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## SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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### FROM OUR DIRECTOR



#### **Honoring, Remembering, and Connecting**

It has been a full and meaningful month, and we are grateful to share updates with you on our events, outreach, and the important moments ahead.

**Mark your calendars for our Annual Victims' Rights Gala on Friday, October 3rd** from 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm. This special evening will bring together survivors, advocates, community partners, and supporters from across Maryland to celebrate our collective work in advancing victims' rights. Click [HERE](#) to get a last-minute ticket to this amazing event so that you can be part of this unforgettable evening in Baltimore.

This summer, MCVRC completed a remarkable series of Town Halls across five distinct communities throughout Maryland. These events—held in person and livestreamed to hundreds more—connected victims and families with vital resources and gave them the opportunity to be heard. We were proud to welcome many of our local partners, who shared information about the services available in each community. Together, we extended support to hundreds of Marylanders.

We are so grateful for your ongoing support, whether you join us at a town hall, attend a Lunch and Learn, or stand with us at our Gala or Ceremony of Remembrance. Together, we are building a stronger network of healing, advocacy, and hope for victims and survivors across Maryland.

Let's keep moving forward, together.

**Joanna D. Mupanduki**  
Deputy Director

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**Share Your Story!**



Has MCVRC supported you during a difficult time? We're looking for clients who are willing to record a short selfie video (up to 2 minutes) sharing how MCVRC has helped them. Your story could inspire and empower others going through similar experiences.

If you're interested, please reach out to Casey Rosil, at [crosil@mdcrimevictims.org](mailto:crosil@mdcrimevictims.org)

Thank you for considering sharing your voice!

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## TOWN HALL SERIES

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

This year, we hosted 5 insightful sessions in Southern MD, Cecil County, Baltimore County, Baltimore City, and a virtual Spanish Town Hall. If you missed any of them, no worries! It was live-streamed! You can catch the full recording here: [Channel content - YouTube Studio](#)

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

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## 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, October 2, 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.**

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### 2. Paths to Healing



# PATHS TO HEALING: SELF DEFENSE CLASS

**NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

**4:00 P.M.**

**Fop 89 Rental Facilities,  
2905 Old Largo Rd, Upper  
Marlboro, MD, 20772-7704, US**

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## 3. Annual Victims' Rights Gala



Our 5th Annual Victims' Rights Gala – a powerful evening of Kinship < CONNECTING > Healing is a few days away!

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 in joining Crescent Cities Charities Inc., Sanford Heisler Sharp, LLC, Adventist HealthCare, HLP, Al & Helen Cordero, Mupanduki Family, Trollinger Law, Azrael Franz, Bowers Law, The Langbein Family Trust, NFP, and SA-TECH 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!

## EXCLUSIVE SNEAK PEAK AT OUR GALA!

We're thrilled to announce a *special preview* of Laura Neuman's story at our upcoming gala! This is your chance to experience an exclusive first look at her captivating narrative before it's available to the public.

**Get your tickets now!**



**Stay in the Loop!**

Keep up with all our *Lunch & Learns* and the latest updates by subscribing to our YouTube channel. Stay informed and ahead of the game, hit subscribe today!

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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 a few years ago, 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."

*Kevin Michael Wenger*  
10/2/87-9/3/05  
**#whywefight**

*Arick Jackson*  
05/10/96 - 09/10/21  
**#whywefight**

*Destiny Spicknall*  
4/8/96 - 9/10/99  
**#whywefight**

*Christopher Day*  
7/25/60 - 9/17/92  
**#whywefight**

*Sejon Reed*  
7/25/60 - 9/17/92  
**#whywefight**



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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Feeling the love ❤️? Share it here by  
supporting our work 🙌! Your 💰 goes  
a long way to support victims of crime  
and their families!

**Donate now!**

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