



## Highlights Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center Inc.

May 2018

### June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month



#### 11 Things that Anyone Can Do to Prevent Elder Abuse

- 1 Learn the signs of elder abuse and neglect
- 2 Call or visit an elderly loved one and ask how he or she is doing
- 3 Provide a respite break for a caregiver
- 4 Ask your bank manager to train tellers on how to detect elder financial abuse
- 5 Ask your doctor to ask you and all other senior patients about possible family violence in their lives
- 6 Contact your local Adult Protective Services or Long-Term Care Ombudsman to learn how to support their work helping at-risk elders and adults with disabilities
- 7 Organize a "Respect Your Elders" essay or poster contest in your child's school
- 8 Ask your religious congregation's leader to give a talk about elder abuse in a service or to put a message about elder abuse in the bulletin
- 9 Volunteer to be a friendly visitor to a nursing home resident, or to a homebound senior in your neighborhood
- 10 Send a letter to your local paper, radio or TV station suggesting that they cover World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15) or Grandparents Day in September
- 11 Dedicate your **biathlon/marathon/other event** to elder mistreatment awareness and prevention

MCVRC Attorneys and Advocates are available to assist victims of elder abuse with issues related to physical/sexual abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation. Victims of elder abuse are often vulnerable adults, who may suffer from mental health issues, poverty and ageism discrimination. MCVRC routinely receives complaints from victims of elder abuse across the State.

Elder abuse can be considered a silent crime because many elder abuse cases are never reported or investigated. This is often because there's no family member or loved one involved. The elderly can be isolated from family or other caregivers. Likewise, the elderly can lack sophistication when it comes to purchasing property, financing, or using computers. For these reasons, the elderly are often easy targets for abuse by family members, friends, or people who befriended the seniors at church or another community group.

Currently, MCVRC is assisting a victim of elder abuse. The abuse occurred in the client's assisted living facility. MCVRC worked with the client to ensure that the State Attorney's Office thoroughly investigated the charges and that her health care planners were aware of the situation. MCVRC advocates also assisted the client in communicating her desire to be relocated to another home. The challenge of working in Elder Abuse include limited resources, lack of access to mental health treatment, poverty, and ageism. MCVRC can help you or your loved one identify your options in the system.

- **Montgomery County MD has the Keeping Seniors Safe Program**  
Phone: (240) 773-5625
- **Prince Georges County Dept. of Social Services—Adult Protective Services**  
Phone: (301) 909-2000  
Physical Address: **925 Brightseat Road**  
**Landover, MD 20785**

For statewide assistance, you can contact **Maryland Dept. of Aging at 1-800-332-6347**

For assistance from MCVRC, you can call 301-952-0063 or complete the A2J intake on our website.

### From Cecil County Maryland



#### Pauline Mandel, MCVRC Attorney:

Courageous Victim Impact Statement From Special Olympics Medal Winner

Some crimes are terrible in nature and the sexual assault of any woman is one of them. When the woman assaulted has the mental capacity of a seven year old and the perpetrators are relatives, the crime is even more outrageous.

◆ In this case, the victim took the witness stand in a Cecil County Courthouse to do a victim impact statement concerning her trial. Although 28 in years, she is childlike and frightened, but angry at what has happened to her. She wanted to talk to the judge. Her paper was printed in her own hand, and she referred to it often as she looked Judge Murray in the face and spoke about her ordeal. She talked about how parents should treat their children and how parents who hurt their children are not good parents.

◆ She also spoke about being told not to say anything to anyone about what happened, or she would be punished.

◆ Fortunately, she did tell, but then her parents took all of her possessions. She listed her baby blanket and photos... but her voice broke when she spoke about her Special Olympic Medals. Not an eye in the courthouse was dry when she finished. The judge gave the defendants the maximum sentence, and while the victims was upset to see them in handcuffs, she was happy it was over. Her counsel was instructed to hug Judge Murray for her.

◆ Attorney Pauline Mandel, Director of Legal Services at MCVRC, however, was on a mission to right a wrong and doggedly pursued one of the items on the victim's list. "It took a little while to run down the types of medals won and thee events... but [a week after the case concluded] I received a package from the Office of the Special Olympic Medals. In it were reproductions of the victim's medals in track and cross country, along with a "special" Special Olympics Gold Medal. I can't wait to present them to her, they will go a long way to mending her broken heart." (Special thanks goes to Mr. Barrett and the Special Olympics Council for their support).

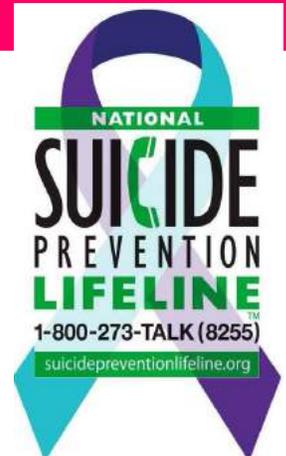
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Did you miss the MCVRC's latest newsletter?

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**Baltimore City!**  
 Join us in Baltimore for our open house  
 event being held on  
**Friday, July 20, 2018 from 10:00am-6:00pm**

*Join Us!*

at the time you make a difference  
 for every person who is hurt

Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.  
 Invites You to our  
 Open House  
 located at:  
**218 East Lexington Street  
 Suite 401  
 Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
 (410) 234-9885**  
 Friday, July 20, 2018  
 10:00am-6:00pm  
 Save the date for our open house at our  
 Baltimore City Office.  
 July 20, 2018 will mark the beginning of Art Scape and  
 the official presentation of our newly renovated facility.  
 Invite your victims and colleagues from Baltimore City.

Light refreshments will be available.

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**MCVRC Ceremony of Remembrance**



**Garden of Remembrance Ceremony**

Prince George's County Courthouse  
 Judge's Drive  
 Upper Marlboro, MD  
 2:00pm-6:00pm  
 Check-In is from 2:00pm-2:30pm  
**Multimedia Presentation/Fellowship**  
 St. Mary of the Assumption School  
 4610 Largo Rd  
 Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

This event is to honor loved ones who became victims to homicide, by a memorial display of photos, tree of remembrance, multimedia display on large screen of photos and a ceremony of remembrance. This is a free event, food and refreshments will be provided. If you would like your loved one displayed in the multimedia display on the large screen of photos please email your photo to this [elliej@mdcrimevictims.org](mailto:elliej@mdcrimevictims.org) or call our office at 301-952-0063 no later than September 1, 2018. The ceremony is on Saturday September 29, 2018 from 2-6 pm. For more information about the event or our services please email [elliej@mdcrimevictims.org](mailto:elliej@mdcrimevictims.org).

If you would like to purchase a brick, the cost is \$100 and you can contact Ellie Jones at (301) 952-0063.



**Court Accompaniment**

Assist victims through the criminal justice process by providing accompaniment and support at criminal justice proceedings.

**Special Events**

Help with hosting, organizing and setting up special events, such as media conferences, fundraisers, support groups, and banquets.

**Office Assistance**

Work alongside our key staff by providing office assistance as your time allows. Schedules are flexible to match your availability.

**Community Events**

Invite or host neighborhood gatherings, and other events where MCVRC staff can provide information about The Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.

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 Baltimore, MD 21202





# Garden Of Remembrance Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center, Inc. 2018

The Garden of Remembrance is located at the Prince George's County Justice Center on Judges Drive (facing Route 4) in Upper Marlboro where MCVRC holds an annual Ceremony of Remembrance. The Garden is a peaceful haven for reflection and commemoration, and is a memorial to those whose lives were taken by criminal violence.

MCVRC continues to offer the opportunity to order a memorial brick for \$100. Each year, the new bricks will be installed in the memorial pathway at an announced date. Donors will be notified. The pathway and garden not only honor those taken from us, but also represent our personal journeys of healing and remembrance. Ceremony will take place this fall on Saturday, September 29, 2018

To place an order for a brick, please complete the following form and return it to:

Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.,  
1001 Prince George's Boulevard, Suite 750,  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774.  
For additional information  
please call: 301-952-0063  
or email:

[elliej@mdcrimevictims.org](mailto:elliej@mdcrimevictims.org) or [ccosey@mdcrimevictims.org](mailto:ccosey@mdcrimevictims.org) by **July 6, 2018.**



### Design Your Brick :

First Line (max. 15 characters):

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Second Line (max 15 characters):

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### Donor Information (please print):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Information:

Enclosed is my check payable to MCVRC

Please charge my credit card:

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CSC/CID (3 or 4 digits): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of card:  VISA  Master Card

PayPal: <https://www.mdcrimevictims.org/how-you-can-help/donations/>

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To download this form, please visit/copy this link into your browser:

<http://myemail.constantcontact.com/MCVRC-2018-Garden-of-Remembrance-Brick-Order-Information.html?>

