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## **NVRDC leads DC community in raising awareness for National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) April 18 to 24, 2021**

Washington, DC (April 1, 2021) - Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC), in commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW), April 18 to 24, 2021, is raising awareness about crime victims' issues and rights and introduce the DC community to the important resources and services available.

To start off NCVRW, NVRDC will also be hosting a proclamation event on Monday, April 19, led by DC Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee. Through the remainder of the week, WHUR 96.3 FM, WKYS 93.9 FM, and WTOP 103.5 FM, will be airing a crime victims' rights public service announcement (PSA) throughout the region, which was created by NVRDC. We also will be mailing a postcard to hundreds of DC households in wards that experience disproportionate crime rates that includes information about local rights and resources. To learn more about this year's events, please visit NVRDC's website or follow our social media.

This is the 9th year that NVRDC has received federal funding to host the District's observance of NCVRW. Support comes from the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) through the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA). The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) leads communities throughout the country in their annual observances of NCVRW by promoting victims' rights and honoring crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf. This year's theme—Support Victims. Build Trust. Engage Communities.—emphasizes the importance of leveraging community support to help victims of crime. Criminal justice and victim service professionals, businesses, healthcare providers, educators, policymakers, houses of worship, and a host of other social and civic groups can work together to ensure that survivors of crime receive the holistic services and support they need.

"NVRDC believes that crime and violence cannot be effectively addressed without the input and buy-in from the community members that are affected" said Bridgette Stumpf, Executive Director of NVRDC. "We hope that NCVRW will drive community engagement and create an opportunity to learn how local leaders are investing in and addressing responses to violence."

For information about NCVRW nationally, please visit the Office for Victims of Crime website at [www.ovc.gov/ncvrw](http://www.ovc.gov/ncvrw). For more information or assistance for crime victims in DC, please contact NVRDC.

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Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC) 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 [nvrdc.org](http://nvrdc.org).