

2018 REFLECTIONS REPORT



*Celebrating
15 Years
2003 - 2018*



Our Cause

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Crime Survivors is to provide hope and healing to victims and survivors of crime through advocacy and the support of resources, information, and empowerment from the critical time after a crime occurs through the challenges and successes of surviving and thriving.

VISION

Crime Survivors' vision is for victims of crime to recover from their experience mentally, physically, emotionally, and financially, by receiving the respect, support, and protection from law enforcement, the judicial system, and the community.

VALUES

- We believe that no one should feel abandoned or alone and that every person is deserving of love, respect and dignity.
- We believe that the best way to help others with hope and healing is to work in partnership with our community, law enforcement, elected leaders, and members of the media.
- We believe that all of us together can lift each other out of darkness and into the light of a restored heart and life.
- We believe that every broken heart, every hurt, every wound can be healed with love and a strong community of support.
- We believe in hopeful healing.
- We believe that with faith, there is always hope.

Victim Advocate

Crime Survivors works in your community to make victims' rights a top priority. We facilitate communication and cooperation across various public service, government, and non-profit organizations to ensure that victims' rights are understood, and that the services victims are entitled to received. If you think you are not receiving the assistance you should, please contact us.



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A Letter From Patricia Wenskunas Founder & CEO

Annual Report 2018 - CEO/Founder Patricia Wenskunas

As Crime Survivors, Inc. completes our 15th year and I reflect back on 2018, it truly was an amazing year! Though we encountered difficulties and fresh new challenges along the way — even sustaining two concurrent eleventh-hour crises — without a doubt, the high note of last year was the grand opening of our Crime Survivors Resource Center (CSRC).

Realizing a Dream

Since 2003, I had always envisioned a resource center that would offer a host of resources, social services, direct program support, information and guidance aimed at supporting crime victims. But it had to be the right space in the right area under the right circumstances. So, after waiting almost 15 years, and after years of working out of the confines of a modest one-bedroom apartment, car and many other locations throughout Southern California, I was ecstatic when handed the keys to our very own space in January 2018, thanks to our partnership with KPC Healthcare and Orange County Global Medical Center. Shortly afterwards, we celebrated our grand opening of the Crime Survivors Resource Center on April 4, 2018 — sixteen years to the exact day I survived attempted murder, and what started this mission, passion, purpose and dream!

The CSRC is a place where we hold our victim intake meetings, wrap-around services, counseling and therapy sessions, legal advocacy, legal training and clinics, monthly support groups, art for healing classes, vision board workshops, self-defense and safety classes, personal empowerment program (PEP) classes, roundtables for service providers, community events and meetings, volunteer meetings and trainings, and committee meetings. It is also where we assemble our child and adult victim emergency bags; package hygiene and necessities for victims and their families; organize distribution for law enforcement, shelters, and service providers; hold donor and sponsor tours and meetings; host partnering agencies for classes, trainings and meetings; and hold our Board of Directors workshops and meetings. The CSRC houses a large training room, an intimate counseling and therapy room, and a memorable and imaginative kids' advocacy and therapy room. It is truly a special place, where we all come together for awareness, prevention, advocacy and healing, so that we may continue to be a voice for the voiceless.

Southern California Strong; Community Strong

One of the things that I am most proud of is the way that community residents and small business owners provided such tremendous support for the construction and interior build-out of the CSRC. Whether it was material items, donations, barter, or volunteer work, all the tile and flooring, all the paint and carpet, drywall, lighting, fixtures, decals, all we needed to accomplish the dream of launching the CSRC — including their expert workmanship — was done without using program monies. Southern California has shown its true colors; a strong sense of community and a strong sense of pride! Many, many thanks to KPC Healthcare, Orange County Global Medical Center, and Dr. Kali Chaudhuri for your invaluable support and synergistic partnership.

Donors & Community Members Stepped Up...

I take great delight in reporting that our supporters, donors, and community members stepped up to donate their time, talents, and monies to preclude any need for us to pull or redirect any funding from our budget or program support for the CSRC! None of the budgeted program amounts was spent on rent, leases, renovation, upgrades, improvements, or decorations of our new space. All of the office furniture, computers, office equipment, appliances, artwork, posters, plants, and office supplies were donated. This allowed us to use donor dollars where they are the most effective and to help those who need it the most: victims of violent crime.

Transforming Lives ... One victim, One survivor, One family at a time.

We at the CSRC believe that with Faith there is Hope. Right, without hope, what is there? In the movie *Scent of a Woman*, the character of Lt. Col. Frank Slade played by Al Pacino says, "There's no prosthetic for an amputated spirit." We strive to prevent amputated spirits. We empower victims with hope and healing, and we strive to transform victims into survivors who will not be defined by the crime and who can celebrate each breath on their life journey. In many cases, our survivors even thrive. One of the measures of our success toward those goals — something that truly brings joy to my heart — is witnessing a victim/survivor come back to us or to the CSRC, but not to seek more services or meal baskets or toys, but solely because they wish to give back to the community. I believe that this result, in itself, is a part of the healing process. I believe this result is emblematic of the full-circle transformation from victim to survivor to thriver.

Community Above Self

I am so very fortunate that I get to work with a team of savvy, dedicated professionals who serve on our board of directors, council, advisory, rank and file, committee members, and volunteer team. They come from varied backgrounds, but all have one thing in common: they want to make a difference, and they join me in my belief of believing in community above self. The same goes for our donors, partners, service providers, sponsors, and friends. My heart is always in a state of gratitude for what they do. Please join us if you've thought about doing volunteer work. It can be personally rewarding and satisfying. If you want to make a difference or have a positive impact in your community, please call us. If you want to serve others, please join us. None of the work we do could be done without you; plain and simple.

With Faith, there is Hope... Hope and Healing!

Patricia Wenskunas

Founder, CEO

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A Letter From Randy A. Burba Chairperson of The Board

A Place for Hopeful Healing

Over the past couple of years, I have had the pleasure of watching Crime Survivors truly challenge ourselves and make incredible progress in providing unparalleled service for those most in need. While the environment for nonprofit organizations remains a very challenging one, I have seen our community come together and show resilience, determination and a shared sense of purpose, working effectively to help those impacted by violent crime. While the challenges have been many: from a persistently tough fundraising climate to discouraging public misperceptions about crime victims and the stigma that no one wants to talk about, what has been consistent is the incredible commitment to helping victims take back their lives and thrive.

Crime Survivors indeed faced our share of challenges in 2018, but thanks to all of our generous supporters, I'm pleased to report that we saw many notable successes in 2018. Chief among them was the opening of the Crime Survivors Resource Center in Santa Ana. The year also saw dozens of programs which directly impacted and improved the situation for our survivors. The combination of a newly opened location and direct programming proved to be a powerful formula to make a palpable and measurable impact on many survivors and donors alike. Opening the center demonstrates the collective strength of Crime Survivors; leveraging the involvement of our supporters to create synergies around the vision and mission of our organization.

Our staff has worked incessantly to raise the voice and awareness of victims of violent crime. Our Founder and CEO has tirelessly given of her time to help victims, one phone call at a time, and one meeting at a time. She conducted dozens of roundtables in several different counties to help educate lawmakers and service providers about the resources available to assist those victims in desperate need of help. Crime Survivors has become a trusted resource for influential lawmakers, government officials, and law enforcement administrators seeking to help those victimized by violent crime. We have moved from asking if we can help to being in high demand from those seeking to make a difference and provide services to victims.

As we move forward in 2019 and beyond, I am proud of what Crime Survivors accomplished in 2018 and excited about the future. Together, with all of our partners, supporters, and generous donors, we will continue to be the preeminent "go to" organization when it comes to providing exemplary individualized assistance to those in need. Once again, roughly 90% of operating expenses went directly into providing direct services and programming to help those in need. I couldn't be prouder of our efforts to be a place for hopeful healing and ensuring that victims survive and thrive.

Randy A. Burba
Board Chair



A Letter From Frances Rodriguez Treasurer of The Board

Treasurer's 2018 Annual Report

As a Board member in good standing, and as Treasurer for the Crime Survivors Resource Center (CSRC), I have been entrusted with safeguarding the reputation and financial integrity of this organization by ensuring that all financial activities are reported truthfully and accurately.

Transparency has always been one of the hallmarks of Crime Survivors, Inc. ("CSI") and to this end, CSI retained the CPA firm of Riordan & Associates to prepare its Annual Financial Statement for the calendar year ended December 31, 2018. I am pleased to report that based on my inspection, the documentation and flow of reported income and expenditures reflected in the Annual Financial Statement present an accurate representation of the organization's financial activities for the period January 1 through December 31, 2018.

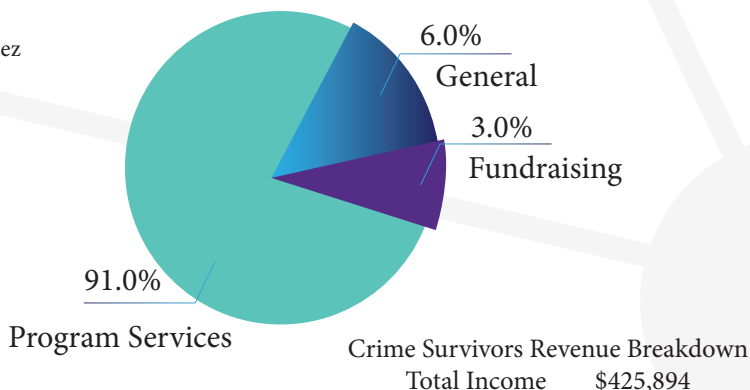
During that period, CSI received revenue from individual and corporate contributions, as well as from grants and trade-barter. Expenditures were incurred for program support services, educational trainings, advocacy, and fundraising events directly consistent with the organization's mission and purpose.

The organization's revenue for the calendar year totaled \$425,894 and 91% of that revenue was spent on programs.

I hereby submit to CSI and its Board of Directors the 2018 Annual Financial Statement for the Crime Survivors Resource Center. It has been prepared and is presented in a manner consistent with standardized accounting protocols, and it is a true reflection of this organization's financial activities during and for the aforementioned period.

CSI's Form 990 has been filed and is available for inspection.

Frances Rodriguez
Treasurer



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OUR WORK

2018

- Thousands of victims of violent crime have been helped by Crime Survivors.
- Thousands of dollars have been distributed through our Survivors Hope Fund.
- Thousands of dollars and dozens of survivors have received legal support and reimbursement of expenses by Crime Survivors for support under Marsy's Law.
- More than 7,500 "What's Happening in Court" books have been distributed throughout our community.
- 4,000 "Let's Meet Officer/Deputy Frank" books have been distributed to child victims of crime.
- More than 2,750 Backpacks containing school supplies have been donated to victims and their families.
- Thousands of dollars worth of gift cards have been donated directly to victims of crime.
- Monthly Support Groups have been hosted, supporting those who have been victimized.
- More than 1,000 survivors and family members have attended and been served at our Easter Egg Celebration Program.
- Approximately 1,750 survivors and family members have been supported through our Halloween Harvest Pumpkin Carving Trick or Treat Program.
- Hundreds of trainings, briefings and presentations have been provided to Law Enforcement Communities and Service Groups, to foster awareness, prevention and survival.
- We launched the FAIR Program with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.
- We provided and/or funded Self Defense and Safety Classes.
- We distributed more than 3,750 cookie baskets during our Thanksgiving Gratitude and Healing program.
- Hundreds have attended our miniature golf tournament to support our programs.
- Fourteen Awards Banquets, recognizing service providers for going above and beyond, and bringing together survivors with those assisting them. Over 4,745 people have attended our annual Awards Banquets.
- More than 14,000 have attended our annual Survive & Thrive Run/Walk Health & Safety Expo in the past 14 years.
- We are proud to have more than 9,300 individual donors, sponsors and supporters for our programs.
- We are equally proud of our over 2,350 individual volunteers, who make our programs possible.
- Monthly Art for Healing Classes Monthly Service Provider Roundtables.
- 3,225 Supported Thanksgiving Baskets and Healing Program.

Programs, Trainings and Hope and Healing Events

8,000

Child &
Adult Victim
Emergency Bags

2,600

Meal Baskets
to Survivors
& Families

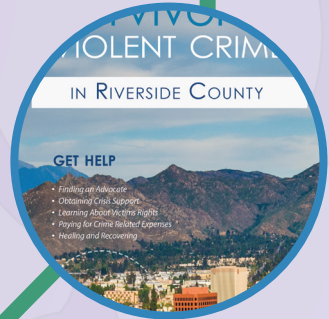
350,000

CSI Resource
Guides Distributed

15,000

Holiday Gifts to
Survivors & their
Families

Resource Guides





Victim Emergency
Bags (VEBs)

Resource Guides

Let's Meet Officer/
Deputy Frank

"What's Happening
in Court" Books

Service Provider
Roundtables

Support Groups

Speaking/Training

Case Management

Crime Survivors
Awards Banquet



Crime Survivors
Mentoring Program
Survivors Give





Self-Defense
&
Safety Classes

Legal Support /
Parole Hearings

Survivors
Hope Fund

Parent's Nights

Law Enforcement
Training/Education

Advocacy

Survive and
Thrive Run Walk
Health & Safety
Expo

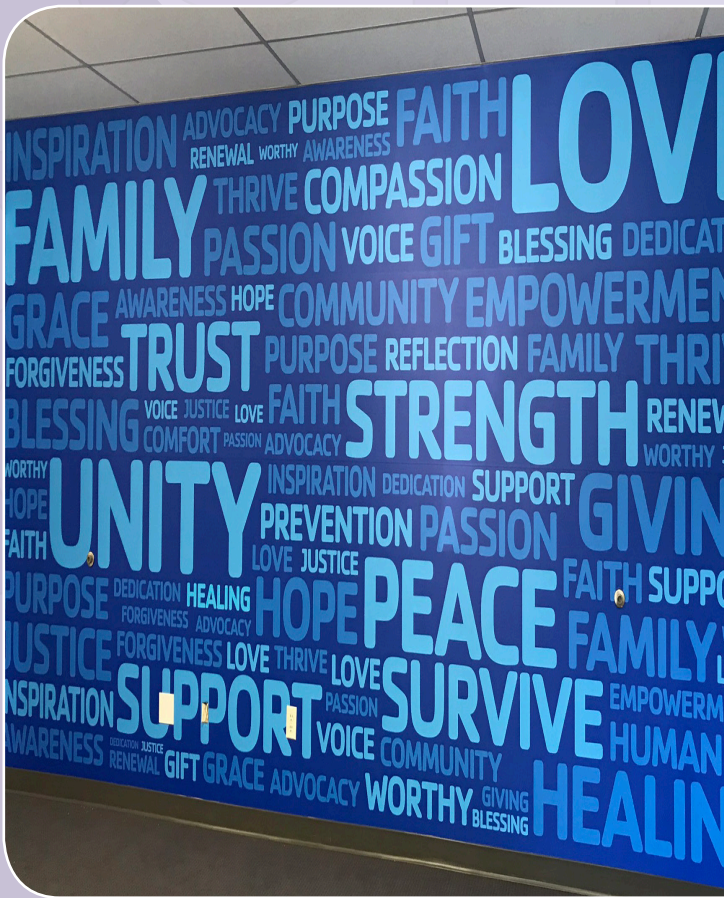
Victim Emergency
Bags (VEBs)

Back to School
Back Pack & School
Supplies



Grand Opening Crime Survivors Resource Center APRIL 4, 2018







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