



# VICTIM SERVICE CENTER OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

May 2014

Newsletter

*Help. Hope. Healing.*

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Review

Every April marks Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The Victim Service Center commits to educating the community about sexual assault prevention and awareness. We were especially busy this April!

During SAAM, VSC participated in over 19 outreach/prevention events and engaged over 2,000 people including youth, veterans, and college students in educational conversations and activities. We participated in Lauren's Walk, Osceola County's Stop Abuse Now event, and many others. Our Lead Advocate, Sarah received the Victim Advocate of the Year award from the Victim Services Coalition.

In collaboration with the State Attorney's Office, Osceola Sheriff's Office, and Zenith School over 50 youth were educated about sexual assault and prevention.

Additionally, we are honored that Orange County Government, City of Orlando, Osceola County, City of Winter Park, and City of Kissimmee all proclaimed April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. In conjunction with Winning Karate, VSC hosted Personal Protection and Empowerment day to educate youth and the community at large about prevention tactics, tips, and information. The VSC team was excited to participate in the Corporate 5K!

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## Sign-Up for Our Newsletter



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The Victim Service Center team also took time out of the month to recognize some very special partners that serve victims year round. Thank you again to Rolando Clee of the Orlando Police Department, Erin McCaulley of the State Attorney's Office, Sharon Sikorski of the Osceola Sheriff's Office, and Dr. George Ralls, Orange County Health Services Director.

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### Volunteer Opportunities

- Guest Speaker - Join our Speaker Bureau and help educate the community about the many way 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



We are looking forward to next year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month and hope you are too!

# DENIM DAY

## APRIL 23, 2014

On April 23, 2014 the Victim Service Center of Central Florida participated in a national campaign and wore jeans in support of Denim Day, an effort to help bring awareness about sexual assault. Many from the Orlando area supported these efforts. We'd like to thank Chatter Buzz Media, Averett Warmus Durkee, City of Orlando, Orlando Venues, and the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida. These agencies are committed to supporting the Victim Service Center cause.



your cell phone and charger to our office, and we'll take care of the rest.



### Central Florida 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.

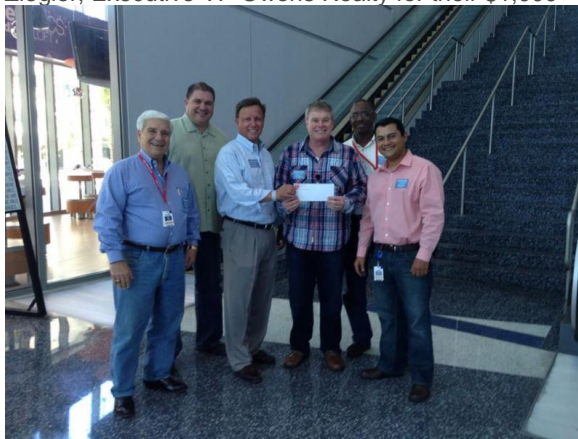
Click [here](#) to see our Victim Service Center portrait.

**Want to make your community safer?**  
Schedule a 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



A special thank you to Robert D. Owens, Owens-Services President/CEO and Randy Ziegler, Executive VP Owens Realty for their \$1,000



donation!

We can't wait for DENIM Day 2015!

### Open Positions

#### Full-time Volunteer and Events Coordinator

- Set the state for an excellent volunteer experience by overseeing the recruitment, scheduling, processing, training, retention and recognition of the organization's volunteers. Bring energy, creativity and community relations expertise that will make a substantial impact on Victim Service Center events while enhancing the image and positive relationships of the organization. Click [here](#) to view job description.

#### Full-time Victim Advocate

- The Victim Advocate will perform a wide range of duties that include crisis intervention, hotline counseling, criminal justice advocacy, emergency legal advocacy, and assistance with Victim's Compensation claims. Bilingual a plus. Click [here](#) to view job description.

- Interested applicants submit their resume and cover letter to: JRivera@NoMoreMondays.co. Please visit our website at [VictimServiceCenter.org](http://VictimServiceCenter.org) for more information.

### Mark Your Calendar

#### Monthly Informational Briefings

#### Sexual Violence

- Identity Theft/Internet Safety
- Personal Safety Planning

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

#### Wish List Items

- New under garments in all sizes (Thank You Donors!)
- Comfortable clothing (Thank You Donors!)
- Office Supplies
- Individually wrapped snacks for survivors
- Hygiene products (Thank You Clean the World!)
- Bedding - non-fitted sheets - Twin Size
- Gift Card for client needs - Bus Passes, Wal-Mart, Target, Publix

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.

Last Wednesday of Every Month

Next Briefing

Wednesday - May 28, 2014  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Victim Service Center

2111 E Michigan St, Suite 210  
Orlando, Florida 32806

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

Please let us know by close of business Friday, May 23, 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](mailto:Cynthia.Valdez@VictimServiceCenter.org)

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### 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 Tuesday 5:30pm -7:00pm
- **Men's Group for Sexual Abuse**
  - Begin February
- **THRIVE**
  - Therapy group for trauma survivors
- **Evolve**
  - Therapy group for survivors of childhood sexual abuse and incest (12-wk program)

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

Victim Service Center of Central Florida

Contact Information

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Toll Free: 1(866) 757-2046

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