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**Local Partnership Receives Community Awareness Project Funding  
for 2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week**

**March 28, 2019** -- The Cherokee County Domestic Violence Task Force, along with co-sponsors Cherokee Family Violence Center, Cherokee Sheriff's Office, Office of the District Attorney, and Office of the Solicitor General, recently received federal funding to promote National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 7-13, 2019.

Organizations were selected nationally to receive a grant for the week-long event, which has the theme "Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future." The campaign expands awareness of resources available to provide assistance and support to those impacted by crimes in our community.

Funding will be used to educate Cherokee County residents about important issues and rights of crime victims. The National Association of Victim Assistance Administrators (NAVAA) provided the funding through a grant from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) within the Office of Justice Programs of the U.S. Department of Justice.

The Cherokee County co-sponsors are collaborating to create promotional materials with information to assist victims of crime. Printed in English and Spanish, the materials include posters, bookmarks, and stand-up easels. These materials, which will be shared in public spaces and with local businesses, include information on domestic violence, bullying, and elder abuse.

To honor this special week, the following events have been scheduled:

- **Crime Victims' Information Table:** Resource and awareness information tables for services available to victims of crime will be located at the Cherokee Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division, the Justice Center, and the Historic Courthouse in Downtown Canton. April 8 through April 12.
- **Candlelight Vigil to Honor Crime Victims:** Join Cherokee County leaders and crime victims to "Honor our Past and Create Hope for the Future." Crime victims will share their stories as the community offers support. April 11 at 6 p.m. at the Cannon Park Gazebo, downtown Canton.
- **Awareness Class for the County's Aging Population:** "Preventing Crime: Protecting Yourself and Your Money." This class will be offered to our aging population at the Senior Center in Canton, 1001 Univeter Road. April 12 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The weeks' co-sponsors will work together to honor the experience of Cherokee County victims of crime and to draw attention to each of their highly-regarded victim services programs.

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