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**VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO HONOR VICTIMS OF HOMICIDE AT
VIRTUAL ANGEL TREE CEREMONY**

Victim Assistance Program’s Annual Angel Tree Ceremony will be held virtually on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:00 PM. The virtual format will ensure that community members, friends, and family members of homicide victims can safely come together to honor the memory of over 1,000 victims lost in Summit County due to violence over the last 25 years.

The live event will be hosted through Victim Assistance Program’s Facebook page – facebook.com/victimassistanceprogram – and a recording of the program will be available on the agency’s YouTube channel and website. VAP invites the community to follow along with the event by visiting victimassistanceprogram.org/angel-tree and downloading the event program, which will be posted on December 7, 2020.

Prior to the virtual event, family members and friends are encouraged to contribute a photo of their loved one for the memorial video and Wall of Remembrance by calling Victim Assistance Program at 330.376.7022 ext. 218 or emailing their photo with their loved one’s information to outreach@victimassistanceprogram.org.

The Angel Trees and the Wall of Remembrance will be displayed at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, 60 South High Street in Akron, throughout the month of December. Family members and friends are encouraged to visit the display to view their loved ones’ angel ornaments, which will be placed on the trees with care, by Victim Assistance Program advocates.

ABOUT VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The mission of Victim Assistance Program is to empower our community to restore lives impacted by crisis, violence, and tragedy. The purpose of the Agency is to provide 24-hour crisis intervention, advocacy, and education to victims of crime and trauma and the professional community who serves this population. To learn more about Victim Assistance Program’s services, and ways to get involved, visit victimassistanceprogram.org or call our 24-hour hotline, 330.376.0040.

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