

Marion County Prosecutor's Office



Ryan Mears, Prosecutor

   @MCProsecutors

 mcpo@indy.gov

Media Release:

April 29, 2022

Contact:

Michael Leffler, michael.leffler@indy.gov

Destiny Burgos, destiny.burgos@indy.gov

Marion County Prosecutor's Office honors National Crime Victims' Rights Week

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – The Marion County Prosecutor's Office commemorated National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 24 through April 30) by participating in two unique initiatives.

The first initiative took place on Monday, April 25. The Prosecutor's Office hosted a workshop spearheaded by Misty Kuneman whose son, Justin Crowder, was tragically killed in 2017. During her healing journey, Misty, developed Hope Flowers, where she creates small memorials out of recycled materials for those who have lost a loved one to violence. At the **Workshop for Hope**, a group of Prosecutor's Office and IMPD victim advocates volunteered to help decorate 100 memorials that will be provided to families impacted by violent crime.

The second initiative took place on Friday, April 29, and included the debut of the Prosecutors Office's **Angels in the Kitchen** cookbook in recognition of Marion County homicide victims. The cookbook contains 32 victim tributes and recipes that were considered the victim's favorite, both of which were submitted by the victims' loved ones. The goal of this book, is to embrace the power of a home cooked meal in times of loss and memorialize the loved ones.

"Both of these projects demonstrate the Prosecutor's Office's commitment to victims and their loved ones. We regularly see that the implications of violent crime and loss are not finished when a case reaches a conclusion – it is often a long road towards healing and our office was proud to be able to offer some level of peace and comfort for these families," Prosecutor Mears.

The 2022 NCVRW theme is Rights, Access, Equity, for all victims. This year's theme underscores the importance of helping crime survivors find their justice by enforcing victims' rights, expanding access to services, and ensuring equity and inclusion for all. For additional information about the 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, visit the U.S. Department of Justice, [Office for Victims of Crime website](https://www.justice.gov/office-for-victims-of-crime).