



Dear Community Partner,

2020 was a whirlwind for us all. Let's look to our 2021 Mardi Gras Gala and make it engaging, relevant, and celebratory. Let's shine the light forward to the future. Once more, we call on you for your generous support which allows our team to provide 24-hour crime scene response, advocacy, and education to over 6,000 individuals a year.

On **Saturday, March 6, 2021**, we will host our **29th Annual Mardi Gras Gala**! For the first time ever, this Bourbon Street extravaganza is going **virtual**. Guests will choose from four different charcuterie platter offerings from Akron's own **Ernie's Cafe & Catering**. But if guests are only interested in seeing what's inside their swag bag that compliments their red or white wine purchase, that's an option too. Last but not least, guests can choose to purchase a digital event ticket without the food or wine options as well.

This year, we are **honoring Sylvia Trundle** as our **Bernard I. Rosen Award** recipient. Sylvia 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, while helping us raise our goal of \$100,000.

How You Can Help

❖ **Become a Sponsor:**

Various sponsorship levels available. Please see the enclosed materials for more details.

❖ **Donate Items:**

Wishlist items include jewelry, spa packages, restaurant gift certificates, unique experiences, behind-the-scenes tours, memberships, tickets to sporting events and theatre productions.

Victim Assistance Program is a registered 501(c)(3) (Tax ID 38-3142753), and a portion of your donation qualifies as tax deductible.

For additional event details, email mardigras@victimassistanceprogram.org or call 330.376.7022 ext. 210.

Thank you for being our partner and for helping victims of crime and trauma move from hardship to healing.



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www.victimassistanceprogram.org/mardigrasgala/



Auction Donation Form

Donation Deadline: Friday, February 12, 2021

All Mardi Gras Gala silent auction items will be showcased on-line one week leading up to the event. Please include the company's name which will be promoted on the auction's website, www.biddingforgood.com/victimassistanceprogram/MG2021

Donor Contact Name: _____

Company/Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Email: _____

Description of Donated Items (restrictions, expiration dates, etc.): _____

Fair Market Value: \$ _____

- ☐ Item/gift card/certificate accompanied
- ☐ Donor/Company will deliver or send to VAP office on ____/____/____
- ☐ Donor requests VAP pick up donation week of ____/____/____
- ☐ I am unable to donate an item, but have included a donation in the amount of \$ _____

Please Return Form and Donation to: Victim Assistance Program

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