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Local Program Receives Community Awareness Project Funding for 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week

ST. THOMAS, USVI – The Issachar K Tigre Chinnery Foundation-Victims United Inc has received funding from the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA) through a grant from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), within the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, to promote community awareness of crime victims' rights and services during the 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

The awarded funding will be used to host a Community Awareness Outreach in various locations on Saturday, April 23, 2022, and a Walk together raising awareness and supporting RIGHTS, ACCESS, EQUITY, for all victims Help crime survivors find their justice towards a Ceremony and Family Fun Day and at the Roosevelt Park on Saturday, April 30th as part of a Community Awareness Project. The Project is part of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, an annual observance that takes place April 24-30, 2022.

"The support from NAVAA and OVC for our 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities will help us help *crime victims*," said Bernadette Gonsalves. Angel Bolques, Jr. said. "Members of our community are encouraged to help promote justice through service to crime victims by joining our 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities and supporting victim assistance programs on a daily basis."

First designated by President Ronald Reagan in 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week increases general public awareness of, and knowledge about the wide range of rights and services available to people who have been victimized by crime. The theme for 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "**Rights, access, equity for all victims**".

Since 2004, the NCVRW Community Awareness Project has provided financial and technical assistance to more than 1000 community projects that promote victim and public awareness activities, and innovative approaches to victim outreach and public education about victims' rights and services during National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Issachar K Tigre Chinnery Foundation-Victims United Inc was one of the 50 recommended by NAVAA and selected for funding by OVC for 2022 from the 240 applications that were submitted nationwide.

For additional information about 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities or about victims' rights and services in the Virgin Islands of the United States, please contact Bernadette Gonsalves, Executive Director, Victims United Inc, Partners for Peace, or visit our website at iktfc-vu.org. For information about national efforts to promote 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, please visit the Office for Victims of Crime website at www.ovc.gov.

The National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators is a non-profit organization that represents the 56 state agencies that distribute money from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Crime Victims Fund to more than 4,000 direct victim assistance service providers. The money in the Crime Victims Fund comes from fines collected from offenders convicted of federal crimes and not from U.S. taxpayers.