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Message from the Executive Director

As I reflect on 2025, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to lead the Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime (CRCVC) and to work alongside such a dedicated team of staff, students, Board members, and community partners. This year, CRCVC continued to provide compassionate support, information, and advocacy to victims and survivors navigating some of the most challenging experiences of their lives. Through our direct services, public education initiatives, policy advocacy, and community partnerships, we have worked to ensure that victims' rights, needs, and perspectives remain at the forefront of conversations surrounding justice and public safety.

In 2025, we expanded our outreach efforts, strengthened partnerships across the country, and continued to raise awareness of issues affecting victims and survivors through media engagement, public education, and advocacy. We remained actively involved in discussions surrounding victims' rights, parole transparency, gender-based violence, homicide survivorship, and the ongoing need for trauma-informed responses throughout the criminal justice system.

One of our greatest strengths continues to be the resilience and courage of the victims and survivors we serve. Their experiences guide our work and remind us why advocacy remains so important. We are also grateful to our Victims Advisory Committee, whose lived experiences help shape our priorities and strengthen our efforts to create meaningful systemic change.

Like many charitable organizations, CRCVC continues to face challenges related to sustainable funding. Despite these obstacles, our team remains committed to ensuring that victims and survivors across Canada can access free, confidential support and advocacy services. Securing long-term funding remains a critical priority as we work to strengthen and expand our programs in the years ahead.

With sincere appreciation,



Sarah Crawford

Who we are

Since 1993, the Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime (CRCVC) has provided a voice for victims in the criminal justice system. We are a recognized, national, bilingual, charitable organization. The CRCVC did not arise out of a personal incident and it is not a single-issue organization. We address a multitude of issues to promote public safety and reduce re-victimization. All services are free of charge and confidential.

What we do

We assist victims and survivors by helping them:

- Access services, supports, and community resources
- Navigate the criminal justice system
- Interact with Correctional Service Canada and the Parole Board of Canada
- Understand and exercise their rights
- Access information regarding offenders and correctional processes
- Obtain long-term emotional support and advocacy
- Connect with other survivors through specialized support programs
- Promote victims' rights through public policy advocacy and education

2025 At a Glance

In 2025, the Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime continued to provide national leadership in victim advocacy, support, and education. Despite ongoing challenges related to sustainable funding, the CRCVC expanded its reach and strengthened its impact for victims and survivors across Canada.

- Strategic Plan 2025–2030 finalized and adopted
- More than 12,000 new website users
- More than 270,000 social media views
- More than 207,000 social media engagements
- 20 grant applications submitted
- Continued facilitation of the National Homicide Support Group
- National advocacy on victims' rights, parole transparency, homicide survivorship, sexual violence, and gender-based violence
- Expanded bilingual outreach and public awareness initiatives
- Strengthened partnerships with victim service organizations, justice professionals, government agencies, and community organizations

Supporting victims in their healing journey

Throughout 2025, CRCVC provided direct support, information, referrals, advocacy, and representation to victims and survivors of crime across Canada.

Our team assisted individuals and families navigating court proceedings, parole hearings, correctional processes, victim statements, and other aspects of the criminal justice system. We continued to provide emotional support and practical guidance to help victims understand their rights and access available services.

CRCVC remained accessible through our toll-free support line, website, email, online chat, and text messaging services, ensuring victims could connect with support in a way that met their needs.

Education, Awareness, and Advocacy

CRCVC continued to promote victims' concerns through public education, media engagement, presentations, conferences, consultations, and policy advocacy. Furthermore, we act as an information centre for victims by providing resources that explain the Canadian criminal justice system and disseminate current happenings through our monthly e-newsletter, website, and social media platforms.

Key advocacy priorities included: victims' rights parole, homicide survivorship, sexual violence prevention and response, gender-based violence, justice system reform, and strengthening the Canadian Victims Bill of Rights. CRCVC participated in media interviews, public awareness initiatives, and government consultations to ensure that victims' perspectives remained at the forefront of justice policy discussions.

Strategic Growth and Organizational Development

A major milestone in 2025 was the completion of CRCVC's Strategic Plan 2025–2030.

The Strategic Plan establishes a clear roadmap for organizational growth, advocacy priorities, service delivery, sustainability, and community impact over the next five years.

Throughout the year, CRCVC aligned communications, campaigns, and outreach activities with the organization's values of Advocacy, Empowerment, Knowledge, Person-Centred Service, and Respect.

We also expanded bilingual communications and strengthened organizational capacity to better serve victims and survivors across Canada.

Digital Impact and Public Engagement

CRCVC experienced extraordinary growth in online engagement during 2025.

Website Growth

- More than 12,000 new users visited CRCVC's website in 2025.
- This represents an increase of more than 10,900% compared to the previous year.

Social Media Growth

- More than 270,000 views across Facebook and Instagram.
- More than 207,000 engagements through likes, comments, shares, and interactions.
- Significant growth in public awareness of victim issues and CRCVC services.

Partnership Building

CRCVC strengthened relationships with victim service organizations, law enforcement agencies, justice professionals, community organizations, and government stakeholders through collaborative campaigns and awareness initiatives.

Funding and Sustainability

Ensuring sustainable funding remains a priority for CRCVC:

- 20 grant applications were submitted.
- Funding opportunities were secured or advanced through partnerships with the Sexual Misconduct Support and Resource Centre, Victims and Survivors of Crime Week, Badge of Hope, and Public Safety Canada.
- Fundraising and donor engagement initiatives were expanded through Front Line Support to expand from phone calls to emails, text messaging, and direct mailing.
- Strategic efforts continued to diversify revenue sources and strengthen long-term sustainability.

Looking Ahead to 2026

As we move into 2026, CRCVC will continue to focus on:

- Implementing the Strategic Plan 2025–2030
- Expanding the National Homicide Support Group
- Increasing awareness of CRCVC services across Canada
- Strengthening the Victims Advisory Committee
- Advancing victims' rights legislation and policy reform
- Enhancing digital resources and outreach
- Securing sustainable funding to support long-term organizational growth
- Continuing to provide free, confidential, victim-centred support services

Together, we will continue to amplify the voices of victims and survivors and work toward a more compassionate, equitable, and responsive justice system for all Canadians.