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## **Network for Victim Recovery of DC Receives Funding for 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week**

### **6th Consecutive Year of Community Awareness Project Funding for Local Non-Profit**

WASHINGTON, January 4, 2018—Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC) has received funding from the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA) through a grant from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), within the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, to promote community awareness of crime victims' rights and services during the 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW).

The awarded funding will be used to host a Twitter Chat around the theme of "Expand the Circle – Reach All Victims" and to support the formal kick-off of the Victim Legal Network of DC (VLNDC) on April 10, 2018. NVRDC will also be partnering with Collaborative Solutions for Communities (CSC) to host an Avenues to Success Crime Prevention event in conjunction with CSC's Soccer Youth Diversion Program's Spring Soccer Tournament at the Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center. Each of these events will take place during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, an annual observance that takes place April 8-14 in 2018.

"The support from NAVAA and OVC for our 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities helps us to bring awareness to the critical services available to crime victims throughout the District," said Nikki Charles, Co-Executive Director of NVRDC. "Members of our community are encouraged to participate by joining our 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities and supporting victim assistance programs on a daily basis."

First designated by President Ronald Reagan in 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week increases general public awareness of, and knowledge about the wide range of rights and services available to people who have been victimized by crime. The theme for 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Expand the Circle: Reach All Victims."

Since 2004, the NCVRW Community Awareness Project has provided financial and technical assistance to more than 1,000 community projects that promote victim and public awareness activities, and innovative approaches to victim outreach and public education about victims' rights and services during National Crime Victims' Rights Week. NVRDC, which is receiving the award for the 6th consecutive year, was one of the 78 projects recommended by NAVAA and selected for funding by OVC for 2018 from the 185 nationwide applicants.

"Now more than ever, it is critical that communities come together to identify and meet the needs of victims and survivors of all types of crimes," OVC Director Darlene Hutchinson said. "That's why this year's theme underscores the need to expand the circle to reach all victims, including those who need help and may be unaware of the many victim assistance service providers and programs that are available to them and play such a critical role in the aftermath of a crime."

The National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators is a non-profit organization that represents the 56 state agencies that distributes money from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Crime Victims Fund to more than 4,000 direct victim assistance service providers. The money in the Crime Victims Fund comes from fines collected from offenders convicted of federal crimes and not from U.S. taxpayers. For information about national efforts to promote 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, please visit the Office for Victims of Crime website at [www.ovc.gov](http://www.ovc.gov).

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#### **About NVRDC**

Network for Victim Recovery of DC empowers victims of all crimes to achieve survivor defined justice through a collaborative continuum of advocacy, case management, and legal services. For more information on upcoming events or about victims' rights and services in the District of Columbia, please contact NVRDC at [info@nvrdc.org](mailto:info@nvrdc.org) or visit [www.nvrdc.org](http://www.nvrdc.org).