

VICTIMS' RIGHTS BRIEF

For Arizona's Justice System Administrators, Practitioners and Advocates

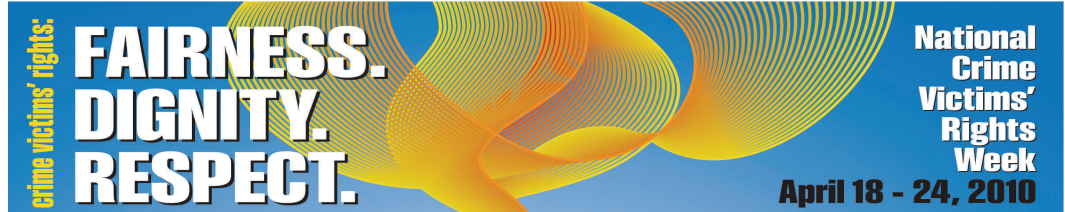
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CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK



National Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 18- April 24, 2010 is National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). This is a time for victim advocates and our communities to learn about victimization, reflect on the cost of crime to our society, and promote laws, policies, and programs to help victims of crime rebuild their lives. The 2010 NCVRW theme is "Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect.". As described in the NCVRW toolkit, "the 2010 NCVRW theme, 'Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect.' recalls the ideals that inspired the victims' rights movement and the laws, services, and awareness we seek to build and promote. These basic human rights, particularly crucial in times of crisis, resonate with victims, service providers, and all the visionaries who helped make these ideals a reality."

NCVRW Toolkit

As providers of services to crime victims you may have received the NCVRW toolkit from the Office for Victims of Crimes. The toolkit con-

tains ideas and materials for raising awareness of victims rights and planning NCVRW events. It can be found at <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw2010/welcome.html> Included in the 2010 toolkit is a DVD which contains a broadcast-ready PSA, radio PSA, and an audio clip of an officer reading the Miranda Warning. The toolkit also provides statistics on victimization and information on the history of crime victims' rights in our nation. The toolkit can serve to strengthen presentations, educate our communities, the statistics can aid in grant writing, and the toolkit tells the story of victimization and victims' rights nationally.

Partnerships and Collaborations

Planning events and raising awareness often requires more creativity and innovation than we may have time or resources to provide. April is also National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Partnerships and collaborations

become an important tool to continue in our work of raising awareness and serving victims. The NCVRW toolkit has done a lot of the work for you and provides ideas for events, collaborations, and collateral materials that can be tailored to fit your own event.

Statewide and National Events

The following is a list of some of the events and projects going on around the nation and our state to observe Victims' Rights Week. We invite you to participate and support events to renew your own commitment to your work and honor victims in their recovery.

National Events

The Office for Victims of Crime will hold two events in Washington, D.C., leading up to National Crime Victims' Rights Week:

Thursday, April 15, 2010
National Observance and Candlelight Ceremony occurring at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H Street NW., Washington, DC from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm EST.

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Friday, April 16, 2010

National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony will be held at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC, from 2:00-3:30 pm EST.

Arizona Events

Monday, April 19th, 9:00 am

Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard will host a Commemorative Crime Victims' Rights Week Event and Presentation of the 2010 Distinguished Service Awards. The event will feature the presentation of the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Awards in honor of those who have helped the Attorney General's Office fight crime and serve crime victims throughout the state. Also providing remarks will be the Honorable Rebecca W. Berch, Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court and Dennis K. Burke, United States Attorney for the District of Arizona. The event will be held at the Carnegie Center, located at 1101 West Washington Phoenix, AZ.

Gila County

Tuesday, April 6th

The Gila County Attorney's Office will request a proclamation from the Gila County Board of Supervisors to recognize National Crime Victims' Rights Week. There will be an Information Booth with refreshments after the Board Meeting in the lobby of the Courthouse with Posters, Crime Clock, and handouts.

Monday, April 19th, 5:30 pm

Gila County Attorney's Office is hosting a Candlelight Vigil that includes a program to honor victims and an address by County Attorney Daisy Flores. The vigil will occur at Globe City Hall Park, 150 N. Globe, AZ.

Media Support and Partnerships

What Would Your Perfect World Look Like Without Victims?" This will be the theme of a poster coloring contest for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classes at elementary schools. Winners of the poster contests will have their posters displayed at information booths located at NCVRW events in the county.

The Chamber of Commerce will recognize NCVRW on the lighted marquee at their headquarters.

The Payson Public Library will have an information booth in collaboration with the Payson Domestic Violence Shelter. The booth will also recognize National Child Abuse Awareness Month and the Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Look for a diaper drive to honor baby victims of crime. Proceeds will benefit Northern Arizona and Gila County domestic violence shelters.

Media support in Gila County will include local newspaper articles along with PSA's on local television and radio stations.

Maricopa County

Tuesday, April 20th, 11:30 am

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office will host a rally on the Senate lawn at the Arizona State Capitol complex in recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The keynote speaker will be Bobbi Sudberry, Director and Founder of Kaity's Way. The Master of Ceremonies will be Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Jamie at 602-506-4922.

Tuesday, April 20th, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

A panel discussion will be hosted by Arizona Attorney General's Office of Victims' Services in collaboration with the Arizona State University School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. The panel will focus on the impact of victims' rights on the criminal justice system, the progress of the victims' rights movement, and ways to strengthen the movement. Panel participants will include The Honorable Michael D. Ryan, Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court; Dan Levey, Director of the Arizona Attorney General's Of-



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Office of Victims' Rights; Sylvia Conchos, Victim Specialist for the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Robert J. Kane, Ph.D, Associate Professor – Arizona State University. The panel discussion will be held at the A.E. England Building at the Civic Space Park, 424 North Central Avenue, Phoenix.

Saturday, April 24th, 10:00 am

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC) will host a NCVRW vigil for the families and friends of victims of homicide. The vigil will be held on the Arizona State Capitol Senate lawn at the POMC Memorial. Victims' Rights advocates will also be honored at the vigil. Participants are encouraged to bring a new, small teddy bear in memory of their loved one. The teddy bears will be donated to Childhelp and used to comfort abused children.

Navajo County

Friday, April 23rd, 9:00am-4:00 pm

Victims' Rights Conference: Focusing on Child Abuse Prevention & Prosecution. Conference guest speakers include; Dennis K. Burke, United States Attorney for the District of Arizona; Dan Levey, Director, Arizona Attorney General's Office of Victim Services; Arizona State Senator Albert Hale; Jesse Thompson, Chairman, Navajo County Board of Supervisors. The conference will be held at Catholic Family Center 212 E. Arizona St. Holbrook, AZ.

Pima County

Monday, April 19th, 10:30 am

Victims' Rights Week Flag Raising Ceremony, sponsored by Homicide Survivors, Inc. The ceremony will be held at Joel D. Valdez Library,

Jacome Plaza, 101 N. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ. For more information, call 520-740-5729.

Tuesday, April 20th, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

Crime Victims' Rights Week Commemoration. Will be hosted by Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall and Homicide Survivors, Inc and will be held at Z Mansion, 288 N. Church Avenue, Tucson, AZ. This event is free and open to the public. Call 520-740-5525 for more information.

Wednesday, April 21st, 12:00 pm-1:30 pm

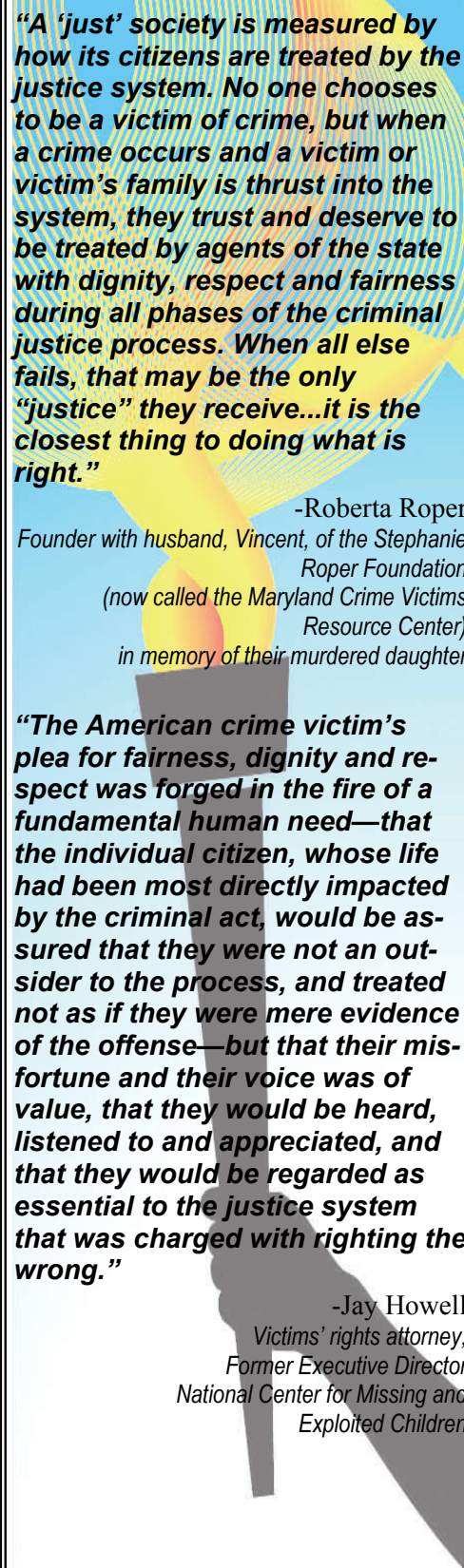
A Victims' Rights Week panel discussion will be held as a collaborative effort between the Pima County Attorney's Office Victims' Services Division, the Arizona Attorney General's Office of Victim Services and Homicide Survivors, Inc. Panel participants will include Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall, Chief Deputy Attorney General Tim Nelson, and the Honorable Richard Fields, Presiding Criminal Judge of the Pima County Superior Court. Two panel participants will be crime victims. A question-answer session will follow the panel discussion. Refreshments will be provided by Homicide Survivors, Inc.

Saturday, April 24th, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Homicide Survivors' Candlelight Vigil for National Crime Victim Rights' Week. The vigil will be held at Children's Memorial Park (Oracle and River), Tucson, AZ. Free and open to the public.

Additional events held in Tucson for the month of April can be found at:

<http://www.sacasa.org/upcomingevents.htm>



“A ‘just’ society is measured by how its citizens are treated by the justice system. No one chooses to be a victim of crime, but when a crime occurs and a victim or victim’s family is thrust into the system, they trust and deserve to be treated by agents of the state with dignity, respect and fairness during all phases of the criminal justice process. When all else fails, that may be the only “justice” they receive...it is the closest thing to doing what is right.”

***-Roberta Roper
Founder with husband, Vincent, of the Stephanie Roper Foundation
(now called the Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center)
in memory of their murdered daughter***

“The American crime victim’s plea for fairness, dignity and respect was forged in the fire of a fundamental human need—that the individual citizen, whose life had been most directly impacted by the criminal act, would be assured that they were not an outsider to the process, and treated not as if they were mere evidence of the offense—but that their misfortune and their voice was of value, that they would be heard, listened to and appreciated, and that they would be regarded as essential to the justice system that was charged with righting the wrong.”

***-Jay Howell
Victims’ rights attorney,
Former Executive Director
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children***

Pinal County

Monday, April 19th, 8:30 am-10:00 am

“National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Kickoff”

Pinal County Superior Court Complex – 971 N. Jason Lopez Circle, Florence, AZ.

Tuesday, April 20th, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Community Alliance Against Family Abuse Safe Home Presentation. The event will be held in Apache Junction, AZ. For more information or to RSVP call 480.982.0205 or e-mail constanceh@caafaAZ.org.

Wednesday, April 21st, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

The Water Encounter: Working Actively Toward Educating Respect, dignity, and fairness for victims. This will take place at the Casa Grande Food Bank – 235 E. 4th St., Casa Grande, AZ.

Friday, April 23rd, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm

Ak-Chin Community Memorial Walk . MADD guest speaker and lunch at Ak-Chin Community Service Bldg, 48227 W. Farrell Rd., Maricopa, AZ. RSVP to Shelli Kahn 520-568-1086.

Friday, April 23rd, 4:00 pm-7:00 pm

The Pinal County Attorney’s Office in collaboration with other local agencies is hosting a candlelight vigil to honor all victims. The event will include information booths by local social and victim service providers, free food and music. The vigil will be held at Promenade Plaza, near Harkins Theatre, Casa Grande, AZ

There will also be Ice Cream Social events during the week in conjunction with Victims’ Rights Week activities. More information and a calendar of NCVRW events occurring in Pinal County can be found at:

<http://pinalcountyaz.gov/Departments/CountyAttorney/Pages/Home.aspx>

Yuma County

April 19th, 5:30 pm-7:00 pm

The Yuma County Victims’ Rights Committee will host their annual “Walk a mile in their shoes” community awareness event. The event will be held at Smucker Park located at 30th Street and Avenue “A”, Yuma. The park is surrounded by a mile long concrete walking/jogging path where information brochures detailing services available to community members will be provided by local human services agencies and representatives from law enforcement. Silhouettes will be placed randomly around the walkway displaying local victim stories.

Key Federal Victims’ Rights Legislation

1974 Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act

1980 Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act

1982 Victim and Witness Protection Act

1982 Missing Children’s Act

1984 Victims of Crime Act

1984 Justice Assistance Act

1984 Missing Children’s Assistance Act

1984 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act

1985 Children’s Justice Act

1988 Drunk Driving Prevention Act

1990 Hate Crime Statistics Act

1990 Victims of Child Abuse Act

1990 Victims’ Rights and Restitution Act 1990 National Child Search Assistance Act

1992 Battered Women’s Testimony Act

1993 Child Sexual Abuse Registry Act

1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act

1994 Violence Against Women Act

1996 Community Notification Act (“Megan’s Law”)

1996 Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act

1996 Mandatory Victims’ Restitution Act

1997 Victims’ Rights Clarification Act

1998 Crime Victims with Disabilities Act

1998 Identity Theft and Deterrence Act

2000 Trafficking Victims Protection Act

2001 Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act (established September 11th Victim Compensation Fund)

2003 PROTECT Act (“Amber Alert” law)

2003 Prison Rape Elimination Act

2003 Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act

2004 Justice for All Act, including Title I *The Scott Campbell, Stephanie Roper, Wendy Preston, Louarna Gillis, and Nila Lynn Crime Victims’ Rights Act*

2006 Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act

2006 Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act