



## Assisting Alaskans Affected By Violent Crime Since 1985



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## Welcome our new Executive Director



### VFJ Welcomes Suki Miller as Executive Director

Victims for Justice is excited to have Suki Miller join the organization as our new Executive Director.

Born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska, Suki is a graduate of the University of Alaska Anchorage with degrees in Journalism and Mathematics.

She most recently was the Deputy Director at STAR (Standing Together Against Rape) advocating for victims and survivors of sexual assault and abuse,

while integrating prevention and education programs with the long term goal of ending sexual violence in Alaska.

She has also had the pleasure of serving Alaskans in the Governor's office, creating and initiating policies that promote healthy, culturally empowered communities. By working on various projects she understands how vast Alaska is and has a deep appreciation for the differences throughout the state, differences that are geographically, culturally and ideologically unique to each region of Alaska.

Growing up in Alaska has its advantages, especially for those who love the winter. As a former professional alpine ski racer, you can find Suki hitting the slopes and spending time participating in activities that keep her competitive streak alive. Enjoying the great outdoors and all that Alaska has to offer.

With such strong ties to her family and community, she definitely keeps a busy schedule. When not at work, you can find her helping out at her sons school or playing and hanging out in her neighborhood with friends and family.

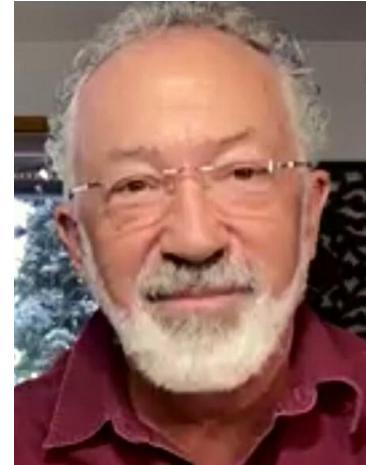
Suki brings experience, passion and a commitment to making our community a better place to live, work and play.

We look forward to following her lead as she guides VFJ through our next phase of growth to better serve all victims of violent crime.

## Say Hello to our Newest Board Member

### Bob Spurlock join VFJ Board

Son of Baptist missionary parents, Bob grew up in the eastern part of the Congo, in Central Africa. Bob graduated from Moody Bible Institute in the Missionary Aviation Technology program, as a commercial pilot and aircraft mechanic and has been in aviation since 1977. Bob has spent more than 35 years in the airline industry, which included 30 years as an airline captain.



Bob's first flying job was as a missionary pilot in Africa serving both NGOs and medical or ministry focused organizations with transportation and logistical support along the eastern part of the Congo, bordering the Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Tanzania.

Bob's ministry became focused in Biblical and Pastoral Counseling, especially in the areas of the spiritual dynamics of abuse and addiction. He also volunteered several years as a prayer minister for the Christian Counseling Center in Pensacola, FL. Bob has taught and encouraged pastors and church leadership around the world.

Retired as a pastor, Bob still serves as President of Wings of Calvary Ministries partnering together with and on the leadership teams of Unveiled Life and Grace Network in Karachi, Pakistan. He has authored numerous ministry articles and has worked on editorial teams for books and large ministry study guides.

Married 25 years to Faith Spurlock, together they have 4 grown children, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

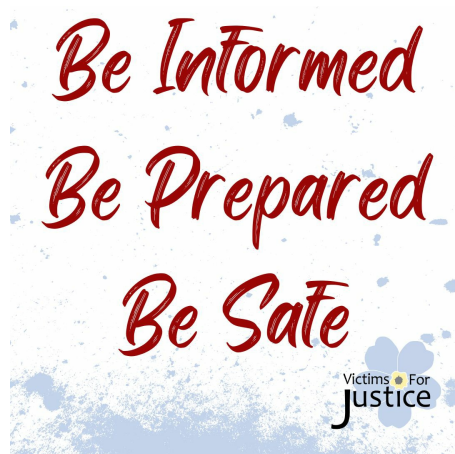
## DV Awareness Month

Since 1989, October has been designated as the month to acknowledge domestic violence survivors and be a voice for it's victims. Domestic violence is prevalent in every community, and can affect anybody, anytime...regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality.



[Click here for events and ways to help spread awareness](#)

"Victims' Rights" is a series that will appear periodically to give basic information on topics that could be helpful, with information that could prove useful. If you have questions or topics you'd like us to tackle please drop us a line at [info@victimsforjustice.org](mailto:info@victimsforjustice.org) and we will do our best to provide you with information you can use.



### The Victim's Role as a Witness

Sometimes victims have rights they are unaware of or confused about, especially when it comes to dealing with the court system or a trial.

Victims have the right to watch the trial and sentencing, whether they are testifying or not. Even if they do not want to testify, the prosecutor may continue to prosecute the case. *This is because crimes are offenses against society as well as offenses against a victim.*

The prosecutor may subpoena victims to testify, even if the victim is related to the defendant, or if the victim does not want to testify.

If you're the victim or the support team for a victim, be aware of the nuances pertaining to the case. It may be tricky to navigate since each case is different. VFJ is here to help, call or email to be connected with an Advocate for assistance.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

## Get To Know the VFJ website



### Do Victims Have a Voice When It Comes to Plea Deals?

Under Alaska law, victims have the constitutional right to confer with prosecutors about potential plea deals. The victim does not have the right to decide if the prosecutor offers the plea or not; only the right to talk to the prosecutor about the plea. Prosecutors must make reasonable

efforts to confer with victims or the victim's legal guardian, according to the Office of Victims' Rights.

*Please note, our advocates are not lawyers and do not offer legal advice, however, we are here to support you along the way. Please [Visit our website](#) or contact us at our office 907.278.0977*

## Coming in November

[Homicide Grief Group](#)- The next meeting is scheduled for November 8th via Zoom. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. If you have lost a loved one and are interested in participating contact [pchristian@victimsforjustice.org](mailto:pchristian@victimsforjustice.org).



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Giving Tuesday November 29th, 2022**

Giving Tuesday is a **day that encourages people to give back in whatever ways they can.** It presents nonprofit organizations with the chance to raise even more money than they would on an average day of giving, which is why many organizations create special campaigns to participate in this day of giving

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