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**VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO HONOR VICTIMS OF HOMICIDE AT
24th ANNUAL ANGEL TREE CEREMONY**

The 24th Annual Angel Tree Ceremony, hosted by Victim Assistance Program, will take place on Monday, December 3rd from 6:00-7:30 PM at the Akron-Summit Public Library Auditorium, 60 South High Street in Akron. The ceremony will honor the memory of the 900+ victims lost in Summit County because of violence over the last 24 years.

Victim Assistance Program invites community members, friends, and family members of homicide victims to attend and remember their loved one by placing an Angel ornament on one of the Angel Trees on display. Prior to the ceremony, family members and friends of homicide victims may contribute a picture (5x7) of their loved one for the Wall of Remembrance by calling Victim Assistance Program at 330.376.0040. Throughout the month of December, both the Angel Trees and the Wall of Remembrance will remain on display at the Akron Public Library.

The event is free and open to the public. To register for the event, visit: <https://angeltreeceremony.eventbrite.com>. Victim Assistance also looking for donations to help offset expenses associated with the event. Some items needed include, paper products, refreshments, and keepsake items for families. If interested in contributing, please contact Kelly Kaufman, Director of Advancement at 330.376.0040.

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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