

ELDER VICTIM ADVOCACY

at Crime Victim Services

Faith, Hope, Love. Love shouldn't hurt.

The Elder Victim Advocacy program has helped over 5,000 elders overcome the trauma of abuse, neglect, exploitation and other crimes, providing individualized recovery services.

We visit homes, provide crisis counseling and spiritual advocacy, co-build safety plans, accompany victims at court, assist with emergency repairs, guide scam and identity theft recovery and facilitate mediation to help victims recover from the trauma of their victimization.

We're Here to Help

Studies show that more than 1 in 10 elders are abused each year. You are not alone. Our dedicated staff and volunteers are here to help. Programs like Credit Check Wednesday, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Hello Neighbor, and the Are You OK program help vulnerable people isolated in the community stay connected through well-being checks, connection, help with problems, safety tips, as well as prayer and Bible verses for those who request it.

What Elder Abuse Looks Like

Physical: hitting, pinching, restraining

Sexual: forcing sex or pornographic viewing

Emotional: humiliation, ridicule, minimizing the elder's opinion, isolation

Control: denying access to transportation, medicine, events, family & friends



Join us in Supporting Elders

Many of our programs are supported and implemented by volunteers. Offer a hand up to an elder recovering from a burglary. Lend an ear to an elder experiencing isolation. Guide an elder through the recovery steps needed after identity theft.

Volunteer opportunities include: One-on-One Victim Assistance and Connection; Prayer and Spiritual Support; Good Samaritan Financial Assistance; Church and Community Outreach.

Volunteer Testimonials

A lot of people are lonely and need someone to talk to who are outside of their family. I've learned more about abuse of elders first hand in this volunteer role. This is a great program, checking on vulnerable people who need a regular connection and safety tips to stand up to scams.

Mildred Stewart | Allen County

I offer a familiar voice and a listening ear to folks who need support. It seems like a small thing to call someone and ask "are you ok" but it helps with the victim's healing process and that is the rewarding part for me. The "thank you" at the end of the call is what makes volunteering so worthwhile.

Jeff Fuetter | Putnam County

Apply today to be a volunteer!
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