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Network of Victim Assistance Receives Funding for Community Awareness Events

Candlelight Tribute & Yoga Scheduled for National Crime Victims' Rights Week

(BUCKS COUNTY, Pa.) Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) is pleased to announce that it has received funding from the National Association of Victims of Crime Act Assistance Administrators (NAVAA) for two events that will take in April to commemorate National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 19-25). The events are NOVA's Annual Candlelight Tribute for Victims of Crime on April 21 and a free Community Yoga Event on April 25. For more information about these events, visit www.novabucks.org.

The funding was provided by way of a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). The OVC administers the Crime Victims Fund, which is financed from fines and penalties paid by convicted federal offenders. Out of 262 applications submitted nationwide, NOVA was one of 109 victims' rights organizations that was recommended by NAVAA and selected for funding in 2020 by the OVC.

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“The support from NAVAA and OVC for our 2020 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week activities will help NOVA reach crime victims throughout Bucks County,” said Alexis Jones, Victim Advocate Coordinator at NOVA. “Members of our community are encouraged to help promote justice through service to crime victims by joining our 2020 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week activities and supporting victim assistance programs on a daily basis.”

The theme for this year’s National Crime Victims’ Rights Week is **“Seek Justice, Ensure Victims’ Rights, and Inspire Hope.”** National Crime Victims’ Rights Week was established in 1981 by President Reagan to increase awareness of and knowledge about the rights of and services available to people who have been victimized by crime.

ABOUT NOVA

Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) supports, counsels and empowers victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes in Bucks County and works to prevent and eliminate violence in society through advocacy, training, community education and prevention programs. Founded in 1974, NOVA is a non-profit 501(c)(3), community-based organization operating out of three offices in Fairless Hills, Jamison and Perkasio. Services are made possible through the financial support of federal, state and local government grants and contracts, corporations, foundations and private donations. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. For more information, visit www.NOVABucks.org.

ABOUT NAVAA

The National Association of Victims of Crime Act Assistance Administrators (NAVAA) is a non-profit organization that represents the 56 state agencies that distribute money from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Crime Victims Fund to more than 4,000 direct victim assistance service providers. The money in the Crime Victims Fund comes from fines collected from offenders convicted of federal crimes and not from U.S. taxpayers. To learn more, go to <https://navaa.org>

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