Dear Community Partner

For the last 50 years, donations made to Victim Assistance Program have directly impacted victims of crime and trauma in Summit County. With the increase in violence in our community since the pandemic, our service utilization has increased exponentially. The strong support of generous donors like you allows us to continue important services such as 24-hour crisis intervention, advocacy, and education to thousands of victims and the professionals who serve our community.

On Saturday, March 11, 2023, over 400 guests will join us in reminiscing about past celebratory times while creating new and lasting memories during our annual Mardi Gras Gala, presented by Leppo Rents. Guests will enjoy a gourmet meal, an open bar, and live & silent auctions, while helping us reach our fundraising goal of $150,000. The Quaker Station venue may be new, but our Bourbon Street extravaganza will remain the same lively event as always. Let the good times roll!

This year, we are honoring Retired CEO of Hope and Healing Survivor Resource Center, Terri Heckman, as our Bernard I. Rosen Award recipient. She exemplifies all that Bernie stood for and all that VAP strives to uphold in our work. We hope you will join us in gathering for an evening of celebration and reflection, and to recognize and honor one of our most dedicated community members.

How You Can Help

Become a Sponsor:
Various sponsorship levels allow you or your business to showcase your support for Victim Assistance Program. After reviewing the options, determine which level compliments your needs or speak to us about a customized sponsorship.

Donate Items:
Our Mardi Gras Committee is on the hunt for online silent and live auction items that will garner high bids! Not only will event attendees be bidding, but the entire community will be trying to outbid each other as well. Specific donated items are being sought to create themed baskets! We think the popularity of your business will boost bids and help us reach our fundraising goal!

Purchase a Program Book Advertisement:
Our professionally printed program booklet, viewed by over 400 guests, is a compilation of event details, awardee highlights, bidding instructions, and an abundance of advertisements. Your ad will be seen by government officials, criminal justice professionals, business owners, community members, and social service agencies.

Be sure to check out http://bidpal.net/MG2023 one week prior to our event to start bidding on items! We will recognize Sponsorship and Auction donations on our bidding platform and in other event publicity. Thank you for being our partner and for helping victims of crime and trauma move from hardship to healing. We greatly appreciate your support!

For additional details email **mardigras@victimassistanceprogram.org** or call **330.376.7022 ext. 212**

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Victim Assistance Program's
MARDI GRAS GALA
Presented by Leppo Rents

Auction Donations

All Mardi Gras auction items will be showcased online one week leading up to the event!

Thank You! Completed form and donated auction items are due by February 10th, 2023.

Contact Information

Please list Company name as it should appear on the auction website.

Contact Name: _____

Company/Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State:_____ Zip Code:_____

Phone: _____-_____-_____ ext. _____ Email: _____

Donation Information

Please include any donation restrictions, expiration dates, etc.

Item Description: _____

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Fair Market Value: $_____

- ☐ Item / gift card / certificate accompanied
- ☐ Donor/Company will deliver or send items to VAP office on ____/____/_____
- ☐ Donor requests the item(s) to be picked up the week of ____/____/_____
  Pick up address, if different above:_____
  _____

Solicited By:

Mardi Gras Committee Member Name: _____

Mardi Gras Committee Member Email: _____

Please return completed form and donation items to:

Victim Assistance Program

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