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Network for Victim Recovery of DC



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ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

The Network for Victim Recovery of the District of Columbia strives to empower crime victims in the nation's capital through a collaborative approach by providing holistic, comprehensive services through community-based education, therapeutic, and legal support in order to achieve justice and self-determination.



Dear NVRDC Supporter,

We are excited to share Network for Victim Recovery of DC's (NVRDC) journey throughout Fiscal Year 2014 (October 1, 2013-September 30, 2014). Our second full fiscal year was packed with success, gratitude, and impact. NVRDC grew to 12 full-time and 1 part-time staff. Additionally, NVRDC's incredible team of case managers and attorneys offered compassionate and competent services to over 600 people impacted by crime in the District.

In December 2013, NVRDC was honored by Gays and Lesbians Opposing Violence (GLOV) as the recipient of GLOV's Community Guardian Award—which recognizes an organization that proactively combats hate crimes against the LGBT community in DC and demonstrates leadership by going beyond expectations to improve the lives of LGBT people. This recognition was particularly important to us given that 13% of all of our clients in FY14 self-identified as LGBT.

NVRDC case managers responded to 402 calls for advocacy services through the Sexual Assault Crisis Response Program (SACRP). As part of this program, NVRDC provided 232 safe rides to survivors of sexual assault seeking transportation to and from the hospital. The case management team was honored in April 2014 by the Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus and in June 2014 received an Award of Merit for Group Achievement from the Department of the Navy for their advocacy efforts during the Navy Yard shooting.

"I couldn't believe the city had these services and I'm so happy they exist. It was unbelievable. NVRDC treated me with a great deal of care and respect, it was all incredibly helpful, the service, information and care." ~ Case Management Client

NVRDC's legal department handled over 270 matters for survivors of crime—offering civil legal assistance in 129 cases and criminal legal services in 142 matters. We know that many crime victims hesitate to engage formal systems following victimization. Unfortunately, for many, the thought of participating in these formal systems can be overwhelming and even contrary to their healing process. NVRDC is committed to helping our clients seek justice—as they define it—creating opportunities to empower victims of crime in systems that have historically stripped them of a voice.

"Without my attorney at NVRDC, my case would have been closed forever. But because she fought for me, my case is being re-brought by the prosecutors' office. Because of this, I am now stronger because I own the experience, the pain, and the process." ~ Legal Client

NVRDC's leadership participated in the efforts to inform the Sexual Assault Victims' Rights Amendment Act of 2013 by making recommendations to incorporate important additions, including granting survivors explicit rights to notice about their case and medical results related to their Sexual Assault Forensic Exam.

As a growing organization, we have become dedicated to advocating broadly for those impacted by crime, even when this is inconvenient. Battling barriers to reporting, victim blame, and rape culture are just a small piece of our obligations to those we serve. We are dedicated to informing laws and systems that impact victims of crime so that more of our clients walk away from these experiences feeling some sense of justice.

"NVRDC helped me regain my confidence, my stability and my faith and trust in those around me. It is not just a legal matter—it really becomes more about changing a life." ~Legal Client

Sincerely,

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reach out. rise up.

Notable Events

- ➡ **January 7:** New Years Fundraiser at Thomas Foolery
- ➡ **February 25:** Rye vs. Rye Taste-off Fundraiser at Meridian Pint; Monocacy Brewing Co.'s "Riot Rye" entered to support NVRDC and won the competition selling 158 beers and raising \$316 for NVRDC
- ➡ **February 27:** Tortilla Coast Benefit Night. 10% of purchases were donated to NVRDC, and 80% of their customers that night were NVRDC supporters
- ➡ **May 17:** Outreach at DC Trans Pride
- ➡ **June 3:** Drag BINGO Fundraiser at Nellie's. During Capital PRIDE, \$1 of every beer sale was donated to NVRDC
- ➡ **July 12:** "Ball for Peace" Basketball Tournament. Staff participated in the William Kellibrew Foundation's 2nd annual event by providing giveaways, information, and resources. Young men from the Friendship Collegiate Academy Football team and the Men of Code program were engaged in conversations about non-violence and healthy relationships
- ➡ **September 6:** Bags & Beer Cornhole Fundraiser Tournament hosted by Monocacy Brewing Co. raised funds for crime victims supported by NVRDC
- ➡ **September 13:** Grapplethon, hosted by BETA Academy raised over \$10,000 to support NVRDC's services in the second annual 12 hour Brazilian jiu-jitsu extravaganza

Annual Event

Our 3rd Annual Fundraiser, *Celebrating Diversity of Voices*, took place on November 6th at the Huxley. John Kelly, the first person to ever testify before congress on same-sex dating violence, was honored as our keynote speaker. The event also featured an art exhibit of pieces created by survivors and supporters, a raffle, and a silent auction.



Public Awareness

In April, to commemorate National Crime Victims' Rights Week* (NCVRW), several programs and public awareness activities were put on by NVRDC:

- 4 Twitter Town Halls discussing: elder abuse, homicide, gender-based violence, and hate crimes
- 4 Metro Action Days distributing Know Your Rights fliers, promotional items, and information about the Twitter event
- Community Safety Expo at MPD's Fraternal Order of Police Lodge

* Activities were supported by the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators through OVC

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"I deeply and honestly believe that without NVRDC being in existence, I would not be the same person I am today; I would not have the same courage; I would not have the same insight; I would not have the same perspective on the world and realistic hope in others. NVRDC helped me regain my confidence, my stability and my faith and trust in those around me. It is not just a legal matter— it really becomes more about changing a life."

NVRDC Client

Service Highlights by the Numbers

Case Management and Advocacy

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NVRDC was named a core partner on DC's Polyvictimization Response Team, a 3-year field demonstration

402

Victims of sexual assault were provided with acute crisis intervention, SANE exam accompaniment, new clothes, compensation assistance, and resource referrals

36

Co-facilitated 36 counseling group sessions with a clinician from the Wendt Center for Loss and Healing

232

Safe rides were provided to & from Washington Hospital Center to enable safe access to a SANE exam

600

Survivors of crime were assisted through the recovery process by NVRDC offering safety planning, crisis intervention, case management, access to mental health, access to housing resources, assistance with crime victims' compensation, court accompaniment, and legal referrals

100%

Response Rate of victim advocates to calls for assistance

Legal Services

271

Matters handled for crime victims by the legal team during Fiscal Year 2014

142

Represented 142 crime victims in criminal cases, asserting crime victims' rights under DC Crime Victims' Bill of Rights and the Crime Victims' Rights Act

129

Assisted with 129 civil cases including civil protective orders and Title IX hearings

15

Number of survivors whose Title IX cases we were able to assist with, including scholarship reinstatement and accommodations advocacy

11

Conversion reports were made—cases in which victims initially declined making a report to MPD and later converted to making a report with the assistance of our legal team

161%

Percentage increase in criminal cases in which we represented crime victims in Fiscal Year 2014 from the previous year

118%

Percentage increase in civil referrals we received in Fiscal Year 2014 compared to Fiscal year 2013

Education & Training



This year, NVRDC conducted trainings for:

- Family law practitioners of the DC Bar on identity theft
- National Crime Victim Law Institute's National Conference on representing high profile survivors in a high-tech era
- International Violence and Trauma Conference on the intersections of violent crime and identity theft
- Deans and Administrators at Catholic University on sexual assault response and community resources
- DC SAFE victim advocates on victim responses and resources
- University of Baltimore Sexual Violence Law Symposium on advocacy efforts to address policy issues regarding campus sexual assaults
- University of Maryland panel discussion on gender based violence and the intersection of domestic violence and sexual assault
- Service providers on the intersections of gender-based violence and LGBTQ populations at the LGBTQ Academy
- Officers of the Metropolitan Police Department on understanding crime victims' responses to trauma and resources
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) investigators and prison personnel at the DC Department of Corrections on the intersection of PREA and sexual assault
- American University, Gallaudet University, and Catholic University students and Resident Advisors on the rights of crime victims during "Know Your Rights" clinics
- Maryland's domestic violence conference on understanding crime victims' responses to trauma and resources

Volunteer Projects

Know Your Rights

A team of sixteen volunteers have been trained to go out into the community to conduct Know Your Rights presentations, aiming to increase awareness of local crime victims' rights.

Client Assessments

Eight volunteers have begun calling clients we have worked with in the past to ask for feedback on the services they received. This will allow NVRDC to inform our services and to address client concerns.

Support Warriors

Our newest volunteer project has 10 passionate volunteers using both social media and various internet news outlets to change the way we talk about violence and survivors in the media.

DONORS

AND SUPPORTERS OF NVRDC

Grants & Awards

Annual Fundraiser: Celebrating Diversity of Voices

- ◇ The Huxley
- ◇ Downton Abbey
- ◇ Lebanese Taverna
- ◇ Baked Clay Studio
- ◇ Barrel Oak Winery
- ◇ Lagunitas Brewing Co.
- ◇ Latham & Watkins LLP
- ◇ Monocacy Brewing Co.
- ◇ Steptoe & Johnson LLP
- ◇ Cork Market & Tasting Room
- ◇ Jaleo
- ◇ DJ Provoke
- ◇ Arena Stage
- ◇ Mintz Levin LLP
- ◇ Christopher Watts
- ◇ Washington Capitals
- ◇ Washington Redskins
- ◇ Washington Nationals
- ◇ Ruth Barzel Jewelry Design
- ◇ Celebrating Diversity of Voices Attendees

Major Donors (over \$500)

- ◇ Anonymous
- ◇ Network for Good
- ◇ United Way of the National Capital Region
- ◇ Beta Martial Arts Academy
- ◇ Latham and Watkins LLP
- ◇ Jack Fleming
- ◇ Kenneth Duckworth
- ◇ Seanna Pieper Jordan
- ◇ Shirley Brandman
- ◇ Jamie Wohler
- ◇ Karen Stumpf
- ◇ Eric Burdo
- ◇ Robin Runge
- ◇ Ryan Guilds
- ◇ Amit Juneja
- ◇ Lydia Watts
- ◇ Individual contributions through Giving Tuesday & Do More 24
- ◇ Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld LLP
- ◇ Arnold and Porter LLP
- ◇ Foundation Rock Restaurant Group
- ◇ Steptoe & Johnson LLP
- ◇ Silverman, Thompson, Slutkin & White Attorneys at Law
- ◇ Sidley Austin Foundation

Government Grant Awards

DC Comprehensive Advocacy and Legal Services
DC Polyvictimization Response Team
DC Sexual Assault Crisis Response Project

The District's Collaborative Training & Response for Older Victims (DC TROV) from the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women

National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA) through the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to promote events during National Crime Victims' Rights Week

LW Advocacy Award Recipient Commander George Kucik

NVRDC's LW Advocacy Award recognizes a community partner who demonstrates a commitment to working closely with the community and NVRDC to further the needs of those impacted by crime.





Financial Snapshot



Statement of Activities

for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014

REVENUE	FY 2014
Federal Grants	\$ 70,970
DC Government Grants	652,591
Foundation Grants	50,000
In-Kind Contributions	251,647
Other Contributions	101,049
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,126,257

EXPENSES	
Program Services	\$ 958,771
Management and General	106,460
Fundraising	14,163
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,079,394
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	\$ 46,863
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ 53,424
NET ASSETS, END OF PERIOD	\$ 100,287

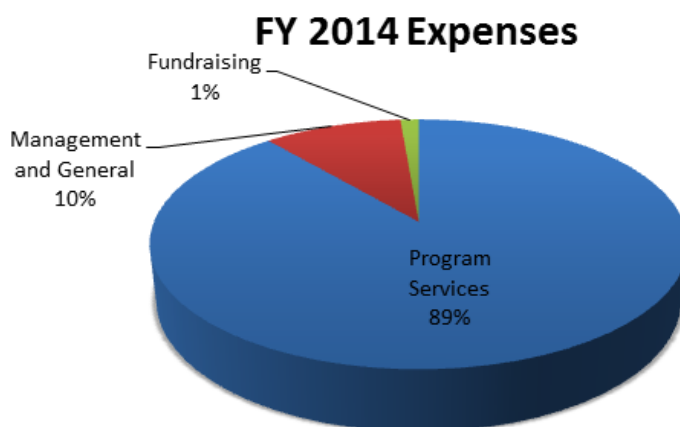
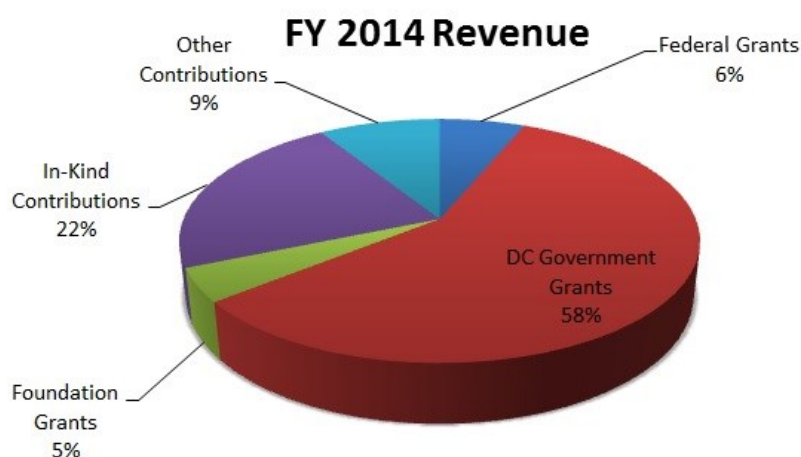
Statement of Financial Position

for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014

ASSETS	FY 2014
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 91,113
Grants and Other Receivables, Net	30,890
Prepaid Expenses	7,504
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 129,507

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expense	29,220
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 29,220

NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	\$ 100,287
Temporarily Restricted	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 100,287
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 129,507



PRO BONO

Pro Bono Partners

Akin Gump Strass Hauer & Feld LLP

Arnold & Porter LLP

Covington & Burling LLP

Crowell & Moring

Latham & Watkins LLP

Mintz Levin LLP

Sidley Austin LLP

Steptoe & Johnson LLP

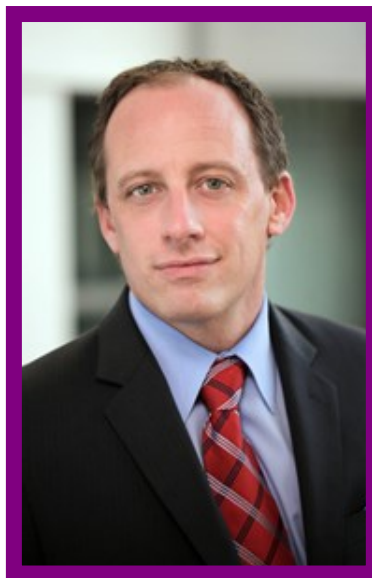
NVRDC thanks the following firms who hosted pro bono trainings in fiscal year 2014:

Arnold & Porter LLP

Covington & Burling LLP

Sidley Austin LLP

Steptoe & Johnson LLP



displayed a commitment to offering pro bono support and advocacy for survivors of crime by ensuring they have a voice throughout the recovery process and access to justice in all systems. NVRDC was pleased to present the inaugural Firm Voice Award to Ryan Guilds of Arnold and Porter.

In-Kind Support:

Our total in-kind support working with pro bono in FY14 was

\$251,000



The Firm Voice Award

Ryan Guilds of Arnold & Porter

Each fall, NVRDC holds an annual event, serving as both the year's largest fundraiser and also as a celebration of the hard work of the staff, board, and volunteers.

In 2014, for the first time, we presented the Firm Voice Award to recognize an individual who has

"It was a pleasure to work pro bono with NVRDC, whose attorneys and staff are professional, knowledgeable, courteous, and dedicated. As a junior associate, I appreciated having the opportunity to participate actively in client interactions, to draft briefs and other court documents, and--most exciting--to appear in court as a practicing attorney for the first time. NVRDC provided excellent guidance and mentorship throughout the case, which posed several thorny factual and legal questions. Finally, it was an honor to contribute to NVRDC's mission of aiding victims of crime to overcome legal and other challenges. This organization is unquestionably deserving of your pro bono hours."

-An associate at Covington & Burling LLP



Special Projects

Legal Assistance for Victims

Through the Office on Violence Against Women's Legal Assistance for Victims funding, NVRDC began creating the District's Comprehensive Response for Sexual Assault Services (DCRSAS) in conjunction with the DC Forensic Nurse Examiner Program (DCFNE), the Wendt Center for Loss and Healing, American University's Sexual Assault Prevention Coordinator, and local law firms including Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Arnold & Porter, and Crowell & Moring.

The DCRSAS project proposes a seamless referral process between NVRDC, DCFNE, the Wendt Center, and American University to offer survivors comprehensive advocacy and legal services. Through the project, survivors will have increased access to holistic legal services and pro bono legal assistance offering a comprehensive approach to legal remedies following victimization.

DC TROV

Of the 70,000 people ages 60 and over in DC, over 7,000 may be experiencing abuse, neglect, or exploitation each year.

The District's Collaborative Training and Response for Older Victims (DC TROV) project aims to combat this hidden problem.

The focus of the project is to increase awareness, training, and service to elder abuse victims—specifically aiming to increase the ability of governmental agencies, victim advocates, law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, and local courts to recognize, assist, investigate, and prosecute elder abuse.

The Office Against Violence on Women at the US Department of Justice has supported the project with a 3-year grant. The National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life also provides support and training. This year, DCTROV developed a plan, held a kick-off event, and began training MPD patrol officers and detectives.

Victim Legal Network

Positioned at a distinctive crossroads between local and federal governance, the District of Columbia has unique unmet needs for victims of crime and continues to see crime rates much higher than the national average.

In 2014, the Office of Victim Services of DC (OVS), with NVRDC, was one of four entities in the nation to be awarded funding to establish the Victim's Legal Network of DC (VLNDC).

As the only organization in DC providing both civil and criminal legal services to crime victims and as the lead subject matter expert for crime victims' rights, NVRDC has joined in the creating of VLNDC and conducting cross-trainings with member service providers. The Office for Victim Services of DC and NVRDC will collaborate with legal service providers to develop and implement wraparound holistic network support to provide services for victims of all types of crime.

GOALS

DC TROV, with the support of MPD, plans to train over 300 detectives during the 2015 fiscal year.

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NVRDC staff are knowledgeable, professional, and kind. [My attorney] was patient as she explained each step of the process and was always available to answer my questions and concerns. NVRDC is truly a wonderful organization who help people, like me, through the most trying times in their lives

- Stalking Survivor

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"I ask you to join me and NVRDC so that collectively we can change the long history of sexual violence in our communities. Listen to the stories shared by people directly impacted by violence. Our collective future of love and liberation depends on it."

—J.T., survivor of sexual assault



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