



# VICTIM SERVICE CENTER OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

November 2014

Newsletter

*Let The Healing Begin Here*



### [A Letter from Lui Damiani](#)

Over the course of the year, the Victim Service Center has been driven by the passion and support of our community. We are excited Central Florida shares in our pursuit of the vision of transforming the lives of victims and preventing violence in our community. Our agency has created stronger partnerships throughout Central Florida, provided more resources and educational opportunities, and delivered an extraordinary level of care to all of our clients.

Our team has also been working on a new website that will be launching on November 20<sup>th</sup>. This user-friendly website will be a great resource for those in need of information to either support their friend/family or themselves. Additionally, we will be launching a billboard campaign this November to continue to expand our reach to victims of crime and sexual assault.

Lastly, I'd like to personally request your support this Holiday season. We rely on community partners, donors, and supporters to continue to provide critical resources to those in need. Please consider donating to the Victim Service Center this Holiday season. Every dollar counts.

We thank you for supporting our goals to provide crisis intervention, support, and therapy to our Central Florida community.

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### Sign-Up for Our Newsletter



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Lui Damiani  
Executive Director



We have a day for giving thanks. We have two for getting deals. Now we have **#GivingTuesday**, a global day dedicated to giving back. Join us on Tuesday, **December 2, 2014**, as charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: *to celebrate generosity and to give.*

By giving to VSC, you will be supporting survivors of crime and sexual assault on their journey to health and growth.

**-Give a monetary donation!** Every dollar counts!

- \$15 donation will provide 45 minutes of speaking to a Masters Level Advocate on our 24- Hour Confidential Hotline
- \$30 donation will provide a care package for a victim of sexual assault
- \$100 donation will provide 4 hours of a healing workshop
- \$300 donation provides a survivor a forensic examination.

**-Give your time!** E-mail [Shelley.Rodgers](mailto:Shelley.Rodgers) to learn about volunteer opportunities.

**- Give your voice!** Ask your friends to follow our social media pages. Take a training from our Prevention and Outreach Specialist and tell others what you've learned. Be an ambassador for positive changes in our community!

*Your Support Changes Lives!*

## Opportunities

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

## Give New Purpose to an Old Cell Phone!

Did you know 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 the re-purposed cell phones to clients. This safety measure is a lifeline for survivors.

Help save lives! Bring your cell phone 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

**Forensic Nurses Week  
Nov. 10-14**

Forensic Nurses are the *first responders* to victims once they are dispatched for a sexual assault case. Forensic nurses care for victims of physical, psychological and/or social violence and/or abuse. VSC nurses respond to sexual assault cases within 60 minutes of the crisis call. They collect forensic evidence and provide care in emergency situations.



The Victim Service Center thanks all Forensic Nurses for the compassion, care, and support they provide all survivors of sexual assault.

WE THANK YOU!

**Save the Date!**

Join us April 17th, 2015, for the 2nd Annual Cheers to Change.  
Enjoy an evening of art and entertainment.

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.

**Wish List Items**

- New Kids Toys
- Comfortable clothing (New, please)
- Office Supplies
- Individually wrapped snacks for survivors
- Hygiene products (Thank You Clean the World!)
- Bedding - non-fitted sheets - Twin Size
- Gift Cards 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

**Education**

Learn how you can make your community safer! Schedule a personalized training with our 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



### Outreach & Prevention

VSC is so pleased our local colleges and universities are taking a stand against sexual violence. Not only are we here to support victims in crisis, but we are also actively working to educate the community on how to be an active bystander and prevent sexual violence. This past month, we have worked closely with Rollins College and Valencia College to do just that!

#### Rollins College

We recently teamed up with a Rollins fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and provided a 90-minute sensitivity training. The day after the training, we received the following feedback from a brother of TKE:

"I would just like to thank you all from the bottom of all of our hearts, we could not have asked for a more professional, effective and meaningful presentation. I have had numerous brothers come up to me and thank me for having you come, and we all have a high level of interest in the work that you are doing and would relish the opportunity to partner with you."

(Teens)

- Intimate Partner Sexual Violence
- Identity Theft/Internet Safety
- Personal Safety Planning  
Call (407) 254-9415 or email [Rhonda here](#) to schedule a presentation.

### Support Groups

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

- Healing is Happening
  - Support group for sexual assault survivors.
- Art of Healing
  - Therapy group for trauma survivors using art therapy.
- Evolve (2 groups)
  - Therapy group for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse and incest (12-wk program)
  - Therapy group for survivors of sexual assault

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



### Valencia College

This past month we were so excited to educate counselors at Valencia College regarding our services, sexual assault on college campuses. We appreciate the concern for their students and so pleased to be able to partner with their faculty to inform them of the available resources VSC offers and also help keep their campus safe.



Victim Service Center of Central Florida

### Contact Information

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