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Drive-Thru Story Events to Educate On & Honor Victims of Crime

Sioux Center, IA – Seasons Center for Behavioral Health is hosting two drive-thru story events called “Driven by Hope” to educate our communities and honor victims of crime during National Crime Victims’ Rights Week.

At each event, participants will drive through the event to experience stories and statistics from many different types of crime, light a candle in honor of victims to show support, and receive a resource bag. Events have proper COVID restrictions and measures in place.

Every April, the Office for Victims of Crime leads communities throughout the country in their annual observances of National Crime Victims’ Rights Week (NCVRW). The 40th anniversary of NCVRW will be observed April 18-24, 2021.

“We’re grateful to the Office for Victims of Crime for awarding us with funding to create a meaningful and informative event on the many victimizations that can impact individuals, families, and our communities,” said Christina Eggink-Postma, Vice President of Program Coordination and Compliance. “At this event, we will showcase the resiliency of victims through impactful victim stories and honor their strength through a candle lighting and messages of hope at the end. We hope individuals and families of all ages will come to take part and receive resources.”

On Thursday, April 22, Driven by Hope event will take place at Hope Church, 919 Grand Avenue, in Spencer, Iowa from 5:30-7:30 PM.

On Friday, April 23, the Driven by Hope event will take place at the Sioux Center Library, 102 S. Main Avenue, Sioux Center, Iowa from 5:30-7:30 PM. Family Crisis Centers are supporting this event with resources and volunteers.

No registration is required and this event is free and open to the public.

To learn more about this event, please contact Taylor Prather at tprather@seasonscenter.org and visit Seasons' website at Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/SeasonsCenterForBehavioralHealth/>.

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