

NOTABLE QUOTABLES

A key 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 2018 NCVRW theme—*Expand the Circle: Reach All Victims*.

Expansion and Understanding

Our task must be to free ourselves by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty.

- ALBERT EINSTEIN (1879-1955)

Peace requires everyone to be in the circle—wholeness, inclusion.

- ISABEL ALLENDE (1942-)

Circles create soothing space, where even reticent people can realize that their voice is welcome.

- MARGARET J. WHEATLEY (1944-)

Inclusion works to the advantage of everyone. We all have things to learn, and we all have something to teach.

- HELEN HENDERSON (1946-2015)

We need to give each other space so that we may both give and receive such beautiful things as ideas, openness, dignity, joy, healing, and inclusion.

- MAX DE PREE (1924-2017)

Listen with the intent to understand, not the intent to reply.

- STEPHEN COVEY (1932-2012)

I have begun to think of life as a series of ripples widening out from an original center.

- SEAMUS HEANEY (1939-2013)

Inclusion and Unity

There is no better exercise for your heart than reaching down and helping to lift someone up.

- BERNARD MELTZER (1916-1998)

None of us is as smart as all of us.

- JAPANESE PROVERB

A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history.

- MAHATMA GANDHI (1869-1948)

Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.

- ANDREW CARNEGIE (1835-1919)

Unity is strength. Division is weakness.

- SWAHILI PROVERB

We are each other's harvest; we are each other's business; we are each other's magnitude and bond.

- GWENDOLYN BROOKS (1917-2000)

I will, from this day strive to forge togetherness out of our differences.

- JOSEFA ILOILO (1920-2011)

Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization.

- MAHATMA GANDHI (1869-1948)

Overcoming Obstacles

One who gains strength by overcoming obstacles possesses the only strength which can overcome adversity.

- ALBERT SCHWEITZER (1875-1965)

The most authentic thing about us is our capacity to create, to overcome, to endure, to transform, to love and to be greater than our suffering.

- BEN OKRI (1959-)

There are dark shadows on earth, but its lights are stronger in the contrast.

- CHARLES DICKENS (1812-1870)

