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**Victim Assistance Program Chosen as The Great CopecoCares
Non-Profit Prize Giveaway Recipient**

Victim Assistance Program (VAP) has been chosen as the recipient of The Great CopecoCares Non-Profit Prize Giveaway. The Great CopecoCares Non-Profit Prize Giveaway, in conjunction with Sharp Digital Products and 97.5 WONE, gives the community a chance to support local non-profits that serve Summit, Stark, or Portage counties. Members of the community nominate their local non-profits and share how the organization serves that community and why they need support to carry out their mission.

Out of nearly 100 entries, VAP was selected to receive the giveaway prize of a brand new Sharp Aquos Board from Copeco, a \$6,000 value! The generous award of this high-end office technology will be used to increase functionality and effectiveness of VAP's education services and staff training. Additionally, during a time when remote learning has become a necessity, the Sharp Aquos Board will enhance the remote training capabilities of VAP's Summit Victim Assistance Academy through its interactive and collaborative features.

"We chose the Victim Assistance Program of Summit County based on their mission, reach and impact on the community. Their compassionate and unbiased approach to crisis intervention is admirable and we believe that our donation of a Sharp Aquos board can provide technology that will further their mission," said Copeco President, Brian Frank. "During these unprecedented times, the need for the Victim Assistance Program is likely heightened. Our business, employees and customers reside in the same community and it is important that those in need can find the help they need. VAP's mission says it all – they empower our community to restore lives impacted by crisis, violence, and tragedy. We are proud to partner with them and are excited by how the Sharp Aquos board will advance their training and educational endeavors."

Attending to the ever-evolving needs of the community in the most effective, safe ways; and approaching new challenges with resolve and resilience is what Victim Assistance Program does best and has been recognized for. As part of VAP's mission, it is critical to ensure that those served receive the best possible care. Given the uncertainty that the community is facing, it is crucial that VAP respond in the most effective way possible to the community's need for healing. The award of the Sharp Aquos Board will bolster the success of VAP's continued efforts to improve its services to victims of crime and trauma, via the Summit Victim Assistance Academy's education and training.

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 response, advocacy services, 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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