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## JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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### FROM OUR DIRECTORS

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As we look back on the month of July, I'm filled with gratitude and pride at all we've accomplished together as a team at MCVRC. It has truly been a month of growth, outreach, and strengthening our mission.

One of the most exciting milestones this month was hosting our third Town Hall series of the year—this time in Baltimore County at the Owings Mills branch of the public library. It was a wonderful opportunity to introduce more community members to the work we do at MCVRC, and to connect them not only with our services, but also with additional local resources in their own backyard. With each event like this, we continue to expand our impact, raise awareness, and build stronger networks of support for victims of crime across Maryland.

Another important moment this month was receiving an in-depth training from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB). This training gave our team valuable insight into the recent statutory changes affecting victim compensation. As these laws evolve, we remain committed to staying informed so that we can effectively guide our clients through the system and ensure they have access to all available support. This kind of preparation makes a tangible difference in the lives of the people we serve.

Lastly, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible dedication of our staff. Over the past several weeks, our team has made significant strides in logging client interactions and meeting all grant documentation requirements. This work is often behind the scenes but is essential to ensuring accountability, transparency, and sustained funding for the services we provide. Your hard work and consistency are seen—and appreciated.

July was a great month, and as we move into August, I'm excited for what's ahead. Thank you all for the heart, effort, and excellence you bring to this work every day. Let's keep moving forward, together.

**Joanna D. Mupanduki**  
Deputy Director

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Danielle Trollinger is a dedicated Staff Attorney at the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center (MCVRC), where she passionately advocates for crime victims across Southern Maryland. With a deep commitment to justice and community service, Danielle provides invaluable legal support to those who need it most.

Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Danielle earned her undergraduate degree in Business Management from Purdue University before attending Regent University School of Law. After graduating, she relocated to Maryland, where she spent over 12 years practicing civil litigation at a law firm. As the primary trial attorney for several counties—including Prince George's, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's—she represented clients in a wide range of legal matters.

Outside of her professional work, Danielle lives in La Plata, Maryland, with her husband and three children. When she's not advocating for crime victims, she can be found on the road or on the sidelines, cheering on her kids as they pursue their own dreams through sports.

After more than a decade in private practice, Danielle felt a strong pull to transition into a role that offered more personal fulfillment. Through local connections, she learned about an opportunity at MCVRC and immediately knew it was the right fit. Reflecting on her journey, Danielle shares, "Joining MCVRC has been the most rewarding experience of my career. It's an honor to support victims facing unimaginable challenges. The resilience of these individuals continues to inspire me every day."

**Danielle Trollinger**  
Staff Attorney

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## TOWNHALL SERIES

A huge thank you to The Langbein Family Trust and The Law Office of Hammad S. Matin, P., for their generous sponsorship of our Town Hall Series!

This month, we hosted an insightful session in Baltimore County, and if you missed it, no worries! It was live-streamed! You can catch the full recording here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/nNKXNQ9lxf8?si=LDdhu2TkuchJDqOt>

If you know someone who would benefit from this discussion but couldn't attend, please help us share this link!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1. Survivors of Homicide Victims Support Group

**PLEASE NOTE** that our monthly homicide meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will take place on **Thursday, August 7, 2025**. It will be held in a hybrid format, both virtually and in person at the Upper Marlboro Office (1001 Prince George's Blvd, Suite 750, Upper Marlboro, MD).

The Support Group is a safe place for friends and family members of victims of homicide to meet, discuss, and support each other. All participants need to call us and request a referral to the homicide support group only (if you prefer individual counseling, we offer that too). **You can reach MCVRC at 877-VICTIM1 to get put on the referral list.**

### 2. Save The Date: Annual Victims' Rights Gala

The poster features a dark purple background with a pattern of light purple gears. At the top, the MCVRC logo (a heart with a white outline) is followed by the text "MCVRC" in a large, white, serif font, and "Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc." in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. The main title "Victims' Rights Gala" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below this, the words "KINSHIP" and "CONNECTING & HEALING" are stacked in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The date "October 3, 2025" is prominently displayed in a large, yellow, sans-serif font. The venue information "HILTON BWI, 1739 West Nursery Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090" is listed in a white, sans-serif font. A line of asterisks separates the venue from the contact information: "FOR SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT SSANNABUCKLES@MDCRIMEVICTIMS.ORG". At the bottom, the text "Early bird tickets on sale NOW!" is written in a white, italicized font. The bottom of the poster features a row of logos for sponsors: Crescent Cities Charities, Sanford Heiser Sharp LLP, Adventist HealthCare Fort Washington Medical Center, In memory of Al & Helen Cordero, AZRAEL|FRANZ SCHWAB LIPOWITZ & SOLTNER, BOWERS LAW ACCIDENT AND INJURY ATTORNEYS, The Langbein Family Trust, NFP An Aon Company, and TROLLINGER LAW.

Our 5th Annual Victims' Rights Gala – a powerful evening of Kinship < CONNECTING > Healing is around the corner.

This year, we move forward with over four decades of advocacy to honor the strength, resilience, and unity of Maryland's victims' rights community.

For those interested joining Crescent Cities Charities Inc., Sanford Heisler Sharp, LLC, Adventist HealthCare, Al & Helen Cordero, Azrael Franz, Bowers Law, The Langbein Family Trust, NFP, and Trollinger Law in sponsoring our upcoming Gala or learning more about our organization, **please contact Sandra Sanna-Buckles at [ssannabuckles@mdcrimevictims.org](mailto:ssannabuckles@mdcrimevictims.org) or call/text to 240-335-4037**

Mark your calendar and be part of this meaningful celebration.

Click [HERE](#) to purchase your ticket!

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### 3. Ceremony of Remembrance

## October 11, 2025

Join us at the Ceremony of Remembrance, a peaceful event dedicated to honoring those whose lives were tragically lost to criminal violence. This meaningful ceremony will take place at the Prince George's County Courthouse, where the pathway and garden not only honor those taken from us but also symbolize your journey of healing and remembrance.

The bricks laid along the path represent the lives lost to violence, and each one serves as a powerful reminder of the impact these individuals had on their communities and families. We invite you to be a part of this moving tribute as we come together in solidarity to remember, reflect, and heal.

In the meantime, if you would like to order a brick in memory of a loved one, you can submit your brick order form [here](#) OR submit an online order [here \(DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1ST\)](#).



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We're seeking a highly skilled, innovative visionary professional to provide day-to-day support to Maryland crime victims.

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**#WHYWEFIGHTWEDNESDAY**

Each day we find motivation to continue to be a voice for those who need one. We started these posts on social media last year, but since some of you are not on social media, we are now including our monthly motivations here.

These are a small fraction of the faces that motivate us. Their names and photos are taken from our Ceremony of Remembrance event slideshow. Each Wednesday, we share a life that was taken on that date and we celebrate them and use their face to remind us that crime is not victimless. These people are real and their families miss them. These faces are "why we fight."



*Carl S. Lackl*

6/17/69 - 7/2/07

**#whywefight**



*Adriano J. Lombre Sr.*

10/2/61 - 7/2/17

**#whywefight**



*Steven Gordon*

7/16/05

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*Kennedy Merritt-Millet*

11/13/02 - 06/23/21

**#whywefight**



*Mary Arlene Bussey*

10/19/40 - 7/23/96

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*James E. Bussey*

5/30/34 - 7/23/96

**#whywefight**



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