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Dear Colleague:

The National Center for Victims of Crime is proud to present the *2008 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide*, a product of our continued partnership with the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. The 2008 Resource Guide offers you an extensive set of tools to engage your community in observing this year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

This year's theme, "Justice for Victims. Justice for All.," evokes the ideals that support our system of justice and inspire our nation's quest for equity. It declares that justice for all cannot be achieved without justice for victims of crime.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 13–19, 2008, serves to remind us that crime can strike anyone. Whether it's a drive-by shooting, a campus massacre, an act of terrorism, or a crippling identity theft, we are all vulnerable to crime. In this sense, victims' rights are everyone's rights. As we celebrate our successes, assess our progress, and prepare for our next set of challenges, we remember that justice for victims promotes justice for all.

As you prepare your National Crime Victims' Rights Week campaign—and other outreach efforts throughout the year—we invite you to take advantage of our National Center for Victims of Crime Web site, www.ncvc.org, and our National Crime Victim Helpline, 1-800-FYI-CALL, which offers direct advocacy, information on available programs and services for victims, and referrals to more than 16,000 organizations that serve crime victims throughout the United States.

We trust that the *2008 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide* will inform, inspire, and advance your preparations, and we are honored by this opportunity to support our colleagues' great work.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Leary