



## Elder Victim Ministry of Allen and Putnam Counties offers:

- safety planning,
- trauma support,
- justice system advocacy,
- emergency financial assistance,
- mediation,
- trainings on elder abuse,
- Are You OK? well-being checks
- Hello Neighbor Volunteer visitation
- Adult Crime Education Workshops
- Get the Scoop on Scams Group

## A Light Shining in Darkness



Elder Victim Ministry has helped over 5,000 elders prevail over the trauma of abuse, neglect, exploitation and other crimes, providing individualized recovery services. We visit homes, provide crisis counseling and spiritual advocacy, co-build safety plans, accompany victims at court, assist with emergency repairs, guide scam and identity theft recovery and facilitate mediation.



## A Felony Offense

The elder who escaped kidnapping, food deprivation, financial exploitation, psychological intimidation and severe physical abuse in 2014 saw legal and financial recovery through the justice system, healing and trauma support through social and health services, and an animal rescue and shelter from the humane society. Elder Victim Ministry staff and volunteers coordinated services, provided emergency financial assistance and have kept in touch with the victim to avoid re-victimization.



My abusers & captors went to prison for four and six years.

## One victim at a time...

We scan police reports weekly and receive partner referrals on potential cases of abuse. Suspected cases of elder neglect, financial exploitation, physical or sexual abuse or abandonment are reported to Adult Protective Services. After an APS investigation, Elder Victim Ministry staff and volunteers follow up on cases to provide emergency financial assistance, safety planning, crisis counseling, referrals and service coordination. Long term follow up is essential in some cases to avoid re-victimization.

## Watch out for elder abuse in your neighborhood..

Studies indicate that 1 in 10 elders is abused, neglected, exploited, scammed, isolated or threatened. Allen County should be reporting 1,000 cases of elder abuse per year. Putnam County should be reporting 300. Only 10% of that is reported.

## Volunteer With Us

Be paired one-on-one with an elder. Help build on strengths for recovery. Trainings are provided & mileage is paid. Multiple service capacities are available. Where do your skills lie?



Apply on the web:  
[www.crimevictimservices.org](http://www.crimevictimservices.org)  
 Click on Elder Victim Ministry

### Elder Abuse? It's...

- Hitting, pinching, **restraining**
- **Forcing** sex, pornographic viewing
- Humiliation, ridicule, minimizing the elder's opinion, **isolating**
- **Denying access** to transportation, medicine, events



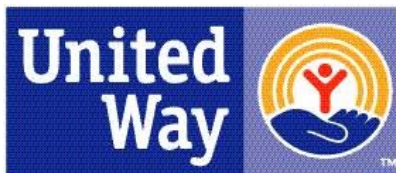
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