



Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center Inc.

*Comprehensive Services to Victims of Crime
Continuing the Mission of the Stephanie Roper Committee
and Foundation*

MCVRC Newsletter

The Chairwoman's Corner

The last three months of 2017 were very busy for the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center's staff, board members, support group and anyone connected with it.

Fundraising was very big during these three months by participating in Giving Tuesday and appealing to all for end of year donations. The fundraisers and donations are extremely important because MCVRC is one of very few, if not the last nonprofit, that provides totally free services to victims of crime.

Both legal services and victim advocates are available to provide assistance and services to crime victims. A list of all services rendered was nicely written in the December 2017 Highlights newsletter.

The Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center appreciates assistance with fundraising. The Chesapeake Grille and Deli periodically holds events to benefit our center. Cookbooks and note cards continue to be sold to cover costs incurred while

servicing the crime victim community. Some of the social media was recently used for a fundraiser.

One of the latest ventures involves teaming up with an organization by giving donations of clothing and household items so that MCVRC can receive a percentage from the donations collected.

Prince George's County's Police Chief, Henry P. Stawinski III, met with MCVRC to discuss crime prevention and interaction with communities as well as new technology his department was utilizing to assist with forensic investigations that result in closing old cold cases in order to bring justice to crime victims.

It was great that the Police Chief took time to meet with MCVRC personnel, friends, and affiliates to share his concern and information pertaining to crime and the community.

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Words of Support and Encouragement



“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness
That most frightens us.”
-Marianne Williamson

The Chairwoman's Corner (cont.)

The Homicide Support Group held its December meeting at the office and provided very helpful and comforting information to all who attended about suggestions for handling the loss of loved ones and the holidays. It was a beautiful gathering where candles were lit and loved ones were remembered.

January promises to be a very busy month with the donation drive where anyone can bring items to the MCVRC office for fundraising. Also, the next legislative session begins January 10th in Annapolis and that involves a lot of time and work to take part in hearings and push for more beneficial legislation for crime victims.

I want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and offer feelings of hope and happiness to you. I recently read about the actress, Betty White, turning age 96 very soon. She talked about what has contributed to her longevity and a big thing to her was perseverance.

It was very important to her that people keep plugging away and never give up. I can honestly say that is one of the BIG qualities that I see in crime victims and those that work with them. The determination and perseverance that is demonstrated is very strong.

Betty White also commented that she tries to see the funny side and the upside, not the downside of things. She doesn't believe in spending time complaining about something and instead concentrates on being active in achieving goals.

May all of us keep persevering and try to find optimism in what life brings us.

Respectfully,
Debra Tall
MCVRC Board Chair



A Message from the Founder

As we begin a new year, we take stock of our past and reflect upon our achievements and all the individuals who have helped to make this possible. The organization that was originally founded as the Stephanie Roper Committee and Foundation, Inc. continues that strong legacy today as the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc. I believe that three characteristics are found in the individual staff members, from our Executive Director to our advocates and attorneys, to our Board of Directors, to volunteers ... patience, passion and perseverance. The MCVRC team never forgets *why we are here* and the difference they have made in the lives of countless crime victims and survivors we are privileged to serve.

When we began more than thirty-five years ago, my husband, Vince and I naively believed that if certain policy changes were made, our work would be done. We could never have envisioned the challenges we would face, the victories that would be achieved and the wonderful people who would be a part of that process and a part of our lives. Despite the tragedy that brought people together, it offered the opportunity to know and work with the finest people we would never have met, except for our daughter's brutal murder.

MCVRC is once again engaged in the 2018 legislative process to advance the interests in justice for crime victims. Today, the legislative efforts are more focused on fine tuning existing rights and working toward their full implementation. This is why having staff attorneys is so necessary for the enforcement of victims' rights. Together, with support and counseling services, MCVRC's comprehensive, free services make life-changing differences in people's lives. While there remain those who would challenge the validity of crime victims' rights, it is clear there has been a cultural transformation in the American criminal justice system's treatment of crime victims. Many have come to recognize that justice is better served when crime victims and survivors are treated with dignity and respect.

On behalf of the MCVRC team, we thank you for your past and continuing support, and wish each of you a happy new year.

Respectfully,
Roberta Roper
Founder

To Make a Donation:

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



2017—A Year of Success for MCVRC!

This year, Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc. (MCVRC) staff worked tirelessly to advocate on behalf of victims of crime, including in the areas of assaults, domestic violence, homicides, identity theft and robberies. MCVRC, is one of Maryland's non-profit leaders in the training of victims' laws and rights to services providers, States' Attorneys, state victim-witness coordinators and other non-profit support service organizations.

2017 was marked by many successes, including the following highlights:

- Four attorneys were employed and offices were opened in Western, Eastern Shore, North Central, and North Western Maryland to provide pro bono legal services to victims of crime.
- Through our training efforts, more than 271 participants received training in victims' laws, rights, and services.
- Representatives from 86 different organizations received training in victims' laws, rights, and services.
- A Montgomery County Circuit Judge used our argument in part to justify the denial of Lee Boyd Malvo's challenges to his 2006 six consecutive life without parole sentences for first degree murder.
- Advocates provided court accompaniment and language interpretation services to a victim of MS13 gang violence. This case started in Prince George's County and was transferred to federal court.

As a non-profit organization, we do not charge clients for services rendered. MCVRC rely totally on individual and corporate donations as well as federal and state funding to accomplish the goals of our mission. Please note that your donations are tax-deductible Fed Tax ID #52-1376744. We, Thank you in advance, for your generous contribution.

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Legislative Priorities:

Please support MCVRC legislative priorities that passed in 2018 by contacting your local legislators by phone and/or email



Senate Bill 0180 House Bill 0269

Criminal Procedure - Victim Notification - Dissemination and National Standards

Senate Hearing before the Judicial Proceedings Committee 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.
House Hearing before the Judiciary Committee 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.

Synopsis: Altering a definition of "disseminate" to exclude providing information to victims of crime or their representatives; altering the purposes of certain provisions of law relating to the Criminal Justice Information System; and requiring the Department of Information Technology to conduct a certain study relating to interfaces used for automated victim notification and to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2018.

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HB0247

Criminal Procedure - Victim Services Unit – Victims' Compensation

House Hearing before the Judiciary Committee 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.

Synopsis:

Establishing a Victim Services Unit in the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention; transferring the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the Unit; transferring the program for sexual assault forensic examinations from the Maryland Department of Health to the Unit; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to report on matters related to crime victims by December 31, 2020; etc.

Contact Members of Judiciary found on previous page

Or the

MCVRC at

1-800-VICTIM-1

MCVRC Assists in Development of Prince George's County Domestic Violence Prevention Program



The Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc. (MCVRC) continues to provide leadership in Prince George's County on issues pertaining to victims of crime. Most recently, the area of domestic violence has been on our radar. As a leader in victim services, however, the MCVRC is not simply identifying the problem of domestic violence, but rather has partnered with other community organizations like the Zeta Phi Beta, Alpha Phi Alpha, and the Prince George's County Dept. of Family Services to develop programs that provide preventative solutions.

In November 2017, staff attended the Zeta Phi Beta Z-Hope program. As part of this community education program, MCVRC introduced victims, victim service organizations and community leadership to the services MCVRC provides to victims. The MCVRC staff also provided teen participants preventative tools and techniques for dealing with the stress of bullying, cyber stalking, and crime. These teens were also provided with information about seeking assistance from local resources, e.g., teachers, counselors, coaches, and family members.

As a state-wide victim services organization, MCVRC has become patently aware that while there are resources available for adults experiencing violence in a home, the impact on the children is often overlooked. Through its Victims of Crime Training program, MCVRC identified several practices by organizations across the State that could be identified as "Best Practices." These practices are being incorporated in a final report for publication.

By sharing some of our observations at the Z-Hope program, MCVRC staff have been recognized as an important information source for the community. As a result, MCVRC staff have been asked to assist in the development of a comprehensive domestic violence education program inclusive of men, women, and children. This event, entitled "MoMentum", is sponsored by the Department of Family Services and will take place in March 2018.

<https://www.mdcrimevictims.org/resources/>

Prince George's County Police Chief meets with MCVRC support group members & staff



On the evening of Giving Tuesday, November 28, 2017, Prince George's County Police Chief Henry Stawinski visited the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center Inc. (MCVRC) (Upper Marlboro office). Prince George's County Police Chief Henry P. Stawinski III met with our Founder, Roberta R. Roper, Executive Director, Russell Butler, MCVRC Staff members and MCVRC Homicide Survivors' Support Group. The Police Chief gave an overview presentation on ways the department is currently addressing the prevention of crime in our neighborhoods and how these new policies and procedures will enhance bring defendants' to justice as well as making our communities safer.

The Police Chief also, addressed how the department has improved its forensics investigations and processes in handling cold cases with new technology which is now available to the department which did not previously exist. This has resulted in an increase of closing of many old cold cases and bring justice to those who have been victims of crime.

Again, MCVRC would like to say "Thank You" to Police Chief Stawinski for his dedicated work and support to the residents of Prince Georges County, Maryland."

FACT: Did You Know?

In 2017, the MCVRC Advocates provided information, assistance and support to more than 900 advocacy cases in the state of Maryland!

Become A Member!

Victim Supporter \$25

As a Victim Supporter, you will receive a free subscription to the MCVRC newsletter including advance notification of all special events.

Victim Friend \$50

As a Victim Friend, you will receive a free subscription to the MCVRC newsletter including advance notification of all special events, and a memorial ornament on the MCVRC-sponsored Holiday Tree of Remembrance.

Victim Advocate \$100

As a Victim Advocate, you will receive a free subscription to the MCVRC newsletter including advance notification of all special events, a memorial ornament on the MCVRC-sponsored Holiday Tree of Remembrance, and a 25% discount on all special event tickets.

Lifetime Membership \$500

As a Lifetime Member, you will receive all benefits of a Victim Supporter for your lifetime.

Organization Membership \$500

As an Organizational Member, your organization will receive the MCVRC newsletter including advance notification of all special events, and three complimentary ornaments on the MCVRC-sponsored Holiday Tree of Remembrance.



To make a donation by mail please make checks payable to "Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center Inc." and mail to "1001 Prince George's Blvd, Ste



MCVRC utilizes volunteers as well as a limited number of full-time and part-time staff in key positions. Please consider becoming one of our volunteers.

Volunteer!

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

Special Events – Help with organizing and setting up special events, such as media conferences, fundraisers 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 – Staff neighborhood gatherings, and other events as needed to provide more information about The Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center.

Pro Bono Assistance – Attorneys to provide pro bono assistance to crime victims experiencing civil matters that are a result of the victimization.

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Schedule of Events



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Every Other Tuesday Evening: 7-9 PM. In Upper Marlboro, MD (Call Jane Tambree, LCSW-C, for clinical assessment 240-335-4032 and Roberta Roper (Facilitator)



National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 8-14, 2018

This observance is an annual commemoration in the United States that promotes victims' rights and services. The week is marked by an award ceremony held in Washington, D.C., in which individuals and organizations that demonstrate outstanding service in supporting victims and victim services are recognized. The exact date of the observance varies year to year, but it is always in the month of April.

Established by Ronald Reagan in 1981 as a part of an expanding initiative to provide for victims of crimes (later manifested in Executive Order 12360, signed in 1982, which established the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime), Crime Victims' Rights Week is sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). Several states and localities conduct local events to mark the week, as do private victim rights organizations like the National Organization for Victim Assistance

Learn more:

<https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/>

Fundraising and Support Efforts

MCVR partnered with Value Village hosting a clothing and household items FUNDRIVE in the New Year 2018.

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Your items are tax deductible.

THANK YOU FOR ALL SUPPORT!!

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WE CAN HELP

Victim service providers help victims rebuild their lives. We can help you learn about your legal rights and options, cope with the impact of crime, access victim compensation, develop a safety plan, and navigate the criminal justice and social service systems.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 8-14, 2018

Staff Developments

Welcome Back Kurt & Lisa!!



Kurt Wolfgang joined the MCVRC as a staff attorney in January, 2018, and is proud to be working with crime victims in Calvert Charles, and St. Mary's Counties.

Kurt was a founding member of the Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center. He was a law student at the University of Baltimore in 1982 when the organization was founded as the Stephanie Roper Committee. He served as an Assistant State's Attorney in Prince George's County, and was the Director for Intergovernmental Affairs for the National District Attorneys Association. He was on the MCVRC Board of Directors for more than 30 years. He also served as an Air Force pilot for 22 years.



Lisa Andrews, PhD is the newest Victim Advocate. She has a background in mental health and career advocacy. She has most recently owned her own career coaching business. She is an active volunteer with the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Virginia. She resides in Virginia with her husband Mike and cat Terry.