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LOCAL NON-PROFIT RECEIVES GRANT TO FUND NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK FUN RUN/WALK

Washington, D.C. – The Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC) has received a \$5,000 grant from the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA) to promote awareness of crime victims' rights and services during the 2016 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). The grant is supported by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime.

NVRDC is a victim service provider in the District of Columbia seeking to empower victims of all crimes to achieve survivor defined justice through a collaborative continuum of advocacy, case management, and legal services. NCVRW, which will be held April 10– 16, 2016, seeks to increase public awareness of wide range of rights and services available to those whose lives have been impacted by crime. This year's theme—"Serving Victims. Building Trust. Restoring Hope."—underscores the importance of early intervention and victim services in establishing trust with victims, which in turn begins to restore their hope for healing and recovery.

The grant will be used to organize a 5K fun run/walk at Hains Point in honor of crime victims and their supporters on Saturday, April 16, 2016. The race will culminate at a finish festival where local organizations and service providers will be available to offer resources and information to participants. Attendees will also be invited to contribute to a community mural where everyone is invited to send a message of hope to victims of crime. Race t-shirts will be designed through a community-wide contest. For more information on how to participate in the contest, visit <http://bit.ly/NCVRWinDC2016>.

In addition to the 5K, NVRDC will also conduct a Twitter town hall on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, in partnership with other victim service providers and survivors of crime to discuss how engaging with holistic services—focused on enforcing crime victims' rights—impacts victim experiences in the justice system. NVRDC will also lead a Metro Action Day on Tuesday, April 13, 2016, to reach out to the DC community and promote crime victims' rights and NCVRW outside metro stations city-wide.

"We are thrilled to receive this grant for the fourth year in a row," said Bridgette Stumpf, Co-Executive Director of NVRDC. "National Crime Victims' Rights Week gives us a unique platform to reach out to the DC community and empower crime victims to learn more about the rights and resources available to them following a victimization."

For more information about NVRDC or NCVRW in DC, please visit our website at www.nvrdc.org or call 202-742-1727.

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