high school seniors at one of the Fort Bend school districts. The bookmarks have QR Codes linked to websites and other resources for crime victims. Bookmarks were distributed to counselors in FBISD high schools. At the University of Houston - Sugar Land and Wharton County Junior College - Richmond, items were also distributed for students to take.

CAP funds were used to print signage, bookmarks, business cards, stress balls, pens, notebooks, banners, audio video rentals, and photographers/videographers.

1621 – Rio Grande Valley Families and Friends of Murdered Children

Project: NCVRW Workshops and Seminars

The Rio Grande Valley Families and Friends of Murdered Children (RGVFFOMC) orchestrated their impactful 10th Annual 5k Run/Walk for crime victims and survivors. Held at Edinburg Municipal Park, Texas, on April 21, 2024, at 7:00 AM, it marked National Crime Victims Rights Week. This annual commemoration, led by the Office for Victims of Crime, rallied communities and organizations around the theme "How Would You Help?" Over 150 individuals attended, including law enforcement officials, crime victims liaisons, Hidalgo County District Attorneys, court advocates, and non-profit victim services providers. Their collective presence honored the resilience of crime victims and survivors, fostering inclusivity and shared purpose. Media representatives and faith-based clergy also supported the event, strengthening the community. Notably, 25 victims of violent crime participated, sharing their stories of resilience and survival, adding profound significance. They served as beacons of hope and perseverance for others facing similar challenges. Through meticulous planning and responsible fund allocation, RGVFFOMC facilitated an event celebrating crime victims' and survivors' strength and resilience, forging enduring connections among stakeholders committed to advancing victims' rights and support services.

The CAP funds were used to purchase banners, printed mugs, pens, notepads, t-shirts, medals, and event DJs for announcements and entertainment.

1684 – Friendship of Women, Inc.

Project: "In Their Shoes" Campaign

Activities included purchasing a Goosechase app subscription to provide an NCVRW interactive community virtual scavenger hunt inviting the general public to complete missions and connecting them to resources that provide options, services, and hope to victims of all crime. Each mission connected the agency name, address, mission statement, logo, and website. The Goosechase experience began on April 21st and ended on April 26th. They purchased bus shelter advertisements to promote NCVRW messaging, an NCVRW resource fair, and a

QR code to join the NCVRW Goosechase activity. Bus advertisements were placed in three different areas in our community during April and up to NCVRW. They created social media posts to promote NCVRW messaging, the NCVRW resource fair, and the NCVRW Goosechase activity. They purchased advertisement tools to "boost" the content to help expand the reach of audiences during April and leading up to NCVRW. Promotional items were purchased using NCVRW messaging, colors, theme, and logo. Those promotional items were given out as giveaways to the NCVRW resource fair attendees; these items included notebooks with pens, drawstring backpacks, totes, clips, and roll-up blankets. The NCVRW resource fair at the main branch public library is on April 26, from 4 pm to 6 pm. There were 25 resource tables providing information. Other printed items purchased were NCVRW event flyers and posters with NCVRW messaging, the NCVRW resource fair event, and a QR code to join the NCVRW Goosechase activity.

The CAP funds were used for the Goosechase app, bus stop advertisements, social media advertising, and giveaways, including notebooks, drawstring backpacks, totes, clips, roll-up blankets, stickers, magnets, posters, flyers, and palm cards.

Utah

1513 – Southwest Forensic Nursing & Healthcare (SWFN)

Project: Social Media Campaign and Candlelight Vigil

With the awarded funding, an awareness campaign which included a public candlelight vigil, tabling at several community events, as well as a print campaign that was distributed to all law enforcement agencies in Southern Utah, two county prosecutors' offices, multiple healthcare clinics and hospitals, community advocacy groups, university students, high schools, St George Chamber of Commerce, and numerous mental-health practitioners was completed. The printed items contained the approved campaign artwork, colors, and wording. The items included T-shirts, buttons, bookmarks, resource cards, magnets, and flyers. Several of these were also printed in Spanish.

CAP Funds were used to purchase T-shirts, buttons, magnets, stickers, business cards, postcards, and event location fees.

1720 – Utah Office for Victims of Crime

Project: NCVRW Candlelight Vigil & Trees of Hope

The Utah Office for Victims of Crime held a candlelight vigil & resource event that included diverse speakers and a wide array of victim services agencies statewide to bring options, services and hope to crime survivors. A public awareness event, "Trees of Hope," brought communities together to share the voices of crime survivors as their hopes branch out toward their journey. Social media awareness events engaged diverse populations statewide creatively while providing resources, services, and hope. Several projects promoted and enhanced the public's awareness of rights and services for victims. The resource fair was held at the rotunda at the state capitol before the vigil for an array of victim services providers to offer resources to those in attendance. The Candlelight Vigil was a hybrid to ensure inclusivity and reach underserved communities. The event was held in Salt Lake County, but the geographic area served was the entire state (with the live streaming option).

CAP funds were used to purchase seed packets, bookmarks, brochures, flyers, tote bags, pens, lip balm, and other fidget toys.

Vermont

1411 – Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services

Project: NCVRW Listening Forums

This year, two events were held throughout National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) to educate the public on crime victim resources, trauma-informed care, the importance of this week to survivors and advocates, and to engage communities. First, on Wednesday, April 24th, an NCVRW Listening Forum was held, which brought together community members, advocates, and victims/survivors. This event honored this year's NCVRW theme by amplifying and empowering victim/survivor voices while engaging and building community connections. This event featured three survivors (one acted as a moderator for the event while also sharing her story.) These survivors used their own experiences to educate the community and advocates on what is helpful to survivors and how best to support the victims within their communities who may come to them for help. This event also served to educate the public on the work of the community justice centers throughout Vermont and how these centers support victims. Then, on Friday, April 26th, National Crime Victims' Rights Week ended with a workshop and Awards Ceremony. This event featured a speaker who spoke about the importance of trauma-informed care, resilience, and meeting survivors where they are. Afterward, the NCVRW Awards Ceremony celebrated eight individuals who were nominated and selected for this year's awards. Award categories included Outstanding Advocate, Survivor Award, Career Achievement, Ally Award, Justice for All Award, and the Community Engagement Award (special for this year's 2024 NCVRW theme.)

CAP funds were used for venue fees, marketing and advertising, and forum speaker fees.

Virginia

1569 – Stone Haven

Project: NCVRW Awareness Campaign

This campaign had multiple components, including the following:

- **Public Flag Display:** This included a flag representing each survivor of trafficking identified in the last year. They also put up signs with the NCVRW logo to provide information on all crimes. The flags and signage were displayed at the New Creation Shoppe in Harrisonburg.
- **Social Media Campaign:** A video was created with Stone Haven + New Creation to highlight NVCRW and how organizations intersect. They highlighted the theme: How would you help? Options, services, and hope for crime survivors.
- **In-Person Event:** A Community Awareness Event was held to promote NCVRW and its services as a non-profit. Raffles and giveaways with the NCVRW logo were held, as were fliers and brochures about NCVRW.

CAP funds were used for auditorium rental, yard signs, rack cards, tote bags, video production, door prizes, and flags.

West Virginia

1504 – YWCA Wheeling

Project: NCVRW Crime Victim Simulation

Funds were used to facilitate a Crime Victims Simulation for the general public. They purchased a simulation package themed on criminality, specifically crimes for which the YWCA Wheeling provides services. The simulation allowed the general public to be immersed in the challenges and struggles victims of these crimes are faced each day. All events occurred during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 21-27, 2024. YWCA Wheeling advocates had an informational booth at courthouses in Ohio, Marshall, and Wetzel counties, where victims' rights information was available. An estimated 5,000 individuals were reached through promotional means, outreach, and the simulation event.

CAP funds were used for simulation kits, notebooks, t-shirts, tote bags, safety whistles, and webcam security covers.

Wisconsin

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Project: NCVRW Resource Fair

Sixteen resource tables were organized with local law enforcement, mental health and wellness professionals, community groups, grief facilitators, insurance providers, etc. They also provided a discussion panel of six survivors and peer-to-peer group leaders to share their stories. “Meet the Fogs! Rainforest” was provided for calming and mindfulness activities.

The CAP funds were used for venue rental, marketing and promotion, guest speakers, supplies, and onsite counseling.

1496 – Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office

Project: Statewide NCVRW Media Campaign

DocUWM produced an awareness video that utilized the NCVRW theme “How would you help? Options, services, and hope for crime victims”. The informational video was done in English and Spanish. The video was shared on the Milwaukee County District Attorney’s webpage, Sojourner Family Peace Center’s webpage, social media outlets, DA and Milwaukee County newsletters and shared with the other 71 counties in the State of Wisconsin, as well as shared with the Wisconsin Victim Witness Professionals Association (WVWP) and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Office of Crime Victim Services. The video was published on YouTube on April 19, 2024, to ensure the campaign will be available during National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, April 21-27, 2024. In addition, the film was shown as part of an NCVRW kick-off event at Sojourner on April 22, 2024.

In addition to the video, the bookmarks were created with English on one side and Spanish on the other. The bookmarks were distributed to Milwaukee County libraries, Sojourner, Milwaukee Community Justice Center, and to victim witness programs in the other 71 counties in WI via mail a couple of weeks before NCVRW to ensure that they would be available for distribution for the beginning of NCVRW. The goal of the video and bookmark project was to enhance a state-wide awareness campaign to increase the general public awareness of National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, victim rights, and the services provided by the victim witness staff. The targeted audience was Milwaukee County residents and Wisconsin state residents who may or may not be involved in the criminal justice system or aware of what services are available to victims of crime.

CAP funds were used for video production and bookmark printing.