

NOTABLE QUOTABLES

A key National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) goal is to inspire and motivate your community to support victims' rights. Your speeches, announcements, and presentations may benefit from including a few powerful quotations to underscore this message of collective support. The quotations compiled here build on the 2021 NCVRW theme. Bear in mind that quotations are most effective when the quoted figure is one of recognized authority. A short descriptive phrase may be necessary to establish that authority (e.g., "Early social reformer Elizabeth Fry said. . .").

Supporting Victims of Crime

This is the only perfection there is—the perfection of helping others. This is the only thing we can do that has any lasting meaning. This is why we're here—to make others feel safe.

– Andre Agassi (1970–)

Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you.

– Mother Teresa (1910–1997)

We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.

– Ronald Reagan (1911–2004)

A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal.

–Steve Maraboli (1975–)

Building Trust

Trust opens up new and unimagined possibilities.

– Robert C. Solomon (1942–2007)

Building trust is a process. Trust results from consistent and predictable interaction over time.

– Barbara M. White (1920–1984)

To be trusted is a greater compliment than being loved.

– George MacDonald (1824–1905)

It is mutual trust, even more than mutual interest, that holds human associations together.

– Henry Louis Mencken (1880–1956)

Engaging Communities

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.

– Coretta Scott King (1927–2006)

Alone, we can do so little. Together, we can do so much.

– Helen Keller (1880–1968)

There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.

– Margaret Wheatley (1944–)

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"

– Martin Luther King (1929–1968)

