



20 22 Annual Report



CRIME SURVIVORS
Resource Center
AWARENESS | PREVENTION | ADVOCACY | HEALING

**We are better and
stronger together!**

**Celebrating 19 Years
Providing, Guiding
& Empowering
Hope and Healing to
Survive and Thrive
2003–2022**

A LETTER FROM PATRICIA WENSKUNAS, FOUNDER / CEO



Through the generosity and support of our donors and volunteers, Crime Survivors continued to positively impact the lives of countless families in 2022. After a turbulent 2020 and 2021, the organization was grateful to provide a sense of stability in the lives of those who need it most. Rising crime numbers continued to dominate the headlines, highlighting the evergrowing need to provide high-quality resources and assistance to crime victims to help them thrive.

We were proud to host a variety of events throughout the year to engage the community around us to become advocates for victims' rights. From our weekly service provider roundtables to seasonal events like our Halloween Harvest or Thanksgiving Healing event, the contributions and donations we received allowed us to provide resources and positive memories for survivors and their families. Additionally, our annual "Night Under the Stars" and 5k Superhero Run/Walk events were well-attended and a huge success. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it.

None of our crowning achievements this year would have been possible without all those who have contributed to the organization over the last year. As a nonprofit organization, Crime Survivors depends on our community to provide thousands of resource guides, materials, clothes, and supplies to families in the most challenging times. I encourage you to share this report with your friends and family, and hope our impact inspires them to donate so that we can continue providing hope and healing.

Our Crime Survivors Resource Center continues to provide a safe haven and industry-leading space for survivors to feel safe and secure. We are proud to host roundtables, self-defense classes, counseling, and more at our center. Thank you, Dr. Kali P. Chaudhuri, and KPC Health for your continued donation of space. It truly makes a difference in the lives of so many.

Next year, we will be celebrating the 20th year of our organization. Personally, I cannot believe it has been two decades since I began this organization's journey. It has been one of the most extraordinary experiences in my life to help others who need it most. Thank you to every individual that has been part of the journey so far. Together, we will continue to help victims of crime 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.

Never forget: with faith, there is hope.

God bless,
Patricia Wenskunas

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.

MISSION, VISION & VALUES



A LETTER FROM RANDY A. BURBA / BOARD CHAIR



As Crime Survivors completes its 19th year of serving victims and survivors it is impossible to not look forward and realize we will be celebrating 20 years of giving supporting, and lifting up the voiceless in 2023. As I have said in many previous messages, the incredible work done by this organization is a testament to the human spirit of wanting to help and support those in their greatest time of need. Our founder and CEO, Patricia Wenskunas, has given selflessly for the past nineteen years. She asks for nothing for herself but always for those who have been victimized and feeling hopeless. It is impossible to not be moved by this passion, dedication, and example of putting others first.

As my time as Chairperson of the board comes to a close, I can't help but feel a great sense of honor, pride, and some sadness. Being a part of this caring and driven philanthropic team has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my professional career. The amazing donors, partners, board members, council members, and all who have felt the satisfaction that comes from the pursuit of serving others, are truly unsung heroes.

As the organization heads into its twentieth year, I encourage anyone yearning for a place to give their time and talents to get involved. There are victims of crime everyday who have no where to turn, have no voice, and feel helpless. Together we have changed this narrative for countless of victims over the last nineteen years and nothing will stand in our way from continuing this fight into our twentieth year and beyond.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'RAB', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Randy A. Burba
Board Chair

WHO WE ARE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**RANDY
BURBA**
Chairperson



**BEVERLY
JOHNSON**
Board Member



**PATRICIA
WENSKUNAS**
Founder / CEO



**BURTON
BRINK**
Board Member



**JANET
COLLINS**
Treasurer



**TERRY
JOHNSON**
Secretary



**THOMAS
LAING**
Emeritus
Board Member

A message from Janet Collins, Treasurer

It's unbelievable how quickly 2022 has gone by. The organization has continued to provide hopeful healing to so many and we are most grateful for the continued generosity and support of all our donors and volunteers who have helped to make our Vision & Mission a reality.

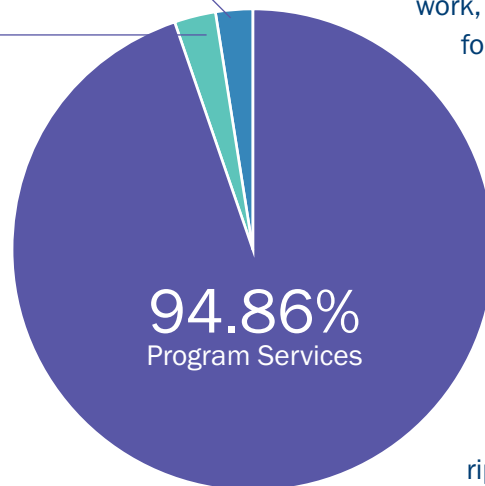
I have served on the Board of CSRC in many different capacities, so I have been able to see first-hand the fruition of its efforts. As CSRC's treasurer, I am able to see the transparency and growth each month when reviewing the financial statement prepared by Riordan & Associates. I have the responsibility 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.

CSRC received revenue for the year 2022 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.

2.41% Fundraising

2.72% General

TOTAL REVENUE
\$935,107



As we enter into our 20th year, we can look back with amazement realizing where it all first began and how far we have come. It is a true testimony of the passion, hard work, vision and enduring spirit of Patricia Wenskunas, founder and CEO, who has truly made a difference in so many lives. I personally thank God each and every day for keeping her alive and showing us all how goodness can prevail in any situation by choosing the right path and sticking to it no matter how difficult it may get. Where there is Faith, there is always Hope.

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

~Mother Teresa~

TREASURER LETTER

A message from Terry Johnson, Secretary

2022 was so successful! I want to thank all donors! We were able to assist many sexual and physical child abuse survivors, thanks to your help and dedication to Crime Survivors. We were able to help impoverished children with new school supplies, clothing, gift cards for groceries, a laptop, new toys and possibly a used vehicle! Thank you so much!



A message from Burton Brink, Board Member

I'm honored and proud to be a Board Member of Crime Survivors since 2018. With my 40 years as a law enforcement officer, I've dealt with many victims of violent crimes. The work Crime Survivors does has made a tremendous impact in our communities throughout Southern California and gives a voice for those unable to speak up. With over 92% of your donations going directly back to our crime victims' needs, it is with your generosity that Crime Survivors has been able to help so many. We need you to continue to help us, to help so many crime victims with clothes, food and other basic needs to get back to a normal life. Our work is never-ending with our Founder/CEO Patricia Wenskunas' dream of helping others. As we are celebrating our 20-year Anniversary of Crime Survivors in 2023, together, we will continue to be the voice of those being victimized by the worst of the worst. Thank you for your continued support and for those who volunteer to make Crime Survivors the great success it is!



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, public safety 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	Ronald Hernandez	Christine Selter	Nathan Hittle
Michael Hestrin	Johnathan Hatami	Kevin McDonald	Matt Regan
Dan Dow	Abby Baron	Michael Paul Thomas	Navid Tayebi
Gregory Totten	Michael Carrillo	Trish Steele	Frances Rodriguez
Vern Pierson	Michael Steel	Dienna Rogers	John Adair
Anne Marie Schubert	Tim Murphy	Carolyn Perrier	Ernie Castello
Mike Hamel	Don Barnes	Teresa Smith	Shari Farmer
Darin Lenyi	Alex Villaneuva	Noel Lasser	Stuart Haskin
John Thomas	Chad Bianco	Paula Ramirez	Jennifer Lundy
AL Murray	Diane Harkey	Sandra Morales	Allie Jacoby
Mac Jenkins	Laurie Davies	Michael Ames	Eric Granof
John Gillis	Tri Ta	Lew Stowers	Sean Cook
Andrew Meyer	Kevin Muldoon	Dr. Kali Chaudhuri	Maggie Kreins
Tom Laing	Gene Hernandez	Dr. Sumanta Chaudhuri-Saini	Mary Palafox
Al Labrada	Arianna Barrios	Chris Kelly	Katrina Owens
Gisselle Espinoza	Tim Shaw	Kathleen Treseder	Vericia Miller
Cameron Knauerhaze	Diane Dixon	Jeff Corless	Vincent De Vargas
Denise French	Farrah N. Khan	Jo Lopez	Monica Torres
Brian Moriguchi	Dr. Ana Nogales	Kelly Lam	Ruben Nava
David Chewiwe	Dr. Stephany Powell	Eileen Frere	Jon T. Lewis
David Grkinich	Shannon King Ginter	Kelli Reid	Tom DaRe
Rick Martinez	Susy Flores	Katie Gilbertson	Dan Adams
Moses Castillo	Agnes Gibboney	Rachel Watkins	

CRIME SURVIVORS COUNCIL & 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	Mimi Walters	Steve Spernak
Janet Nguyen	Patricia C. Bates	David Valentin
Lou Correa	Denise Brown	Jose Solorio
Wendy Bucknum	Tanya Brown	Christina Shea
Anthony Kuo	Kim Goldman	
Ed Royce	Harriet Salarno	

WHAT WE DO

AWARENESS

PREVENTION

ADVOCACY

HEALING



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.

Survivor #1

I was referred to Crime Survivors because I was a victim of domestic violence. Through the years, Patricia has taught me to live as a survivor and not be a victim. I had the opportunity to not only be a recipient but also to be a donor. I feel that it is important to advocate for victims' rights in general because victims have to have support and their voices heard, whether it be emotional support, physical support, legal or financial. I mean, they all tie in together. Resources and referrals are so important because I feel like if I hadn't been referred I would not be a part of Crime Survivors. Patricia, I would like to say thank you, and I'm sending you a lot of hugs. You're someone I can confide and trust with issues that I have endured. You have brought my spirits high by offering me words of wisdom and guidance. I highly respect you for your passion that you have for this organization and from what it has blossomed into and from what it has grown to now being an actual establishment, and I just want to say thank you for being there for me. Love you.

Survivor #2

[Crime Survivors] have been extremely supportive to me in giving me resources to the community if I needed them. They have helped me with basic needs like food and diapers. They had events last year for Thanksgiving and Christmas and chose my family for both events so my kids were able to go. Took Ubers twice and had a great time and they passed out dinners and diapers and basic needs, and it couldn't have come at a better time. Patricia has emailed me over and over again to come to her office to pick up diapers and at one point I had four children in diapers. She also had a brand new clothing giveaway and I have never been able to afford brand new clothing for myself, so when I went there I went crazy and I think I grabbed two of everything. I didn't know how to act. They've just been extremely supportive and resourceful. A great resource for my family.

SURVIVOR STORIES





Survivor #3

I just wanted to thank Crime Survivors for welcoming my son and I to be a part of a wonderful community. We no longer feel alone or scared. Crime Survivors has given me the opportunity to take self-defense classes so I can continue to protect myself and my son. We thank them for bringing us joy, hope, and safety back into our lives.

Survivor #4

We met Patricia about four and a half years ago and we were introduced to her through the DA's office. The reason being, my daughter, our daughter, had been murdered and we needed guidance. We didn't know where to turn or where to go. They guided us to Patricia. She was very welcoming, sat down and spoke with us, told us about the resource center and what they do. We wholeheartedly believe that what she does is just unbelievable for the community. I only wish that more people knew about her and what she does. In our opinion, she's a saint and she deserves a lot more credit than she gets, but I know that we will be lifelong friends with her and I would just like to say that we think about her quite often, we pray for her and the Crime Survivors organization. We really appreciate everything she does and I want to say happy anniversary, and we love you, Patricia.



Janet Nguyen

Hi, I'm Assembly Member Janet Nguyen. I want to congratulate Crime Survivors on your 20th anniversary. Your dedication, time, heart, and soul has been poured into helping victims in California and especially in Orange County is greatly appreciated. You continue to partner with law enforcement, other government agencies, businesses, and other organizations to continue to make sure that we have a safe haven and provide resources for the victims and their families. Thank you, thank you so much for what you do. I'm so honored to have been able to partner with you throughout the years on so many different projects. I look forward to continue to be supportive and to be a champion- making sure that victims are placed first. Thank you, congratulations, I look forward to celebrating many more years! Happy 20th anniversary!



TESTIMONIALS

Kristie Bruce-Lane

Hi, my name is Kristie Bruce-Lane, I am the President and Founder of the Thumbprint Project Foundation. Thank you Patricia Wenskunas for providing a voice for the voiceless, and all the work that you do to support victims of crime. Building awareness, prevention, advocacy through action, and healing are the essential elements needed in our communities, and Crime Survivors has met that challenge. As President of the Thumbprint Project Foundation, we are so grateful for the meaningful partnership we have with Crime Survivors, as we aid in the transitional process of homeless children who have been impacted by childhood domestic violence. Congratulations Patricia, and Crime Survivors, for your 20th anniversary! Well done, and excellent work in our communities!





Laurie Davies

Hello, I'm Laurie Davies, Assemblywoman for the 73rd District. I would personally like to congratulate Patricia and Crime Survivors, for 19 years of providing hope and healing to victims of crime. As an Assemblywoman, the safety of our community has been my top priority, and I know I can't achieve that without organizations like yours. Victims need programs like Crime Survivors to have access to critical resources in times of need, and your unique approach to providing resources creates both awareness, and understanding- setting the stage for not only prevention but putting the needs of crime victims first. I've seen firsthand the great work you are doing in our community, and I can't wait to see where you take it next. Thank you for being a leading advocate for victims and victims' rights. You are truly a voice for the voiceless.



Kim Goldman

Good afternoon my name is Kim Goldman, my brother Ron Goldman was murdered back in 1994. I don't exactly remember the moment I met Patricia, but she has been a part of my life for a very long time and has been an incredible friend and support. I'm just so proud to be able to congratulate Patricia and all the great work that she has been doing on behalf of victims and survivors for the last 19 years. Patricia, I have followed your story of triumph, and resiliency, and courage, and your ongoing commitment and dedication to victims and survivors and families and those left to pick up the pieces, and I am so proud of how far you come and how hard you fight and how deeply you love and care and support. It's obviously so important that Crime Survivors, and victims of violent crime- victims of ANY crime speak out and make sure that their voice is heard and make sure that we are always part of the conversation, and you do a great job of making sure that we're always at the table, we're always represented and always seen in the best possible light, so from my heart and my family congratulations, Patricia for 19 years of incredible success and I believe in my heart that you will be moving mountains in years to come, and congratulations to you and your entire team.





A SUMMARY OF 19 YEARS



3,650

**Backpacks
Filled With
School Supplies
Distributed**

5,025

**Meal Baskets
Distributed**

75,000+

**Gift Card
Distribution**

8,350

**"What's
Happening in
Court" Books
Distributed**

3,900

**Thanksgiving
Baskets**

350

**Self Care Day
For Service
Providers 2020,
2021 & 2022**

5,575

**Attended Weekly
& Quarterly
Service Provider
Roundtables in
2022**

4,250

**Gratitude
Baskets to Law
Enforcement
& Service
Providers**

5,375

**Award Gala
Attendees**

2,600

**Individual
Donors,
Sponsors, and
Supporters for
Programs**

150

**Monthly Peer
to Peer Support
Group for Service
Providers
2021 & 2022**

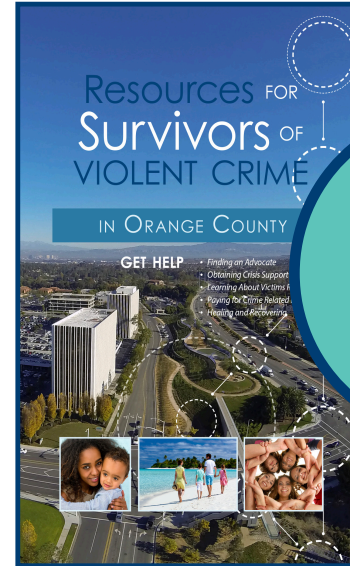
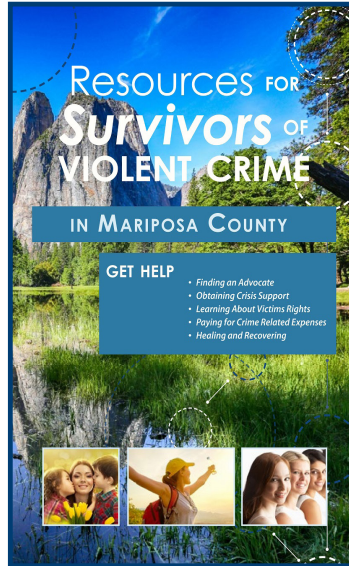
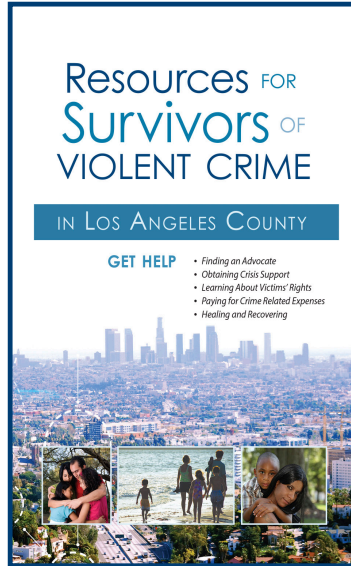
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**Individual
Volunteers**

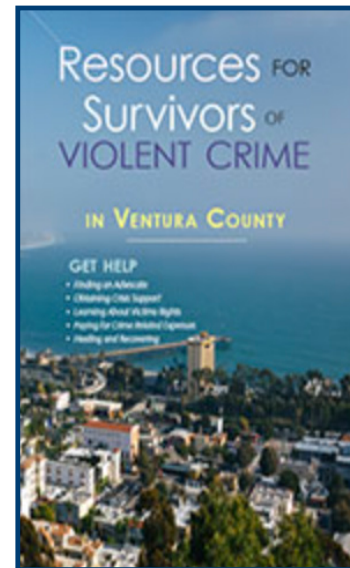
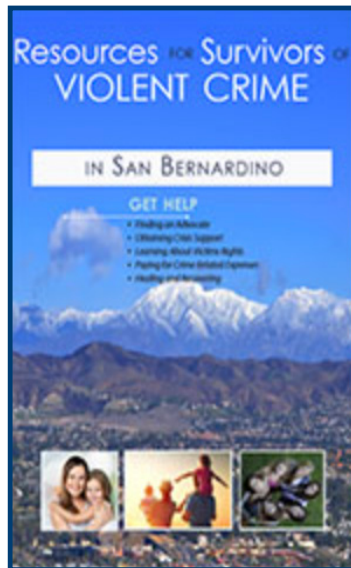
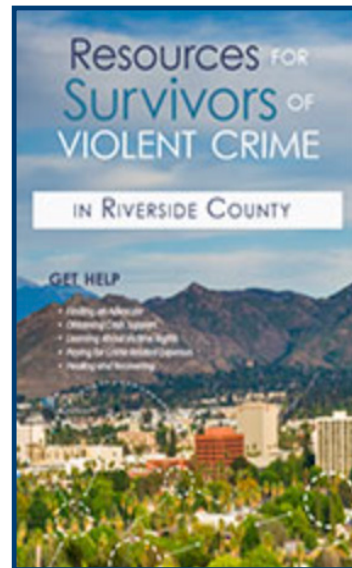
PROGRAMS, TRAININGS, HOPE AND HEALING EVENTS

Monthly Support Groups
Art for Healing Classes
Law Enforcement Trainings
Service Provider Roundtables
Marsy's Law Trainings
Toy Drives
Counseling / Healing Programs
Easter Celebration
Mother's Day Safety & Healing
Halloween Harvest
Thanksgiving Baskets & Gratitude
Elf's Holly Day
A Night Under the Stars





RESOURCE GUIDES





GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR

- Open Hope Distribution Center
- Launch New Programs & Direct Services
- Expand Outreach & Partnerships
- Initiate Brand New Healing Groups & Classes for Survivors
- Host Quarterly Service Provider Self Care Days
- Creative Events for Fundraising
- Hire New Staff for Case Management & Wrap Around Services
- Increase our Volunteer and Supporter Count
- Hire New Interns through our Internship Program
- Expand by Opening Location in Los Angeles County
- New Two-Year Strategic Plan and Succession Plan
- Work With Elected Officials to Prioritize Victims of Crime
- Help more Victims & Families
- Continue to be a Voice for the Voiceless

TAKE ACTION

To best provide hope and healing for survivors of crime, we depend deeply on the support of our community. Whether as individuals, families, businesses, service clubs, or other organizations, no monetary amount, material goods, or time volunteered is too small and all assistance is greatly appreciated.

We devote ourselves to supporting crime survivors's wide variety of needs with a diverse selection of programs. Whether survivors could benefit from physical supplies, critical education or training, legal assistance, case management, emotional support groups, or community events to improve spirits, Crime Survivors Resource Center is prepared to help.

We depend on the support from donations and our volunteers to truly help us make a difference for survivors and families of victims. If you feel so inclined, please visit our website to donate today.

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