

Victim Service Center of Central Florida Newsletter



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A Message from Lui

Since we kicked off the New Year, it has been a whirlwind of activity and progress! We welcomed our newest Board Member Captain Al Rollins, held our first ever M.V.P. Breakfast, launched a new safety campaign in partnership with the Orlando Police Department, and are in full planning mode for Sexual Assault Awareness Month this April! We have so much in store over the next two months and plenty of opportunities for you to get involved and support victims in our community.

To kick off Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we will be holding our 3rd Annual Gala, [Cheers to Change](#), on April 1st which will undoubtedly be the best yet! The event will be held at the Orlando Museum of Art from 6pm-10pm and will include delicious food, wine, entertainment, and art. [Read More](#)

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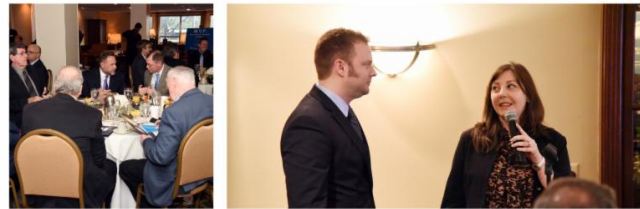
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M.V.P. Men's Violence Prevention Breakfast



On February 10th, the Victim Service Center held the first M.V.P. (Men's Violence Prevention) Breakfast at the University Club in Downtown Orlando.

We had over 100 male prominent leaders come together to talk about how crime impacts our families, businesses, and the community at large.

We heard from former Orlando Magic player, Nick Anderson, who talked about how he was deeply impacted by violence as a teenager. We also heard from Rachel Sines, a former VSC client, and her husband, David, who shared the

story of her assault and how it not only impacted her, but also greatly impacted his life. Our MC for the event, Carlos Navarro from Real Radio 104.1, shared his story and did a fantastic job engaging the audience.

We wrapped up the event by recognizing 6 M.V.P.'s in our community who consistently advocate for the victims we serve and strive to keep our community a safe place. We were honored to recognize Representative Plasencia, Paul Rooney, Dr. George Ralls, Craig Swygert, Chief John Mina, and Robert Owens for their outstanding contributions to VSC clients and our community.

Cocktails for a Cause

Victim Service Center has been selected as the Charity of Choice for Cocktails for a Cause

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Wish List

- Gift Cards in \$5-\$10 increments
- T-Shirts (Large and XL)
- Elastic Waist Pants in all sizes
- Sports Bras
- Office Supplies
- Bus Passes

[Please Click here to view our Online Registry!](#)

Welcome Kristen!

Kristen, VSC's new Victim Advocate, has always had a passion for working with people who are dealing with trauma and who are in crisis. Along with her work in mental health, Kristen has experience working with survivors of human trafficking as

in the month of March! The event is generously sponsored by the Citrus Club in Downtown Orlando and will take place from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Come mix and mingle with other professionals in Orlando, all to support a great cause! The event is \$10 to attend and all of the proceeds will directly benefit victims of crime in Central Florida. With your donation, you will receive a drink ticket and complimentary hors d'oeuvres. We will also have a raffle for those guests interested in participating. The \$10 donation will be accepted at the door. We hope you can join us!



VSC & OPD Launch Safety Campaign



On February 19th, VSC teamed up with the Orlando Police Department to promote safety in Downtown Orlando. The campaign, targeted at the downtown nightlife, is aimed to prevent sexual violence. VSC and OPD will be putting up posters in downtown bars and nightclubs promoting active bystander intervention in an effort to reduce sexual assaults.

At VSC, 33% of sexual assault cases involve drugs or alcohol. The unfortunate reality is that perpetrators prey on the weak and defenseless. Alcohol is one common way to incapacitate and take advantage of a victim. At VSC, we encourage our community to watch each other's back and look out for your friends.

well as military veterans. Kristen hopes to empower clients to help them see their own strength and resilience.

Join a Support Group

VSC offers many opportunities for empowerment. Join one of our support groups to continue your growth and healing.

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

If you'd like to see media coverage from the kick off, [click here!](#)

Burger-Fi Supports Victims

Burger-Fi just opened up a brand new location in Kissimmee! They have selected the Victim Service Center to be the recipient of a percentage of sales and also have a donation box at each register. We are beyond grateful and appreciative of their support.

If you're in the mood for a great burger, swing by Burger-Fi in Kissimmee and thank them for their generosity and ongoing support of victims in our community!



Mark Your Calendars

Lunch & Learn

Wednesday - March 30, 2016

12:00pm - 1:00pm

RSVP by calling (407) 254-9415 or e-mail [Rhonda Wilson](#).

Held the Last Wednesday of Every Month

By attending our Lunch and Learn, you will learn about our history, mission, services, goals, and ways to get involved. To attend our Monthly Lunch & Learn, you must RSVP. Space is limited and lunch will be provided.

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