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Dear Colleague:

The National Center for Victims of Crime is very excited to be partnering with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, in bringing you the *2002 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide*.

For those of you who are not familiar with the National Center, we are the nation's leading resource and advocacy organization for crime victims, dedicated to forging a national commitment to help victims of crime rebuild their lives. We invite you to learn more about us and take advantage of our resources at **www.ncvc.org** and through our toll-free Helpline, 1-800-FYI-CALL, which provides crime victims with supportive counseling, current information on available programs and services, direct advocacy, and referrals to more than 7,500 local victim serving organizations nationwide.

This year's theme, "*Bringing Honor to Victims*," reminds us that we honor victims by providing comprehensive, quality services; by giving them the information they need to make their own choices; and by enacting and enforcing legal rights and protections in the justice system. Bringing honor to victims is a collective response to all victims of crime, recognizing the harm they've sustained, helping them rebuild their lives.

I hope you find the ideas and resources in this Resource Guide helpful during your commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 21-27, 2002, and throughout the year. Please let us know if there are other ways we can be helpful to you.

Best wishes,

Susan Herman