



NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

FROM OUR DIRECTOR



Honoring Our Mission, Our Team, and the Survivors We Serve

As we close out another meaningful year at Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, we want to take a moment to reflect on the mission that drives us—and the people who make that mission real every day.

At MCVRC, our work is rooted in a promise: to stand with victims of crime, to uphold their rights, and to ensure their voices are heard. This is not easy work. The path through the justice system can be long, emotional, and at times deeply frustrating. And while we fight tirelessly for every survivor, we know that not every case results in the resolution we hope for or the one a victim truly deserves.

Yet even in those moments, hope is not lost. The strength and courage of the survivors we serve remind us why our mission matters. Every conversation we have, every court hearing we attend, every resource we connect someone with is an opportunity to ease a burden, provide clarity, and help a victim feel supported during one of the hardest chapters of their life.

Our dedicated staff members are the heart of that effort. They are often the first people a victim talks to after a traumatic event. They help families navigate a complex legal system, listen when someone needs to be heard, and offer steady guidance through uncertainty. When people look back and say they remember MCVRC with gratitude, it is because a team member stood beside them in a moment of crisis and made sure, they did not face it alone.

And to our supporters, you make this work possible. Your generosity ensures that we can show up for every victim who needs us, regardless of the circumstances or the outcome. You allow us to provide free legal representation, advocacy, and support to families who might otherwise have no one in their corner.

Together, staff, partners, donors, and volunteers create a community of care and accountability. ⁴ may not be able to change every outcome, but we can change someone's experience of the

process. We can offer compassion in moments of despair, information in times of confusion, and hope when it feels hardest to find.

Thank you for believing in our mission, for trusting our work, and for standing with victims of crime across Maryland. Because of you, MCVRC remains a lifeline of support, resilience, and justice. Thank you for standing alongside us.

Joanna D. Mupanduki
Deputy Director

Survivors Needed for Upcoming Legislative Testimony

MCVRC is preparing for the 2025 legislative session and is seeking survivors who may be interested in sharing their experiences to help shape policy. We are aware of legislation being proposed *by victims*, and we will be distributing information to those who would like to review it and decide whether they may want to support and testify on its behalf.

Email us at MCVRC@mdcrimevictims.org and indicate that you want the bill information for legislation proposed by victims and we will get you in contact with those proposing the legislation. We are also seeking survivors who would be interested in speaking out **against** harmful legislation that could negatively impact victims' rights or safety.

If you would like to be added to our legislative interest list, please email MCVRC@mdcrimevictims.org and list your name, phone number, email, and that you wish to be added to our legislative interest list—more details about possible bills coming soon!

Amend the Second Look Act

Maryland, we **NEED** your help! HB 853 would let people convicted of serious violent crimes ask for a new sentencing hearing after just 20 years. That means families who've already been through unimaginable loss could be forced back into court to face the person who changed their lives forever. It's not right, and it's not safe.

We're asking Governor Moore to Amend The Second Look act, and we've started a petition to make sure our voices are heard.

If you want to stand with victims and keep our communities safe, please take a moment to sign and share. Help us reach our goal of 5,000 signatures

<https://www.change.org/Help-Crime-Victims>

MCVRC has contracted with Safe Harbor Behavioral Care, LLC. to assist clients in mental health services. We urge any clients or victims of crime who are seeking mental health services to call our office at 1-[877-VICTIM-1](tel:877-VICTIM-1) to get on the referral list.

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MCVRC ha visto a muchas víctimas luchar por encontrar ayuda psicológica, y la asequibilidad suele ser una parte importante de esta dificultad.

Los grupos de apoyo en español se reunirán el primer miércoles de cada mes.

Animamos a cualquier cliente o víctima de un delito que esté interesado a que llame a nuestra oficina al 1-[877-VICTIM-1](tel:877-VICTIM-1)

Tabling



Thank you to everyone who stopped by our table this month at the DV Resource Fair at Family Justice Center!

If you know of any upcoming tabling events, community gatherings, or engagement opportunities where our presence would be valuable, please let us know! We're always looking for new ways to reach and support our community.

CICB Win

This month, our team has helped clients receive financial support during difficult times. One client was awarded **\$3,276.22** to cover funeral expenses, and another received **\$25,000** for loss of support.

MCVRC remains committed to standing beside families as they navigate these challenging moments.

Journey to Justice

MCVRC started an **Employee of the Month Award "Journey to Justice"**-- a monthly recognition to celebrate team members who go above and beyond in their role. This initiative is designed to foster a culture of appreciation, collaboration, and excellence across all departments.

Congratulations to our third awardee: Atrina Redmond! 🎉

Atrina was nominated by Rochelle B. (our October Journey to Justice recipient) for always, being dependable, kind and cognizant of us WHY at MCVRC. When needed she step ups and leans in, even in the difficult things. She gives her time and truly shows up in support of MCVRC at tabling events, Gala and Ceremony of Remembrance and all with a smile.



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, December, 4 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. Paths to Healing



PATHS TO HEALING: FINANCIAL HEALING

January 28, 2026
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Topics/Location TBA



RSVP in advance here!



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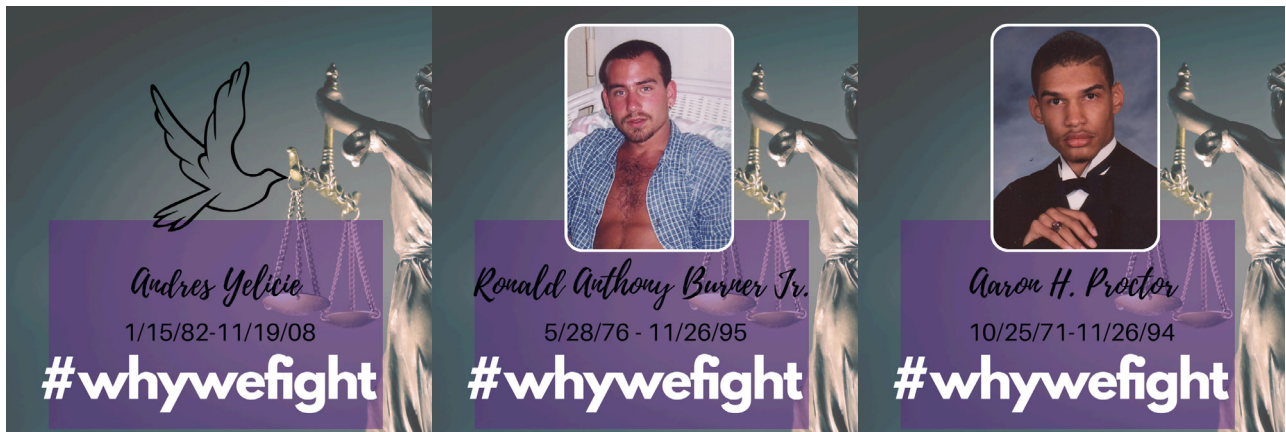
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#WHYWEFIGHTWEDNESDAY

Each day we find motivation to continue to be a voice for those who need one.

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 to remind us that crime is not victimless. These people are real, and their families miss them. These faces are "why we fight."



Do you have events you want us to attend?
Do you have something you would like to
share in our next newsletter?

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and their families!

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