



Celebrating 22 Years



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The Journey Continues: 22 Years of Hope, Healing, and Forward Momentum

In 2025, Crime Survivors continued its mission to bring hope and healing to victims and survivors of crime. Each year presents new challenges and opportunities to strengthen programs, expand partnerships, and ensure that survivors receive the care and advocacy they deserve.

Guided by compassion and faith, we move forward with purpose, creating meaningful impact for individuals and families rebuilding their lives. The journey continues through every act of service, every story of recovery, and every life touched by hope.

Mission, Vision, and Values

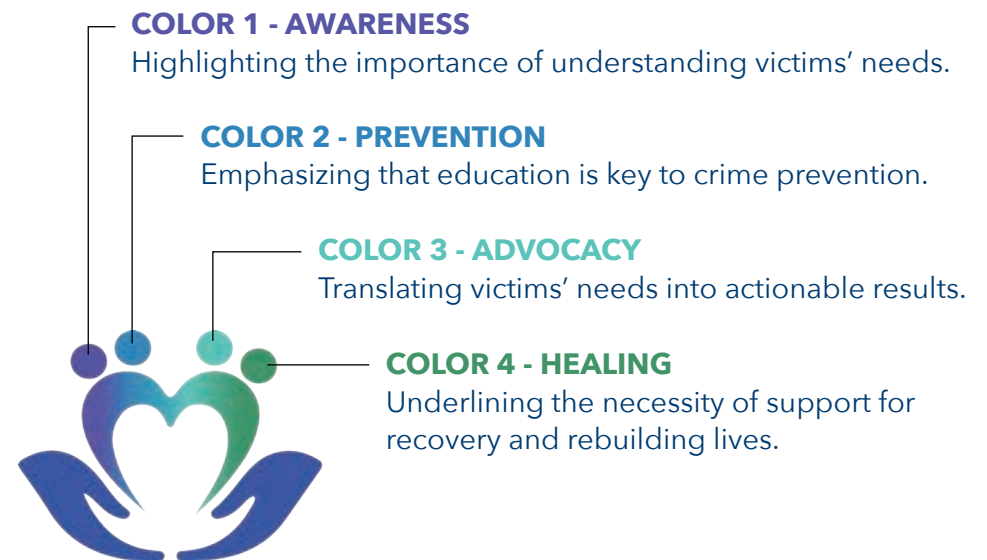
OUR MISSION | To provide hope and healing to victims and survivors of crime through advocacy, resources, and empowerment.

OUR VISION | A world where every victim recovers mentally, physically, emotionally, and financially, receiving the respect and support they deserve.

OUR VALUES

- **Compassion:** Ensuring no one feels abandoned.
- **Collaboration:** Harnessing the power of community partnerships.
- **Empowerment:** Lifting each other out of darkness together.
- **Hopeful Healing:** Believing that every wound can heal with love and support.
- **Integrity:** Standing firm for victims' rights and dignity.

SYMBOLISM OF OUR COLORS





A Message from Our Founder

As we reflect on 2025, I am filled with gratitude for how far we have come and inspired by the path that lies ahead. For 22 years, Crime Survivors has continued to stand as a source of strength, compassion, and hope for those whose lives have been changed by crime. Each year reminds me that our work is not just about responding to tragedy but about building a community where every survivor feels seen, supported, and empowered to heal.

This year, our journey of hope and healing carried forward in meaningful ways. Through the ongoing work of our Resource Center, our dedicated staff and volunteers, and the generosity of our supporters, we have been able to expand critical programs, strengthen advocacy efforts, and provide thousands of survivors and their families with the resources they need to rebuild their lives. From support groups and counseling to educational outreach and legislative partnerships, every effort reflects our unwavering commitment to recovery and empowerment.

Our mission has always been rooted in love and action. We continue to stand beside survivors in their moments of greatest need while advancing systemic change that gives victims a stronger voice. Together with the help of our community partners, law enforcement agencies, and generous donors, we are not only responding to the needs of today but also shaping a future where hope and justice are within reach for all.

To every supporter, advocate, and survivor who has walked with us on this journey, thank you. Your compassion fuels our momentum and ensures that the promise of healing continues to grow.

As we move forward into another year of service, may we continue to walk in faith, lead with purpose, and believe in the power of hope to transform lives. The journey continues, and together, we will keep moving forward.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Patricia Wenskunas
Founder & CEO
Crime Survivors Resource Center



Key Highlights and Achievements

In 2025, Crime Survivors continued to strengthen its programs, partnerships, and advocacy efforts to support victims and survivors of crime across Southern California. Through community engagement, education, and direct services, we expanded our reach and deepened our impact. The highlights on these pages reflect the dedication of our team, volunteers, and supporters who make this work possible.

Resource Distribution

EMERGENCY AID

775,250	Diapers & Pallets of Baby Wipes (2021-2025)	1,000	Domestic Violence Survivor Bags
3,150	Boxes of New Clothing, Shoes & Accessories	15,000	Pairs of Socks Distributed
10,500	Child & Adult Victim Emergency Bags	3,000	Boxes of Clothing Distributed

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

7,250	Meal Baskets & Gift Cards	2,650	Halloween Harvest Safety & Trick-or-Treat Events
78,750	Individual Gift Cards Distributed	4,900	Thanksgiving Baskets
4,860	Backpacks & School Supplies	56,000	Holiday Gifts
2,950	Easter Hope Celebrations	7,500	Christmas Meals and Gift Cards

Community Engagement

30,000 Weekly & Quarterly Service Provider Roundtable Attendees (2020-2025)

Does not include all attendees since launch in 2004

21,200 Superhero Run/Walk Health & Safety Expo Attendees

5,935 Award Gala Attendees

4,250 Gratitude Baskets Distributed to Law Enforcement & Service Providers

575 Leadership Circle Participants

75 Book Club Members

235 Sound Bath Participants

Education & Training

595,000 Resource Guides Distributed

8,900 "What's Happening in Court" Books Distributed

4,600 "Let's Meet Officer/Deputy Frank" Books Distributed

705 Self-Care Day for Service Providers Participants

Self-Defense & Safety Classes for Survivors and Providers

First-Aid Training

Volunteer & Donor Engagement

13,025 Individual Volunteers

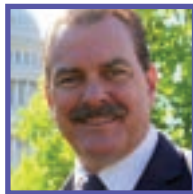
3,725 Individual Donors, Sponsors, and Supporters for Programs

1,150 Monthly Peer-to-Peer Survivor Support Group Participants (2020-2025)

500 Monthly Peer-to-Peer Service Provider Support Group Participants (2020-2024; partial 2025)

Insights from Our Team

We are profoundly grateful to our Board of Directors for their unwavering commitment to our cause. This dedication has been instrumental in Crime Survivors' success over the past 22 years. Our organization is able to expand our reach, ensuring that essential resources, support, and hope are available to those in need. Thanks to their continuous efforts, advocacy, and strategic direction. Together, their dedication not only strengthens our organization but also proceeds to positively impact countless lives. We commend our Board of Directors for their outstanding contributions in championing victims' rights and extend our heartfelt thanks for their hard work and continuous support.



A Message From Burton Brink, Board Chair

As we reflect on 2025, Crime Survivors continues the mission we've strengthened year after year: empowering victims, expanding support programs, and ensuring no survivor walks alone. Building on prior progress in outreach, education, and healing, we grew partnerships that amplified awareness and connected families to hope. Our volunteers, donors, and community champions remain the backbone of this work. Together, we turned pain into purpose and advocacy into action. In the year ahead, we remain committed to compassion, resilience, and accountability for all survivors.



A Message From Janet Collins, Treasurer

As Crime Survivors ends 2025 and celebrates another year of service, we pause to reflect on our journey, our impact, and the incredible support that has made our work possible. This milestone is not only a measure of time, but a testament to resilience, determination, and an unwavering commitment to those we serve.

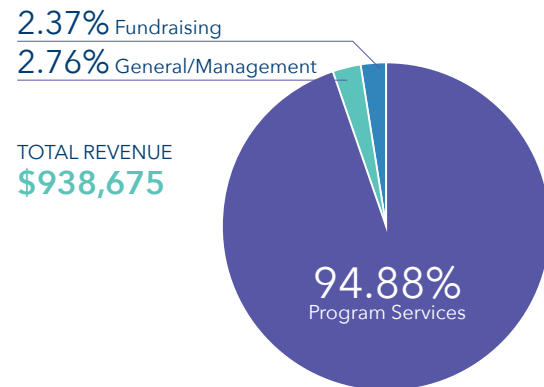
As the times grow more challenging, the need for support continues to rise. Financial hardships, increasing crime, and growing demands on victim services mean that our programs are needed now more than ever.

While securing funding becomes increasingly difficult each year, Crime Survivors remains steadfast in our mission. We will continue to do everything within our power to find the financial support necessary to sustain and expand these vital programs, ensuring that victims are not only able to survive, but truly thrive.

Our success has been built on strong collaboration with law enforcement, elected officials, and community partners, whose dedication and cooperation remain a cornerstone of our work. Together, we have created meaningful change and a network of support for those navigating some of life's most difficult moments.

We are deeply grateful and truly blessed by the continued generosity and loyalty of our donors. Your support fuels our mission and makes a lasting difference in the lives of countless crime survivors. Every contribution is an integral part of our story and our future.

On behalf of Crime Survivors, thank you for standing with us. Here's to another year of service, strength, and hope, working together to meet growing needs and support those who need it most.





A Message From Terry Johnson, Secretary

Well, it's Christmas Eve 2025. As I'm sitting in my parents' home staring at their beautiful Christmas tree, I'm reminded of the season and the sacrifice of giving. Looking back this year, the phrase "giving until it hurts" speaks to me. We should "give until it hurts" and consider this as necessary and virtuous.

Here at Crime Survivors, I have witnessed Patricia "give until it hurts" both in her personal and professional life. Likewise, all of the donors have done and continue to do this as well. Thank you for all your giving and generous donations. You truly make a difference.



A Message From Beverly Johnson, Board Member

In 2025, Crime Survivors and our supporters and donors celebrated 22 powerful years of exceptional success and powerful work to help victims of crime. Though 2025 brought never-before-seen levels of need during a time when access to funding was limited much more than ever before, we remained, and continue to remain, resolute in our critical mission to preserve and amplify victims' voices and to assist victims and their families with support, services, and programs, encouraging them to heal so that each of them might enter a new era of hope, strength, positivity, and peace. We are deeply blessed and grateful to have the loyal support of community leaders, law enforcement, corporate donors, and individuals who have steadfastly supported us throughout the years. In 2026, our devotion and support for the critically needed services that Crime Survivors provides will only continue to strengthen and grow. Thank you for your steadfast support for our organization and for the survivors and families we serve!



A Message From Randy Burba, Board Member

Challenges presented, challenges met.

The year 2025 presented significant challenges for many organizations. Crime Survivors Inc. was no exception, but we met these challenges head-on. Despite the substantial decline in charitable contributions across various sectors, due to generous donors and supporters, we were able to sustain a high level of services and provide assistance to survivors.

I am continually astounded by the outpouring of support and the financial, fiscal, and fiduciary responsibility that this organization exemplifies. Every initiative, regardless of its size, is impactful and significant, and nearly every dollar donated is directly allocated to programs. We still maintain one of the highest percentages of donations that are directly allocated to programming among any nonprofit organization.

I would like to personally express my gratitude to all donors and all those who generously continue to support our vital mission. While we sincerely hope that our services are not necessary, they are, and we stand prepared to assist where we can.



A Message From Thomas Laing, Board Member

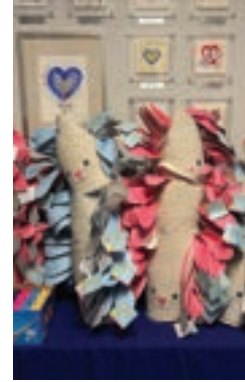
Well, it's that time of the year again, where we often hear "Wow, this year went fast," and we start making resolutions for the new upcoming year. Yes, another year, and sadly, yes, another year of too many families, friends, and persons unknown to us that have fallen victim to violence and crime in our respective communities.

However, just as we can count on the start of a new year every 365 days, the public and those traumatized from being a victim of crime can count on Crime Survivors as that organization of dedicated individuals led by a compassionate advocate and friend Patricia Wenskunas, and a survivor herself, that will provide a person(s) at their darkest moment a vision of hope, support, care, personal attention, and a path of healing.

I am no longer an active Board Member, nor serving in the law enforcement profession. I will always be an active supporter and advocate for the exemplary and compassionate services provided by Crime Survivors, alongside the partnership they have with the local law enforcement profession and community.

Please join me and my family as, together, we support Crime Survivors' vision and witness the difference this organization is making in the lives of others.

Easter Healing



Superhero Run/ Walk Health & Safety Expo



Mother's Day Nourish Her



Ride for Hope



Healing Hearts Gratitude Gala



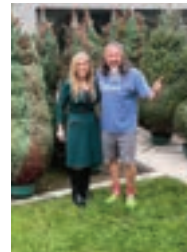
Halloween Treats Drive



Thanksgiving Holiday Drive



Christmas Blessings



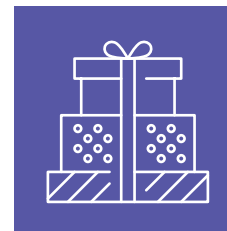
Programs and Community Impact

Throughout 2025, Crime Survivors delivered a wide range of programs and events designed to strengthen service providers, support survivors, and meet critical community needs. From professional trainings and survivor support groups to large-scale holiday and resource distributions, each initiative reflects our commitment to healing, empowerment, education, and safety. Together, these efforts demonstrate the heart of our mission to bring hope and healing to individuals and families impacted by crime.



Trainings for Service Providers in 2025

- 8-Hour Domestic Violence Training in Partnership with Laura's House
- 8-Hour Human Trafficking Training in Partnership with Radiant Futures
- 8-Hour Advocate 101 Training in Partnership with NOVA
- 8-Hour Rape & Sexual Assault Training in Partnership with Waymakers
- Self-Care Day for Service Providers
- Firearm Safety Training



Christmas: Distributed

\$25,000 in Gift Cards

5,000+ Toys

800 Christmas Stockings

\$10,000 to Groups & Care

\$25,000 in Healing Events

25,000 Pounds of Food

8,750+ Diapers and 250+ Baby Wipe Packs

42 Christmas Trees and Stands

50+ Books

50+ Pairs of Pajamas

150+ Blankets

200+ Pairs of Socks

- Clothing and Shoes
- Hygiene Baskets and Cases/Pallets of Individual Items



Monthly Survivors Support Group

- October Candle & Pumpkin Making



- November Pasta Night, Gratitude Boards & Thankfulness

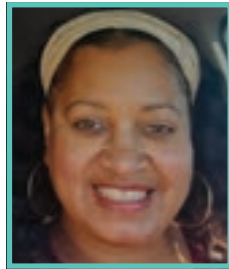


- December Charcuterie Dessert Making & Potluck



Voices of Survivors

Each survivor's story is a powerful reminder of the strength, courage, and hope that define our mission. Through their words, we are reminded why this work continues, to bring healing, restore dignity, and ensure that every voice is heard.



Harmonee *Survivor*

"Attending the Crime Survivors Resource Center has brought me strength, hope, and courage.

'Violence against women is perhaps the most shameful human rights violation, and it knows no boundaries of geography, culture, and wealth.'

– Kofi Annan

'Stay in the light.'

Anonymous *Survivor*

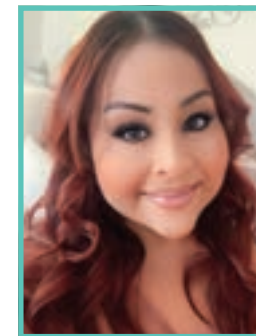
"I'm a survivor of domestic violence. On Thanksgiving night of 2024, I was strangled by an ex-boyfriend. I was lucky to escape the room and get help from my mother, and that's when my process of court, restraining orders, and healing began.

I am currently in therapy, and I now know I shouldn't be scared of the world or others and that I can learn to be myself again. I hope my testimony helps others and encourages them to speak up and be brave. We might feel alone, but there's always someone who will help us.

No human being deserves to be treated any less than another. We are all equal. Thank you for hearing me out and may you all have a blessed day."

D.D. Hernandez (on behalf of his mother) *Survivor Family Member*

"Thank you for welcoming us, all. Crime Survivors Resource Center offers a compassionate space where survivors are met with understanding and care."



Elisa Flores *Survivor*

"Crime Survivors has played a vital role in my healing journey. After experiencing domestic abuse and having my son become a victim of crime, our family was deeply

affected by the trauma.

Being around others who have walked a similar path has brought me a sense of peace and healing that I didn't think was possible. Finding a community where we can share our experiences without judgment has been incredibly restorative for us all.

I wanted to express my gratitude for the support and the safe space this organization provides to those of us looking to rebuild our lives."

Anonymous Survivor

"Thank you, Patricia, for everything you do for my family and all the survivors. We are so grateful for all the donors and you. My kids and family were so happy for the toys and being able to bowl."

Laneisa Survivor

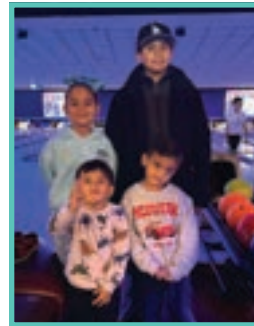
"I really love that they are here for us. It will be 20 years tomorrow since I lost my son. I want to say thank you for never forgetting about us."

Nancy S. Survivor

"Crime Survivors provides my family with resources that we need, and we feel blessed to receive them. Thank you, Crime Survivors, for the act of kindness and dedication to families in need. Crime Survivors is my family. Thank you for your existence."

Anonymous Survivor

"When I'm feeling low and down, I know that Crime Survivors is always there, whether I need someone to talk to or something to do to keep my mind busy so I'm not thinking about all the trauma I've been through. This program has been there for me during Christmas for my daughter, and they taught me survival and safety skills. I can't believe this program and how amazing it is. Thank you for your services."



Emily Survivor

"Crime Survivors means so much to my family and me. Crime Survivors has shown my family that there is love and hope in every step you give.

I am grateful to Crime Survivors and all the donors for putting together all the resources to provide for single moms and families. Thank you always to Crime Survivors and donors."

Silvia Survivor

"Crime Survivors Resource Center has supported me in so many meaningful ways, including school supplies for my child and me, support groups, and special moments like the Mother's Day sound bath and the holiday tree. These services helped me feel supported and cared for during difficult times. I am especially grateful to you for helping me with my character letter. Your support meant more to me than words can express. I am forever thankful for all the resources, guidance, and kindness provided by the Crime Survivors Resource Center."

Betsaida Survivor

"This program for Crime Survivors has truly been a blessing for my son and me. My son lost his father, while I lost my significant other in 2020, and this coming June will mark almost six years.

Being part of this program has helped us see that even after experiencing something so horrific, there are still people in the world who are loving, caring, and supportive. Connecting with others who have gone through similar pain has reminded us that we are not alone.

The resources, the support, and simply being surrounded by other Crime Survivors has made us feel like we are part of a community that understands. For that, we are incredibly grateful. Thank you so much for all your support."

Volunteer, Donor, & Community Partner Spotlight

The strength of Crime Survivors comes from the people who stand beside us. Our volunteers, donors, and community partners play an essential role in extending hope and healing to victims and survivors of crime. Their time, generosity, and collaboration allow us to expand programs, respond to urgent needs, and make a lasting impact across the region. Together, we are building a community rooted in compassion, service, and shared purpose.



Darin Lenyi, M.A.
Community Partner
Chief of Police,
Westminster Police
Department

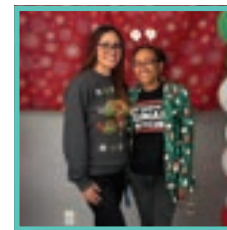
"We appreciate all the meaningful hard work that is provided by Crime Survivors. We commend your tireless efforts in advocating for, guiding, and empowering crime victims every day. Thank you for your exceptional work and unwavering commitment to making a difference for a great cause."



Dr. Tselane Gardner
Community Partner
Service Provider &
Entrepreneur

"As a service provider and entrepreneur, participating in the weekly Service Provider Roundtables has offered me consistent support, connection, and collaboration, allowing me to better serve my community members and clients through shared resources and partnerships.

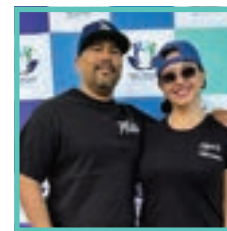
Attending the Leadership Circles and Self-Care Days has truly poured back into me, supporting my own healing and renewal. I am deeply grateful to be both a recipient of these services and a community partner working alongside the Crime Survivors Resource Center."



Maria M.
Community Partner

"The roundtable has not only helped our participants, but it has also helped me personally connect with other providers to have someone to talk to regarding difficult clients. Patricia and the roundtable have opened doors and use a hand-holding approach to support those who attend.

The partnerships created through the roundtable have made a big difference, and I wouldn't have that support without Patricia and the roundtable."



Perla Mendoza
Community Partner
Founder & CEO,
Project Eli

"Crime Survivors has offered not only a supportive platform but also genuine care. Patricia, the Founder and CEO, has been both a mentor and an inspiring role model, consistently supporting the work Project Eli carries out within our community.

Together, Crime Survivors and Project Eli launched a grief peer support group and organized a special outing for affected parents and siblings. I am grateful for the relationship and partnership between Project Eli and Crime Survivors and look forward to the continued good work we will do together."



Susy Flores

Community Partner, Inner Circle Children's Advocacy Center

"We at Inner Circle Children's Advocacy Center are grateful for our partnership with Crime Survivors Resource Center. Together, we are united in our commitment to provide hope, healing, and essential resources to child victims and survivors of abuse.

This partnership strengthens our ability to offer not only basic necessities but also the unwavering support and advocacy that every victim and survivor deserves. The children we serve have received valuable support through donations from Crime Survivors, including backpacks containing essential school supplies, diapers, and shoes.

The collaborative spirit between our agencies exemplifies the power of community, reminding us that healing is not the work of one, but of many who care deeply about helping children."



Valerie Amezcua

Community Partner, Mayor, City of Santa Ana

"The Crime Survivors Resource Center is a trusted and vital partner of the Santa Ana community, ensuring victims, survivors, and their families are seen, heard, and supported on their path to healing. I am proud to work closely with CSRC to strengthen resources and advocacy for all those who have been affected by crime. Together, we are building safer, more compassionate systems rooted in dignity, justice, and hope."



Vanessa M. Reyna

Community Partner, Waymakers

"Waymakers is proud to express our appreciation for Crime Survivors Resource Center and the extraordinary work they do for individuals and families impacted by crime. Crime Survivors consistently demonstrates that no item is unobtainable when it comes to meeting client needs. Their unwavering commitment to meaningful client interventions ensures that survivors receive not only essential resources, but also dignity, compassion, and individualized support. From diapers, to food vouchers, to safe spaces to heal, Crime Survivors strives to meet survivors where they are at and provide them with immediate assistance. In addition, Waymakers deeply appreciates their openness to collaboration and their dedication to expanding options and pathways to healing for survivors of crime. They continually create valuable peer networking and information-sharing opportunities, strengthening the collective response to victimization across our community. In some of the most challenging moments our clients face, Crime Survivors brings hope – not only to those directly impacted, but to our community as a whole. We are grateful for their partnership and shared mission to serve and uplift survivors."

Looking Ahead at 2026

As Crime Survivors moves into 2026, we remain deeply committed to strengthening support systems for survivors, advancing professional education, and expanding spaces for healing, connection, and advocacy. Building on more than two decades of service, our focus in the year ahead is centered on innovation, compassion, and long-term impact. These new and expanded initiatives reflect our ongoing mission to provide hope, healing, and empowerment to those impacted by crime.

Expanding Education & Professional Training

In 2026, Crime Survivors will continue to invest in high-quality education for service providers, advocates, and community partners. Planned trainings are designed to deepen understanding, strengthen trauma-informed responses, and ensure survivors receive informed, compassionate support.

- **Navigating Justice with Compassion:** Advocacy & Legal Protections for Victims of Crime Training
- **8-Hour Mental Health Training**
- **8-Hour Suicide Prevention & Support Training**
- **Marsy's Law Trainings**



Strengthening Survivor-Centered Programs

Survivor voices remain central to everything we do. In 2026, we will expand opportunities for connection, feedback, and restorative healing through intentional, survivor-led experiences.

- **Focus Groups for Survivors**
- **Healing Days & Retreats**
- **Tools in Your Toolbox Retreat**



Supporting Service Providers

Recognizing the critical role service providers play in the healing journey, Crime Survivors will continue to create spaces for collaboration, learning, and wellness.

- **Focus Groups for Service Providers**
- Expanded professional development and peer engagement opportunities



Amplifying Voices & Access

To broaden access to information, resources, and survivor stories, Crime Survivors will launch new platforms and physical spaces that foster education, advocacy, and community connection.

- **Podcast** highlighting survivor stories, advocacy topics, and community conversations
- **Auxiliary Spaces** to support programming, training, and healing-centered gatherings



A Year of Growth, Innovation, and Healing

The initiatives planned for 2026 represent a meaningful step forward in expanding our reach and deepening our impact. Through continued collaboration with survivors, service providers, and community partners, Crime Survivors will remain a trusted source of advocacy, education, and hope in the year ahead.





HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Crime Survivors cannot achieve its mission alone. We rely on the support of passionate individuals like you to continue making a difference. Here's how you can get involved:

VOLUNTEER

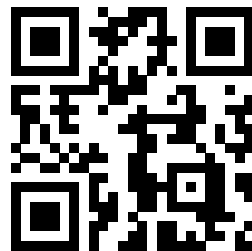
Join us in our outreach efforts and events. Your time and dedication can help us reach more survivors and raise awareness within your community.

DONATE

Every contribution, no matter the size, helps us provide essential resources to survivors. Your donation ensures that we can continue offering life-changing services, from emergency shelter to long-term counseling.

SPREAD THE WORD

Use your voice to amplify ours. Share our message on social media, attend our events, and talk to your friends and family about the needs of Crime Survivors. Raising awareness is key to creating a more supportive environment for survivors.



Learn more about how you can make a difference by scanning the QR Code



Donate today at [CrimeSurvivors.org](https://www.CrimeSurvivors.org) | [@crimesurvivors](https://www.instagram.com/crimesurvivors)

