



Assisting Alaskans Affected By Violent Crime Since 1985



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"Brandon deserves justice"

On a rainy fall afternoon in northeast Anchorage, a Sitka grandmother stood grieving before a homemade memorial: a wooden cross encircled by a wreath of sunflowers and autumn features.

The memorial adorns the base of a covered staircase that spills into a cul-de-sac on East 6th Avenue.

Creekside Park Elementary, its playground and young students sit across the street. It's on these stairs that her grandson's life ended in a violent homicide.

Nancy Furlow gently touched the wreath with her hand on this cold autumn day.

"I don't want Brandon to be forgotten," said Furlow, whose Tlingit name is Sutxwaan.

[Read more.](#)



GivingTuesday is November 30

Everyone has something to give and every act of generosity counts.

On Nov. 30, be a part of [#GivingTuesday](#), a global movement of generosity. Make a donation to Victims for Justice and help us serve Alaskans statewide whose lives have been lost to or affected by violent crime.

When so much attention these days is dedicated to what divides us, giving brings us together. [Please consider donating](#) to VFJ on [#GivingTuesday](#).



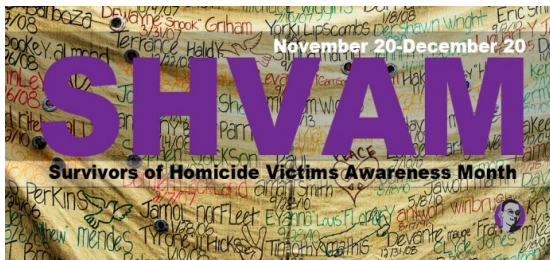
Now more than ever
we are called to
make a difference.



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#STOPTHEVIOLENCE

Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month



Every Nov. 20-Dec. 20, people around the country mark Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month. This month-long effort aims to educate the public and policymakers about the impact of homicide on families and communities.

Facts about homicide in Alaska are available [here](#). [Please consider supporting](#) VFJ's mission of assisting survivors of homicide victims in Alaska. Your support makes an important impact in a survivor's life.

Get social! Use the hashtags: [#StopTheViolence](#) [#SHVAM](#) [#HomicideSurvivors](#) [#ItStartsWithUs](#) If you are a survivor and would like to share your share, please us at info@victimsforjustice.org

Unique Boutique Bolsters Nonprofits

Brittani Clancy was a stay-at-home Anchorage mom with a taste for fashion.

When the youngest of her four children went off to kindergarten, Clancy had a little more time on her hands to pursue a dream. The Anchorage-born-and-raised fashionista decided to start a business, one that would give back to her community.

She opened a thrift shop on the eastern end of downtown, with a business model that's designed to boost revenue for local charities, Victims for



Justice among them.

Her shop, located at 575 Ingra Street, is called FashionPact. Clancy describes it as a “resale boutique.” [Read more.](#)

New report on disability and crime rates

People with disabilities face a much higher rate of violent crime than people without disabilities, a [new federal report](#) finds.

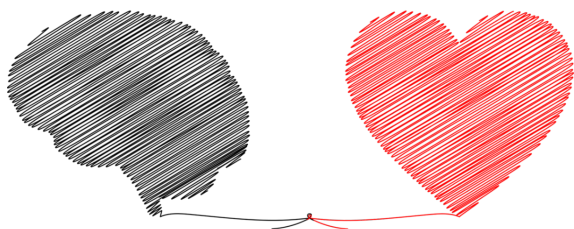
The rate of violent victimization against people with disabilities was almost 4 times the rate for those without disabilities during 2017 to 2019, the period studied, according to statistics from the U.S. Justice Department.

Persons with disabilities were victims of 26% of all nonfatal violent crime, while accounting for 12% of the population.

One in three robbery victims had at least one disability, and people with cognitive disabilities had the highest rate of violent victimization, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, an arm of the Justice Department. [Read more.](#)



Mental illness, brain disorders and victimization



Alaska women with mental health challenges, developmental disabilities, Alzheimer’s disease, chronic alcohol use disorder, and other brain disorders are much more likely than women without these conditions to experience intimate partner and sexual violence, according to

new research.

The findings come from the Alaska Victimization Survey 2020, conducted by the University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center with funding from the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

The survey of 2,100 respondents found extremely high rates of violence against Alaska women overall.

But having a mental health, substance misuse or developmental disability can make Alaska women much more vulnerable to these violent crimes. [Read more.](#)

Congratulations to Corvus Design!



Corvus Design, an Anchorage landscape architecture company and supporter of VFJ, recently took home top honors. The company won a merit award for its design work at the Homicide Memorial park at 3rd and L Street. The award comes from the Alaska Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. We applaud Peter Briggs, the company's founder, for winning this well-deserved award. Besides designing the park, Briggs adds new plaques every year with the names of Alaskans who have lost their lives to homicide. We recognize them every July during our Homicide Memorial ceremony. Thank you Peter and congratulations!

Office Closure

Our offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday this week in observance of Thanksgiving.

We will reopen on Monday, Nov. 29, at 9 a.m.
We hope you enjoy a pleasant and safe holiday!



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