

News Release

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Crime Victims Assistance program transfers to Matt Urban Center

Program that offers assistance to innocent victims of crime is transferred to the Matt Urban Center from People, Inc. agency.

BUFFALO, NY – The Crime Victims Assistance program, formerly hosted by People, Inc., 1170 Broadway, has been successfully transferred to the Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of W.N.Y. located at 1081 Broadway.

The realignment occurred due to the fact the Matt Urban Center, People, Inc. and the Crime Victims Assistance program were all in agreement that the program would better serve the public through the Center. The program will still serve the same neighborhood as when it was operating through People, Inc.

The Matt Urban Center is delighted that we were able to retain both necessary and needed support services for innocent victims of crime within the Broadway-Fillmore community. The Matt Urban Center is also very grateful to the United Way's Not-For-Profit Resource Center, without its help and financial support the transfer of the program would not have been possible – Marlies Wesolowski, Executive Director

The Fund for Alliances, supported by United Way donations and distributed through its Not For Profit Resource Center, made the realignment of the program and agencies possible. The financial support provided, \$10,100, was used for moving expenses and other necessary expenditures to complete the desired realignment and move.

The program serves innocent victims of crime through a wide range of services. Eligible participants are those who have been physically injured as a result of a crime or victims under 18 years of age, over 60, or be disabled. NYS Crime Victims Board is a payer of last resorts. Eligible participants can be compensated for:

- Medical and counseling expenses;
- Essential personal property such as cash, eyeglasses, or clothing;
- Burial and funeral expenses;
- Lost wages;
- Referrals to domestic violence shelters;
- Crime scene clean-up;
- Moving expenses, often as a result of stalking cases.

For more information on the Crime Victims Assistance program please contact the Matt Urban Center at 893-7222.