



VICTIM SERVICE CENTER OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

April 2014

Newsletter

Help. Hope. Healing.

APRIL =
Sexual Assault
Awareness Month

SPREAD THE WORD: WWW.NSVRC.ORG/SAAM

It's time to talk about it. Your voice. Our future. Prevent sexual violence.
National Sexual Violence Resource Center • #SAAM 

The Victim Service Center is excited Sexual Assault Awareness Month is here! Throughout the entire month of April we will be posting prevention and safety tips, information, education, and fun ways to engage in the prevention effort through our Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook!

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@VSCFlorida

Community Personal Protection & EMPOWERMENT DAY

Join the Victim Service Center and Winning Karate for this fun day of crime prevention education and safety techniques.

**Saturday April 12, 2014
10:00am - 2:00pm**

**7033 Stapoint Ct.
Winter Park, FL 32792**

- Safety Tips
- Interactive Training
- Food and Fun
- Educational Seminar for Youth and Adults
- Kids Zone

*Wear comfortable attire!



Welcome to the Team!

Donate



Volunteer Opportunities

- Guest Speaker - Join our Speaker Bureau and help educate the community about the many ways the Victim Service Center can serve them.
- Host an awareness event or fundraiser.
- Virtual Volunteer- invite others to join the the Victim Service Center online through social media.
- Look out for more volunteer opportunities!

Give New Purpose to an Old Cell Phone!

Did you know that the Victim Service Center collects used cell phones and chargers for reuse?

Cell phones that are not activated can still be used to call for help during emergencies. The Victim Service Center gives these re-purposed cell phones to clients. This safety measure is a lifeline for survivors.

Help save lives! Bring your cell phone and charger to our office, and we'll take care of the rest.



Central Florida



Shelley Rodgers
Marketing and Communications Director

Shelley welcomes anyone that would like to learn more about the Victim Service Center to join her for a coffee or lunch. You can reach her at 407.254.9415 or by email at Shelley.Rodgers@VictimServiceCenter.org to schedule a meeting!

Message to an Anonymous Donor

The Victim Service Center is so thankful for the donors and partners that seek to aid us in supporting victims of crime, tragic circumstance, and sexual assault.

Our most recent fundraising effort, Cheers to Change was a huge success. Set at the Mennello Museum of American Art, Cheers to Change offered guests entertainment, great food, and an opportunity to give back to victims of trauma. The event also boasted a great silent auction with a variety of items. One such item, a beautiful diamond ring was donated by an anonymous donor. Enclosed with the ring and a few other prized possessions was the following letter...

"I send this jewelry with the hope and prayer that you will use them for victims of sexual abuse, very specifically. They all are brutally painful reminders that I must release to heal my own wounds. I hope and pray these things will do some good to someone else. Please do this for me in honor of all victims of sexual abuse. The diamond ring is real and probably 100 years old. The case is not its original case -- just a ring case for safe keeping. The pearl earrings are real. The small purse is Coach. I am not sure about the black earrings, but I was led to believe they were worth something. The arm band bracelet is pure silver. Thank you for considering this very important request. I will never know if this will be granted, but it is my hope that someone will do this for me and for the good of others who know my pain. -- Anonymous"

Community Foundation DonorEdge Portrait

Learn more about the Victim Service Center - visit our DonorEdge portrait, established by the Community Foundation of Central Florida - helping donors validate the organizations they support.

Click [here](#) to see our Victim Service Center portrait.

Other Ways to Support the Victim Service Center



Use Yahoo! powered GoodSearch so that every time you search the web, money is donated to the Victim Service Center.

Get started by clicking the "Become a Supporter" button on our [profile page!](#)

Want to make your community safer?

Schedule a free personalized training by the Outreach and Prevention Specialist! You can find out more information about:

- Sexual Assault
- Stalking
- How Men Can Prevent Sexual Violence (Sensitivity Training)
- Crime & Crime Prevention
- Bullying
- Healthy Relationships (Teens)
- Intimate Partner Sexual Violence
- Identity Theft/Internet Safety
- Personal Safety Planning

Call (407) 254-9415 or email [Rhonda here](#) to schedule a presentation.



The ring was valued at \$799 and was auctioned at our Cheers to Change event. With this donation and our other generous silent auction donations we will be able to provide:

- Continued support to victims of crime, sexual assault, and tragic circumstance
- 25 Forensic Exams by our Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners
- 150 hours of support and advocacy
- 100 Victim Care Kits
- 100 hours of therapy

Thank You!

Wish List Items

- New under garments in all sizes
- Comfortable clothing
- Office Supplies
- Individually wrapped snacks for survivors
- Hygiene products
- Gift Cards to Target/Walmart

Thank you for all of your support. Call the Victim Service Center at (407) 254-9415 if you have questions about how to donate these items or visit our website to learn more. Thank you for your consideration in helping to meet this need.

Mark Your Calendar

Outreach



VSC shows their support at Osceola County's End Abuse Now Event! Rhonda and Commissioner Quiñones recognize the importance of prevention and awareness efforts in ending abuse.

**Victim Service Center of
Central Florida**

Contact Information

**Hours: Monday - Friday
(8AM-5PM)**

Office: (407) 254-9415

**2111 E Michigan St, Suite
210
Orlando, Florida 32806**

**24-Hour Sexual Assault
Hotline:
(407) 497-6701**

**Toll Free:
1(866) 757-2046**

VictimServiceCenter.org

Monthly Informational Briefings
Last Wednesday of Every Month

Next Briefing
Wednesday - April 30, 2014
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM at the Victim Service Center

2111 E Michigan St, Suite 210
Orlando, Florida 32806

By attending our Informational Briefing, you will learn about our history, our mission, services, our priorities, and our goals.

Please let us know by close of business Friday, April 25, 2014 if you will be attending; space is limited and lunch will be provided.

RSVP by calling (407) 254-9415 or
e-mail Cynthia.Valdez@VictimServiceCenter.org

Support Groups

The Victim Service Center offers many opportunities for empowerment. Join one of our support groups to continue your healing and growth.

- **Support Group for Sexual Assault Survivors**
 - Every Monday 5:30pm -7:00pm
 - Every Friday 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- **Evolve**
 - 12-week therapy group for survivors of sexual abuse and incest

If you are interested in learning more information about these groups please do not hesitate to call (407) 254-9415.

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