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Network for Victim Recovery of DC Hosts Events During 2020 National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Local Non-Profit to Again Lift Up Victims with Community Awareness Project

WASHINGTON, DC — The Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC) has received funding from the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA) through a grant from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), within the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, to promote community awareness of crime victims' rights and services during the 2020 National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

The awarded funding will be used to host a community roundtable and briefing, create a video explainer highlighting victims' rights, and organize a Metro Day of Action as part of a week-long observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, which takes place April 19-25, 2020.

"NVRDC is honored to be chosen to receive this funding again in 2020," said Bridgette Stumpf, NVRDC's Executive Director. "The support from NAVAA and OVC helps us educate the DC community about the rights of crime victims and share the important local resources that are available to all survivors. We invite everyone in the community to participate in our 2020 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities and help crime victims find not only support, recovery, and justice, but also a sense of hope for their future."

First designated by President Ronald Reagan in 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week increases general public awareness of, and knowledge about, the wide range of rights and services available to people who have been victimized by crime. The theme for 2020 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is, "Seek Justice, Ensure Victims' Rights, and Inspire Hope."

Since 2004, the NCVRW Community Awareness Project has provided financial and technical assistance to more than 977 community projects that promote victim and public awareness activities, and has encouraged innovative approaches to public outreach and education about victims' rights and services during National Crime Victims' Rights Week. NVRDC was one of the 109 applications recommended by NAVAA and selected for funding by OVC for 2020 from 262 applications that were submitted nationwide.

For additional information about 2020 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities or about victims' rights and services in DC, please contact Colleen Gallopin, Manager of the Victim Legal Network of DC at NVRDC at 202-742-1727 x 113, or visit our website at www.nvrdc.org. For information about national efforts to promote 2020 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, please visit the Office for Victims of Crime website at www.ovc.gov.

The National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators is a non-profit organization that represents the 56 state agencies that distribute money from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Crime Victims Fund to more than 4,000 direct victim assistance service providers. The money in the Crime Victims Fund comes from fines collected from offenders convicted of federal crimes and not from U.S. taxpayers.

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About NVRDC

Network for Victim Recovery of DC empowers victims of all crimes to achieve survivor-defined justice through a collaborative continuum of advocacy, case management, and legal services. To learn more about NVRDC, please visit www.nvrdc.org.