



*The mission of Crime Victims United is to support and strengthen public safety, promote balance in the criminal justice system and protect the rights of victims.*

October 2020

Dear Friends and Colleagues;

This year Crime Victims United (CVU) celebrated its thirtieth year dedicated to protecting the rights of survivors of crime, their families and safety in their communities. 2020 has been a particularly challenging year financially, as all but one of CVU fundraising events has been canceled or postponed to 2021. Our Non-Profit organization relies entirely on donations and the generosity of our supporters.

In the face of the pandemic CVU launched a Virtual Resource Clinic and podcast series designed to provide survivors with resources from their homes. We are pleased to be able to award a 2020 college scholarship to a survivor of the Harvest Music Festival mass shooting in Las Vegas last year. We are working tirelessly on the Keep California Safe Initiative on November's ballot as well as assisting with Proposition 17 and 25. Our Victim Compensation program has expanded to serve more crime survivors and we are partnering with the Auburn Police Department to provide Survivor Support Bags for adults as well as children. All of this could not have happened without your help.

I am writing to you to ask you to join the CVU 30-year anniversary Annual Giving Drive. Our goal is to secure one thousand \$30 donations by Christmas 2020, and we need your assistance. Would you join our CVU family and write that check today? Consider a donation in memory of a loved one or honor a survivor which would be featured on our website. Another way you can help is to pass our request on to a friend or associate who would also be interested in being a CVU benefactor.

You can make your contribution by logging onto [www.crimevictimsunited.com](http://www.crimevictimsunited.com) or mail and walk in checks to 130 Maple Street, Auburn, CA 95603. Your donation is tax deductible; CVU Tax ID 75-3030071. Thank you for being one of the 1,000 supporters to donate \$30 or more to CVU.

With Gratitude,

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