

Network for Victim Recovery of DC Selected as an Uber Community Impact Initiative Partner

Partnership will support increasing access to SANE services by ensuring transportation is not a barrier for survivors of sexual assault

Washington, DC (November 1, 2019) – Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC) announced today that it has been selected to participate in the Uber Community Impact Initiative (CII). Support from Uber's CII will help support costs for transportation to lessen this barrier for those who have experienced a sexual assault in the District of Columbia.

NVRDC is partnering with Uber to provide free, safe, and accessible rides to survivors of sexual assault in order to receive support services after experiencing an assault. NVRDC is committed to reflecting the community within and tailoring our services to meet the unique needs of all crime victims, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, immigrant status, sexual orientation, or ability. Our partnership with Uber will ensure that our services are accessible to all survivors by offering free rides to Washington Hospital Center for those seeking medical forensic exams.

"Here in Washington, we use our technology and resources to support organizations that are delivering meaningful, positive change," said Uber representative. "NVRDC is one of those organizations and we're proud to support their great work because NVRDC understands that transportation has the power to transform everyday life for the people in Washington."

Each year, Uber teams up with nonprofits across the region to support the cities in which we operate and help create opportunities for all. This year's class of CII partners includes organizations in many fields - including Crime Victims' Rights and Services - that are working to positively impact DC through their work. NVRDC is one of just 70 local nonprofits receiving support through this program.

"In a recent evaluation of DC's SANE program, community members identified that knowledge of free and confidential access to services is a primary barrier to receiving support following a sexual assault," said NVRDC Executive Director, Bridgette Stumpf. "Our hope is to uplift our partnership with Uber to ensure all DC survivors know they can safely and confidentially access forensic medical exams and advocacy services at no cost, including how they get to us."

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