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**PRESS RELEASE**

**VICTIMS OF CRIME FACE LACK OF SERVICES WITH DEVASTATING FUNDING CUTS COMING TO HUMBOLDT COUNTY**

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North Coast Rape Crisis Team urgently needs community support amidst looming 44.7% budget cut

The North Coast Rape Crisis Team (NCRCT), the only nonprofit resource for survivors of child sexual abuse and rape in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, is confronting an unprecedented financial challenge, a 44.7% cut to the baseline funding afforded Rape Crisis Centers by the Federal and State governments. This cut, made to all victim service providers, will mean a loss of over \$380,000.00 per year to the North Coast Rape Crisis Team alone. This loss of funds will end our ability to provide essential 24-hour crisis and long-term services to children, adults and families.

Since our inception over 50 years ago, NCRCT has provided both prevention and intervention services, at no cost to our survivors and community. Services include a bi-lingual 24-hour crisis line, accompaniment to evidence collection exams, reports made to law enforcement and criminal court, crisis counseling and basic financial assistance to survivors and their families. Last year alone, these services were provided to over 599 survivors in Humboldt County. Services are not dependent on involvement with the criminal process and are offered for as long as the families need support.

The 44.7% cut to the budget will mean the elimination of four full-time advocate positions, all prevention education to schools and our community, the end of crisis counseling services, and eliminating financial assistance for survivors, at a minimum.

**How you help: A community call to action**

Humboldt County cannot allow these vital services to be eliminated. We turn to our community to stand up for survivors and ensure they have the necessary support. The North Coast Rape Crisis Team is launching an urgent fundraising campaign, anchored in the 1<sup>st</sup> annual *Dancing in the Rain* Gala on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Your ticket to the event, along with the purchase of silent and live auction items, as well as donations made directly to the agency, provide a path forward for NCRCT and survivors of sexualized violence. Together, we can weather any storm; the rain is coming, please give today.

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