

2021 Annual Report

Celebrating 18 Years of
Providing Hope and Healing 2003–2021

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With faith, there is hope...



CRIME SURVIVORS
Resource Center

AWARENESS | PREVENTION | ADVOCACY | HEALING



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 of 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.



AWARENESS

PREVENTION

ADVOCACY

HEALING

HELP US GROW!



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Crime Survivors works in your community to make victims' rights a top priority. If you think you are not receiving the assistance you should, please contact us.

AWARENESS

Leaders and influencers must be aware of victims' needs. 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 are received.

PREVENTION

The best form of prevention is always a well-rounded education. Whether it is training law enforcement, testifying in front of legislative committees, or sitting down with the family and support structure of a newly created crime victim, the organization is able to share an unmatched level of knowledge, care, and experience.

ADVOCACY

We translate the needs of crime victims into real action and results. Crime Survivors is singularly focused on making sure that our leaders and influencers are committed to promoting and supporting pro-crime survivor policies and practices throughout the criminal justice system.

HEALING

In order to overcome tragedy, you need strength. Crime survivors provides every survivor with a clear path to hope, healing, and inevitably, strength.



A LETTER FROM PATRICIA WENSKUNAS, FOUNDER / CEO

In the wake of an eventful 2020, Crime Survivors used 2021 as an opportunity to be the light in the dark for many as we persevered to provide hope and healing to victims of crime. With rising crime rates, robberies, and theft dominating the headlines for the majority of the year, it was apparent now more than ever that victims' rights should be at the forefront of everyone's minds. Ongoing mandates, social distancing policies, and outbreaks made our mission an uphill battle. Still, appreciation for the kindness of our donors, volunteers, and board members, we were able to overcome any obstacles and make an impact in numerous lives.

Over the last twelve months, Crime Survivors has distributed thousands of resource guides, donated critical materials to survivors and their families, and hosted countless workshops, trainings, safety classes, and roundtables to assist survivors of crime. 2021 also saw the long-anticipated return of some of our favorite in-person events, including our "Night Under the Stars" gala, Thanksgiving food drives, Elf's Holly Days, donation drives, and other events. It was a refreshing reminder of the impact individuals can make as we work together toward a common goal.

I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to all those who decided to give to our organization over the past year. Your generosity saved lives. If you are considering giving to our organization, I encourage you to read the survivors' stories included in this annual report to recognize your donation's impact in their healing journey. None of that would be possible without you.

Additionally, I would like to give a special thank you to Dr. Kali P. Chaudhuri and KPC Health for their ongoing partnership and donation of space. KPC Health's donation has allowed the Crime Survivors Resource Center to be the hub for victims' resources throughout Southern California, and we couldn't be more appreciative.

As we enter our 19th year, the mission of Crime Survivors remains the same: 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. Thank you to all who share the same passion and drive to help victims. Let this annual report be a celebration of our survivors and their healing journeys. And remember: with faith, there is hope.

God bless,
Patricia Wenskunas

A LETTER FROM RANDY A. BURBA, CHAIR OF THE BOARD



Chief of Public Safety,
Chapman University

Serving those who have been victimized by violent crime is more than rewarding, it brings us closer to humanity and faith. Generally, people do not want to talk about the effects of victimization or acknowledge the terrible things that human beings sometimes do to each other. Crime Survivors recognizes and faces these challenges head on. For nineteen years they have helped victims in these situations and have been a needed support system. 2021 was, by all accounts, a very successful year in pursuit of our mission. Despite the setbacks of a global pandemic, we helped many victims on their journey to surviving and thriving.

One of the most unique things about the services we provide to victims is the ability to tailor those services to individual needs. This is rare in philanthropic organizations and requires engaged leadership and active partnerships. Our founder and CEO, Patricia Wenskunas, again accomplished unimaginable amounts of successful work in furtherance of our mission. We gained new sponsors, new donors, and served a record number of those in need. She works tirelessly and will never quit finding ways to serve victims. Her leadership ensured that the organization did not just survive the pandemic but actually thrived!

The amount of credibility this organization brings to its mission is unparalleled, and it is clear that victims make a connection with the organization that is real and unbreakable. The board is honored and privileged to be a part of the incredible sacrifices and servant leadership displayed by our Founder and CEO. With unprecedented growth, particularly during the pandemic, we are looking forward to serving even more of those in need. These are truly exciting times as we explore new opportunities to work with our great partners, donors, family, friends, and all who give their time and talents to this tremendous cause.



Special Events Coordinator
and Liturgical Liaison at St.
Cyprian Parish

A LETTER AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FROM JANET WILSON-IRVING, TREASURER

2021 continued to be an unusual year for everyone, yet it truly amazes us all to see how much Crime Survivors has been able to adapt, grow, and flourish, especially during these unprecedented times. The organization has provided hopeful healing to so many, and we are most grateful for the continued generosity and support of all our donors and volunteers whom have helped to make our Vision & Mission a reality.

I have been part of CSRC since the very beginning and can attest to the growth, passion, and unwavering dedication that continues to support and help victims both financially and emotionally. There is a saying “when there is a will, there is a way” and that pretty much sums up the founder and CEO, Patricia Wenskunas. She continues to open every possible door and never gives up no matter how difficult the challenge may seem.

I have served on the Board of CSRC in many different capacities, so I have been able to see first hand the fruition of its efforts. As CSRC’s treasurer, I am able to see the transparency and growth each month when reviewing the financial statement prepared by Riordan & Associates. I have the responsibility to ensure that all financial activities are reported accurately and truthfully and can attest that the organization accounts for every penny, ensuring that only the highest level of transparency is achieved. Each month I was able to easily decipher the reports provided by Pacific Tax Advisors and to confirm what was being reported.

I am very pleased to report that the financial statements for this non-profit have been balanced and filed for the year ending December 31, 2021. CSRC received revenue for the year 2021 from both individual and corporate contributions, also from grants, trade-barter and in kind. All monies were used in providing programs, support services, educational trainings, advocacy, healing events, and fundraising events.

Last but not least, I wanted to share a great quote that helps to define our organization because we truly “will” do great things together.

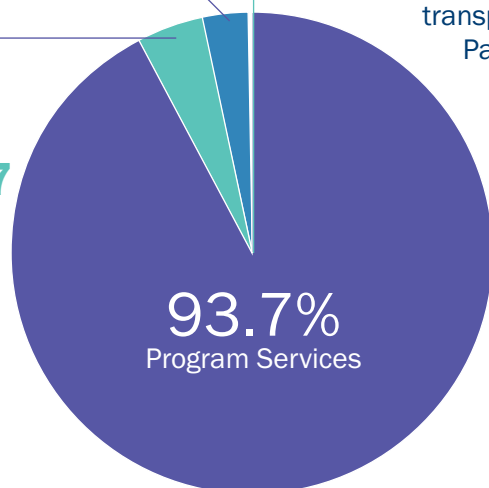
*“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot;
together we can do great things.”*
– Mother Teresa

2.48% Fundraising

3.82% General

TOTAL REVENUE

\$1,047,927





BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Terry Johnson, Secretary, Detective, LASD's Special Victims Bureau

I went to their daycare home, because their mother no longer wanted to care for them. The mother took the suspect's side, who physically abused her children, over fighting to care for them. It wasn't until I went to my vehicle that I pulled out toys from the donors that put a smile on the children's faces. I was hurting for them, but I was grateful to be a part of such a giving and loving organization! Thank you!!



Beverly Johnson, Board Member, Attorney and Partner, Johnson & Bertram LLP

Though 2021 continued to challenge us all, Crime Survivors remained a beacon in the darkness thanks to our unwaveringly dedicated and exceptionally remarkable Founder/CEO, Patricia Wenskunas, who continued to work day and night, regardless of seemingly insurmountable obstacles, to come to the aid of crime victims and their families. Her unflagging drive and commitment to Crime Survivors' core mission — to help victims to survive and thrive after the impacts of crime, and to prioritize the critical importance of victims' rights — is unmatched. The long-standing commitment of our organization to victims, community outreach, training, and advocacy with governmental officials and law enforcement throughout the Southern California area never ceases. One of our founding mission statements is that with faith, there is hope. We put that to work every single day. We believe that the backbone of safe and strong communities must include knowledgeable law enforcement officers committed to protecting and supporting victims and victims' rights. They are as critical to our mission as are our donors, volunteers, and supporters. As we enter our nineteenth year, I couldn't be prouder to be a board member, donor, and volunteer at Crime Survivors and to have played a part in the strength and growth of the Crime Survivors Resource Center. Please go online to crimesurvivors.org and please donate if you are able to do so. We are incredibly grateful for your support. Congratulations to Crime Survivors for so many wonderful, impactful, and exceptionally successful years!



Burton Brink, Board Member, Retired Sergeant, LA County Sheriff's Department

I am a proud Crime Survivors Board Member now for over three years. I've spent almost 40 years as a law enforcement officer; and, obviously, I have dealt with many victims of violent crimes. I got involved in Crime Survivors after I saw the work Patricia and her team have done for victims and children. We can help many victims through our outreach and resource center, because over 92% of our donations go directly back into helping these victims, for them to have a safe place to stay with the food/items they so desperately need. During Covid-19, our donors have been faithful to our commitment and have not wavered these past few years. We are grateful to them and all of you who have continued to volunteer and donate to keep Crime Survivors growing and being a voice for victims who have nowhere else to turn.



CRIME SURVIVORS COUNCIL

The Crime Survivors Council includes individuals that believe in our mission, vision, and values and support us with programs, services, and events. They attend functions when needed, and if possible, can make introductions to community leaders, elected officials, and business owners for possible partnerships and collaborations to expand our mission in the community.

Our Council is integral to bridging the gaps and creating crucial relationships between survivors and stakeholders such as business owners, community leaders, and elected officials. With the partnerships and collaborations our Crime Survivors Council facilitates, we can make a great difference in the lives of the victims and survivors we fight for.

Todd Spitzer
Michael Hestrin
Dan Dow
Gregory Totten
Vern Pierson
Anne Marie Schubert
Mike Hamel
Darin Lenyi
John Thomas
AL Murray
Mac Jenkins
John Gillis
Andrew Meyer
Tom Laing
Al Labrada
Gisselle Espinoza
Cameron Knauerhaze
Denise French
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David Chewiwe
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Rick Martinez
Moses Castillo
Ronald Hernandez
Johnathan Hatami
Abby Baron
Michael Carrillo
Michael Steel
Tim Murphy

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Tri Ta
Kevin Muldoon
Gene Hernandez
Arianna Barrios
Tim Shaw
Diane Dixon
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Dr. Stephany Powell
Shannon King Ginter
Susy Flores
Agnes Gibboney
Christine Selter
Kevin McDonald
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Trish Steele
Dienna Rogers
Carolyn Perrier
Teresa Smith
Noel Lasser
Paula Ramirez
Sandra Morales
Michael Ames
Lew Stowers

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Dr. Sumanta Chaudhuri-Sain
Chris Kelly
Kathleen Treseder
Jeff Corless
Jo Lopez
Kelly Lam
Eileen Frere
Kelli Reid
Katie Gilbertson
Rachel Watkins
Nathan Hittle
Matt Regan
Navid Tayebi
Frances Rodriguez
John Adair
Ernie Castello
Shari Farmer
Stuart Haskin
Jennifer Lundy
Allie Jacoby
Eric Granof
Sean Cook
Maggie Kreins
Mary Palafox
Katrina Owens
Vericia Miller
Vincent De Vargas
Monica Torres



HONORARY ADVISORY BOARD


The Advisory Members for Crime Survivors are individuals who believe in and support our mission, vision, and values and are on hand for any advice for the overall organization structure in supporting programs, services, and events and can provide advice for best practices if needed.

This is only an advice and supportive seat and is not an active role in day-to-day operations. These individuals do not have any organizational voting powers or fiduciary director duties in their role as advisory members.

Steven S. Choi, Ph.D
Janet Nguyen
Lou Correa
Wendy Bucknum
Anthony Kuo
Ed Royce
Mimi Walters
Patricia C. Bates

Denise Brown
Tanya Brown
Kim Goldman
Harriet Salarno
Steve Spernak
David Valentin
Jose Solorio
Christina Shea





COUNCIL & HONORARY ADVISORY BOARD TESTIMONIALS



Kathryn Barger

5th District Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County

“Thank you to Crime Survivors for instilling hope and healing in our communities for 18 years. I’m deeply grateful for your unwavering dedication to support victims and their families. Under Patricia’s leadership and vision, this organization has proven its commitment to provide real results and take decisive action. Even in the face of hardship and an ever-changing political climate, Crime Survivors has been steadfast in its mission. Your organization continues to be a fearless advocate and trusted voice. Thank you for coming alongside survivors and giving their stories the dignity that they deserve.”



Anne Marie Schubert, Sacramento County, District Attorney

“We have to be willing to stand up for crime victims, not just in the courtroom, but in our communities, in the legislature, and really across the state because we all know what’s going on here, and we understand that there’s nothing more important right now than the criminal justice system and making sure that the voices of victims are constantly heard. Not just in the courtroom, but in the halls of the legislature so that they understand the consequences of crime. So, when I think about, ‘What does Crime Survivors do?’, well, they help people every single day, but they also help raise awareness on the challenges we face right now when it comes to victims’ rights. I just applaud Crime Survivors and Patricia for the incredible work they’ve done for the last 18 years, and I look forward to working with them in the future.”



Dan Dow, District Attorney, San Luis Obispo County

“I want to congratulate Crime Survivors and Patricia for 18 years of providing hope and healing the victims of crime all across California. Crime Survivors knows how to translate the needs of crime victims into real action and results. I want to thank you for putting crime victims first. Here in San Luis Obispo County, we call our system the criminal and victim justice system to highlight the fact that victims must always be at the forefront of what we do. So, it’s important that organizations like Crime Survivors exist to fight for victims of crime in this current political climate that we have in California. Patricia, I know you to be a sincere, genuine, and passionate advocate for victims. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. California is much better off because of the work you do to serve victims of crime in California. Congratulations!”



Todd Spitzer, District Attorney, Orange County

“Crime Survivors is more than a resource. Crime Survivors is hope for the hopeless. It’s a voice for the voiceless. Now, more than ever, we need a strong voice for crime victims. Crime victims are under attack. It’s unbelievable to me. We simply cannot allow those who care more about the rights of defendants to drown out the voices of those who have been victimized, and thankfully, for the last 18 years, Crime Survivors has been fighting to have the voices of victims heard. As a former statewide co-chairman of Marsy’s law, I was happy to join Patricia to be one of the first proponents of California victims Bill of Rights. In 2008, California voters listened to the voices of victims and passed that constitutional amendment because of her efforts and all of the efforts of crime victims across California. This finally helped to rebalance the scales of justice so that victims could have rights too. Over the last 18 years, Crime Survivors has stood next to the survivors of crime and their loved ones and provided them with love, support, and hope. Through the most terrifying times, Crime Survivors has been there for those struggling to navigate their way through the criminal justice system and they’re on the road to becoming a survivor. The legacy of Crime Survivors is a legacy of perseverance, of love, and of hope. Congratulations to Crime Survivors for 18 years of dedicated service to crime survivors with a voice and creating a place to heal. Survivors of crime need strong advocates now more than ever, and we can count on Crime Survivors in Orange County. We are blessed to have Crime Survivors here in Orange County to help the survivors finally and always find their voice.”



Don Barnes, Sheriff, Orange County

“Crime victims should never be without a voice. Organizations that advocate for the victims of crime and their rights play a critical role in helping victims recover and thrive. For 18 years, Crime Survivors has been one of those important voices. For the past few years, state lawmakers have been focused on criminal justice reform. Far too often, the perspective of the crime victims is overlooked in these efforts. This failure to provide justice for crime victims eventually erodes the safety of all Californians. Crime Survivors and other organizations provide victims with the platform to speak out for our justice system and is equitable for the victims of crime. In the years ahead, I know that Crime Survivors will continue to fill an essential role in ensuring that victims are not defined by their crimes but are empowered to rebuild and advocate for the safety of others. Patricia, I wish you another great 18 years and thank you for the past 18 years you’ve had of serving your community and being a voice for those who have been victimized by crime.”



Alex Villanueva, Sheriff, Los Angeles County

“I wanted to take the opportunity to thank Patricia Wenskunas who is the head of Crime Survivors, an organization that I have come to know as sheriff of Los Angeles county. I wasn’t really familiar with them before being sheriff, but as sheriff now, it’s where I’m speaking on behalf of victims of crime. It’s so nice to know that there is an organization dedicated solely to the benefit and welfare of victims of crime and representing them in so many different fashions, particularly today now that we have a district attorney who is making the plight of victims of crimes in court systems very adversarial. It’s good to know that Patricia and Crime Survivors are doing the outstanding job that they’re doing. I participated with the organization in the food bank and the Star Center in Whittier. I brought out food to the different families who were victims of crime, and it’s very heartwarming to see everything coming together with the outpouring of support for victims of crime. I definitely want to thank Patricia and thank Crime Survivors for all that you’re doing and always keeping victims of crime at the forefront of everything we do in law enforcement. Our job is to keep the community safe and to take care of those who have been victims of crime. Last but not least, I wanted to congratulate Crime Survivors on 18 years of being around. 18 years is a long time for an organization and you survived through thick and thin, through the economic downturn of 2008, and now the challenges of today in the pandemic world. You’re still going strong. Thank you and congratulations for a job well-done and, for all those entities who are trying to rip off the Crime Survivors name, you’re not the real deal. Crime Survivors is the real deal, so thank you for everything that you do.”



Michael A. Hestrin, District Attorney, Riverside County

"I'd like to congratulate Patricia and Crime Survivors for 18 years of providing service to victims of crime and providing a voice to the voiceless. One of the mottos here at the Riverside D.A.'s office is that a victim's voice will be heard and, now more than ever, we need to resolve the victims' voices shall not be forgotten. Surviving a crime is often a lifelong process; a journey that requires a lot of support, understanding, and love. If you are a victim of crime and don't know where to turn, Crime Survivors can help. Again, congratulations to Patricia and Crime Survivors for their wonderful work."



Cameron Knauerhaze, Deputy Police Chief, Westminster Police Department

"I've seen Crime Survivors really fill a serious gap that we have in the criminal justice system when it deals with working with crime victims. That sense of compassion, empathy, and professionalism that you get from Crime Survivors is second to none, and that means so much to me as a police officer and as a deputy police chief that victims of crime have a voice, that victims of crime have just as many rights, if not more, than criminals themselves and we're living in a day and age where, sometimes, I think we forget that. Again, congratulations on a wonderful 18 years and the many years to come. I am honored, privileged, and so thankful to be your partner."



Abby Baron, Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County

"Happy anniversary to Crime Survivors and to Patricia: a woman who works tirelessly day and night, on the weekends, all days of the year, to make sure that all of the victims of crimes and families that are in need get everything that they need to help them heal and move on with their lives. Being someone who has worked with special victims cases in the government system and the criminal courts for a very long time, I have seen all these families sit in their heart and their pain and so much need, and this organization and Patricia see that need and do everything that they can to move these families forward in their lives and help them heal. They are a lovely group of people. Patricia, you are an amazing human being and I am happy to participate in your organization. I have volunteered before. I will continue to volunteer to help these families and all the resources that Crime Survivors provides. It is so important and I'm so glad that you've been doing it for so many years, and I know many more successful years will come."



Mike Hamel, Retired Chief of Police, City of Irvine

I first want to say congratulations to Patricia and Crime Survivors on their 18th year anniversary. That alone is quite an accomplishment. I know I have been so inspired by the amazing work that you, Patricia, and the entire Crime Survivors team have accomplished over the past several years.

On a more personal note, I have known you forever Patricia. You are such an amazing individual and inspiring to so many including myself and others in law enforcement.

What I've always found remarkable about the organization you founded is the manner in which you respond to trauma. We do not always have a choice about what happens to us, but we always have a choice in how we respond to our experiences. You took some extremely traumatic experiences and turned those around. Not only that, but you have turned those energy and emotions toward something incredibly positive that has helped so many people in our community. I know there are so many people, including myself, who are incredibly grateful for the amazing work you have been doing. Congratulations.



Anthony Kuo, Vice Mayor, City of Irvine

"I've known Patricia Wenskunas for all 18 years of the existence of Crime Survivors. I first met her when she came to present her story and to present her idea to Exchange Club of Irvine. Nearly 20 years later, it's grown to be the regional powerhouse and the regional influence for victims' rights, but she's done more than that. It's not just about victims' rights. It's about the victims thriving and surviving. I'm so impressed with the hard work that she's put in, the coalitions that she's built throughout the years to be able to serve these individuals who have been so affected by crime. She is a strong supporter of public safety and I back her every time I get a chance, so congratulations to Patricia and Crime Survivors for 18 wonderful years, and we're looking forward to all that you still have to offer to our community."



Thomas Laing, Emeritus Board Member, Retired Chief, LA County Sheriff's Department

"It is my sincere belief that Crime Survivors is an organization that certainly makes a lot of difference in the lives of others and is probably one of the most effective, efficient, and transparent organizations for the victims of crime. In my 35-year career in law enforcement, I understand the importance that a law enforcement officer can have upon arriving at the scene where a fellow human being has been traumatized as a victim at the hands of another. In that short window of time, the law enforcement officer can make a difference of hope and healing. However, that's a very small period of time. The care and compassion that's needed well-beyond that initial contact that can only come from resources such as Patricia and Crime Survivors. They make a difference. They truly provide hope, a foundation of healing, and a voice to be heard for the victim. I've been associated with Crime Survivors for more than 15 years. And as a past member of the board, I'm very pleased to see their current, continuing commitment and vision for serving others in need, especially those who are victims of crime. Though I'm no longer in the profession, my family and I continue to support Crime Survivors because they certainly make a difference in the lives of others and is that not what we're supposed to do? Thank you, Crime Survivors. Thank you for caring and thank you for the hope and healing that you offer."



A SUMMARY OF 18 YEARS

146,454
(1,194 Boxes)

**Diapers &
Baby Wipes
Distributed**

1,825
Boxes

**New Clothing,
Shoes &
Accessories**

9,750

**Child &
Adult Victim
Emergency
Bags**

680

**Distributed
My Stuffed
Bags**

100

**Domestic
Violence
Survivor Bags
Distributed**

4,250

**“Let’s Meet
Officer/Deputy
Frank” Books
Distributed**

1,725

**Easter Hope
Celebrations**

5,550

**Christmas
Meals**

1,925

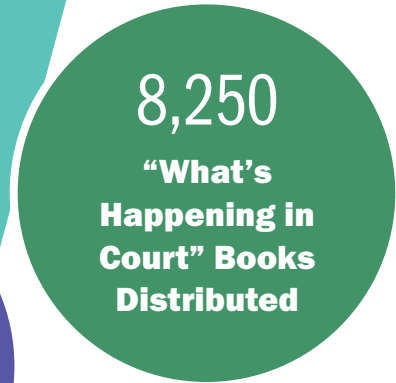
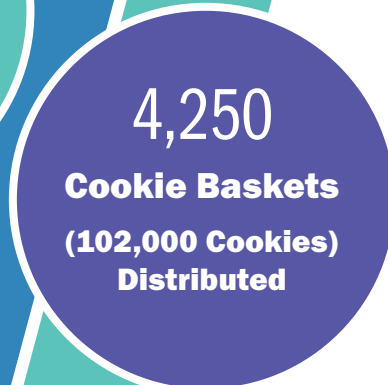
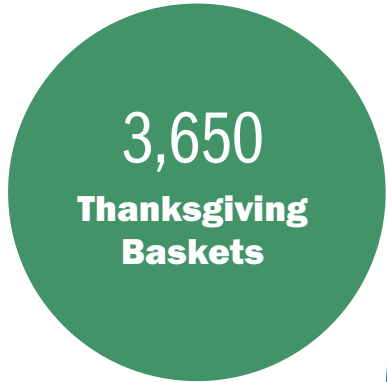
**Halloween
Harvest Safety
& Trick or Treat**

15,000

**Superhero Run/
Walk Health
and Safety Expo
Attendees**

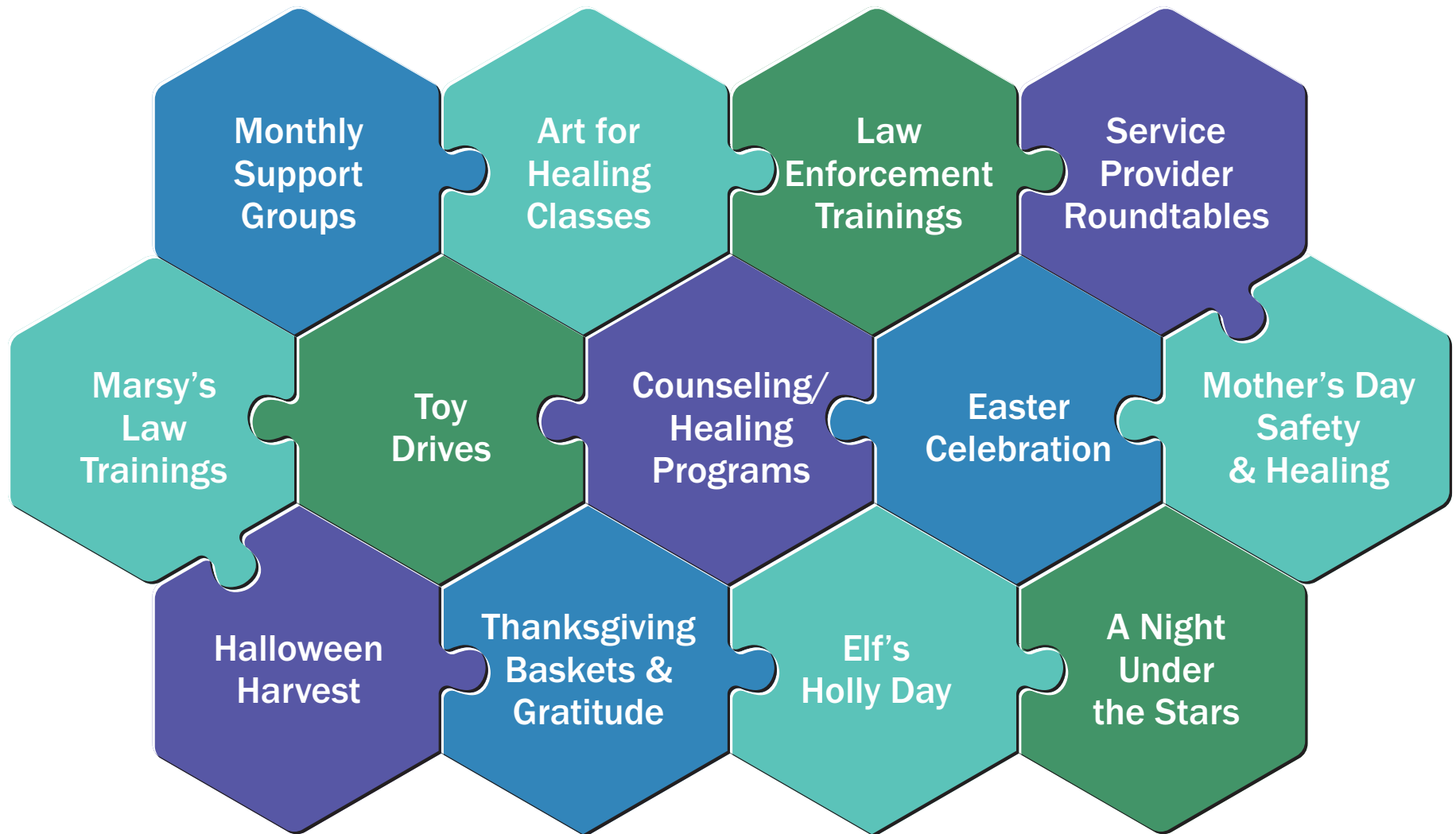
35,000

Holiday Gifts



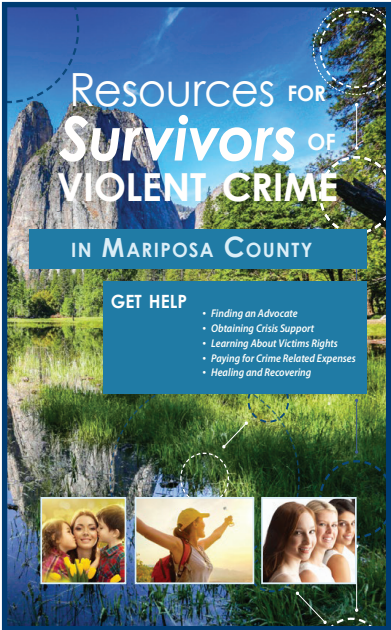
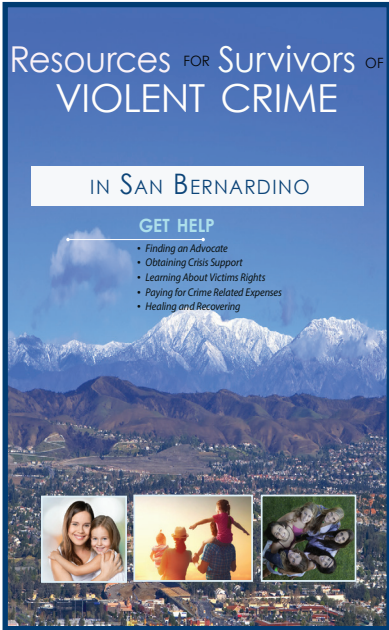
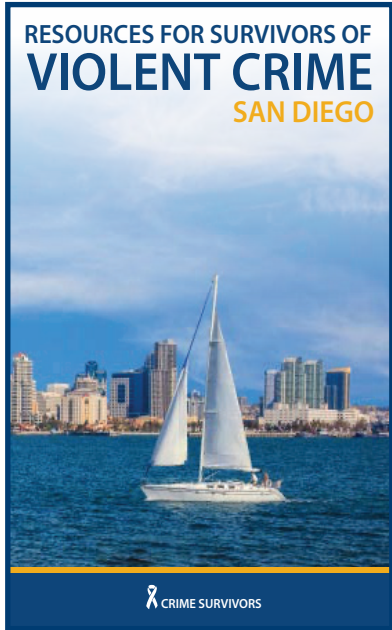
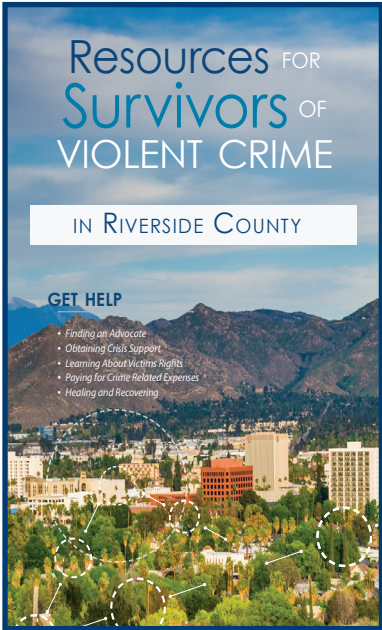
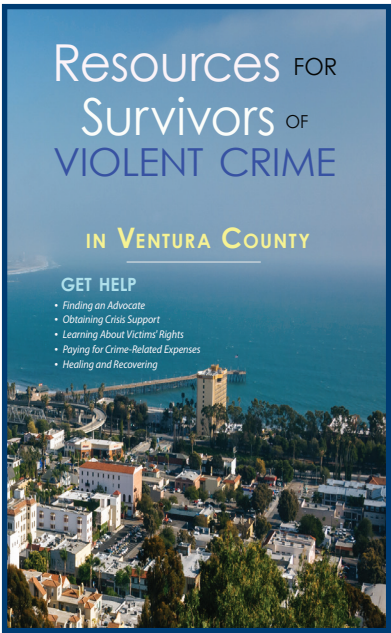
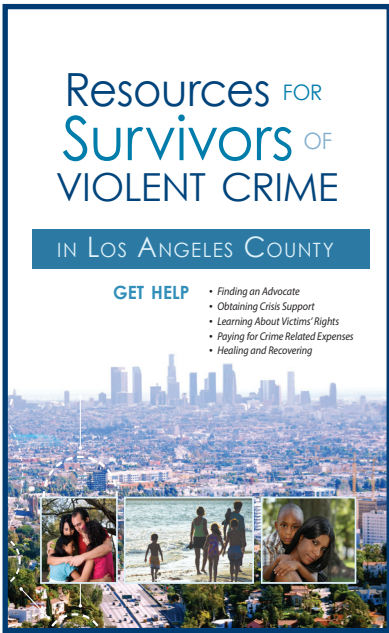
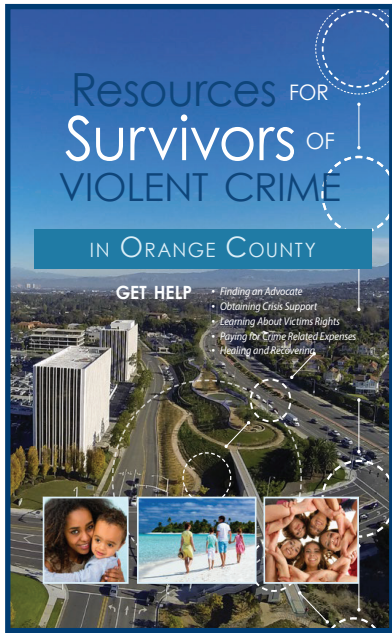


PROGRAMS, TRAININGS, HOPE AND HEALING EVENTS





RESOURCE GUIDES





SURVIVOR STORIES

SURVIVOR #1

"I heard of Crime Survivors just recently as I am going through a series of events with my ex-husband. Speaking to Patricia helped me tremendously. She guided me and pointed me in the right direction because I was feeling confused and scared. I was skeptical before calling and telling my story at first because I am a very private person, but she did not judge me and my situation at all. On the contrary, she was very sympathetic and resourceful. Crime Survivors is a new pair of glasses for me and my family. I see things differently now, there is love there." E.H.

SURVIVOR #2

"I met with Crime Survivors in 2018 when I was having a hard time writing my Victim Impact Statement to the court. I was referred by my DASU case worker and since then I have been given tremendous support. When I first met with Crime Survivors it was just a few months after my attack, and although my physical bruises, cuts, and staples were no longer present, I still had so much emotional and psychological wounds I was suffering with daily. The way I was spoken to and treated since the first day and every moment since has been with care and respect. I am a single mom with two beautiful children that I do my best every day to care for. I work my butt off sometimes working 10 hour shifts 7 days a week; one Christmas I picked up a second temporary job, worked almost 20 days straight to afford rent, bills, groceries, and Christmas gifts, and at the end of everything I wasn't able to afford gifts. Crime Survivors reached out and I was able to give my children the Christmas they deserved. I am truly thankful for everything I have been able to accomplish with their help." K.Q.

SURVIVOR #3

"Crime Survivors has impacted my son and I by providing hope, safety, and joy to our family. We don't feel alone or scared anymore, because we belong to a wonderful community that is here to help us in our healing process. Thank you!" N.B.

SURVIVOR #4

"We appreciate you all more than you know. We are so grateful for the greatness Crime Survivors brings to our family, especially with the trauma we have been through. You have helped so much in helping things feel a little better. My children and I appreciate you more than words can say thank you for the hope and smiles!" K.W.

SURVIVOR #5

"I have attended the Thanksgiving and Christmas program events at Boomers with my kids. Thank you! We had so much fun. This was the first holiday season not having to be forced to deal with him (the abuser, no CPS or contact with kids). Going to Boomers is something I cannot afford to do on my own right now. The holiday dinner baskets were also extremely helpful and appreciated. All of your staff and volunteers were so nice. I have to say this was the most peaceful holiday we have had in 10 years." J.L.



"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style."

— Maya Angelou



EMPOWERMENT TRUST PURPOSE







GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR



Expand by
Opening Location
in Los Angeles
County

Expand Space
with Distribution
Center

Increase our
Volunteer and
Supporter Count

Work With
Elected Officials
to Prioritize
Victims of
Crime

Launch the
Survivors Hope
Scholarship

Reinstate the
Awards Gala and
Run/Walk

Hire New Staff
for Case
Management
& Wrap Around
Services

Hire New
Interns through
our Internship
Program

New Two-Year
Strategic Plan and
Succession Plan

Continue to be
a Voice for the
Voiceless

Help more
Victims & Families



“KPC Health is proud to support such an incredible organization that provides a voice for the voiceless and does so much good work for our community,” said Dr. Kali P. Chaudhuri, Founder and Chairman of the KPC Group and KPC Health. “Patricia Wenskunas is a selfless person that is committed to an important cause, and we look forward to supporting her and Crime Survivors in their future endeavors.”

“We are extremely grateful to Dr. Chaudhuri and KPC Health for their generous support for the Crime Survivors organization,” said Patricia Wenskunas, Founder and CEO of Crime Survivors. “Having a brick and mortar Southern California Resource Center better enables us to provide critical support services to survivors of crime and is a major milestone for our organization.”



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