

# OUR VOICE

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Dear Friend,

We invite you to join us on September 4th for Our VOICE's 40th Anniversary Celebration, 40 years of Starting Conversations, at the Diana Wortham Theatre featuring keynote speaker Brandeis University Professor of Law Anita Hill. Ms. Hill started a national conversation by disclosing her experience of workplace sexual harassment and focused the country's attention on a difficult topic too often met with avoidance and silence.

One of the biggest challenges we face in ending sexual violence is silence. Many survivors are silent about their experiences, often due to the shame, fear, and victim-blaming that our society perpetuates. Many community members are also silent because the topic makes us uncomfortable or we feel disconnected. But while it can be hard to think and talk about, remaining silent is the surest way of encouraging the harassment, abuse, assault, and rape that affect so many in our community.

For forty years, we have been committed to breaking that silence by starting and sustaining conversations with many different people and community partners. Our counselors start conversations with survivors regarding their next steps to recovery. We start conversations with law enforcement agencies and medical centers to improve responses to sexual violence. We start conversations with students around staying safe online and bystander intervention. We start conversations with Spanish-speaking survivors who are now able to work with one of our 4 bilingual staff members. We do this work because we know that in order to prevent sexual violence we all have to talk about it, and once we are all talking about it, we are working toward eradicating it.

Our meaningful accomplishments throughout our agency's forty-year existence have been possible only through the caring involvement and generous support from people like you and me. Much work remains to be done, none of which can happen without our continued support.

With this in mind, we invite you to sponsor the Our VOICE 40th Anniversary Celebration. Enclosed is a list of sponsorship opportunities for your review. You will find a number of sponsorship benefits, including a reception with Ms. Hill, but undoubtedly the most valuable benefit is offering the opportunity for healing to people who have experienced a great injustice and helping us prevent these crimes from ever happening. Community support is essential to the work of Our VOICE. We invite you to be part of it.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew B. Parker".

Andrew B. Parker  
Board President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angélica R. Wind".

Angélica R. Wind  
Executive Director

# SEXUAL ASSAULT BY THE NUMBERS

Since 1974, Our VOICE has provided intervention and prevention services to the residents of Buncombe County.

Our core services and programs include a 24/7 crisis line and hospital accompaniment, case management and court advocacy, individual and group counseling, as well as prevention education programs such as the Bar Outreach Project, Climbing Toward Confidence Program, Teen Tech Safety Program, and other school based curricula.

## FOR THE 2012-13 FISCAL YEAR WE:

### PROVIDED

163

GENERAL COUNSELING SESSIONS

67

HOSPITAL ADVOCACY VISITS

359

CRISIS COUNSELING SESSIONS

### EDUCATED

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

1372

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

1288

## SEXUAL ASSAULTS PER 100,000 PEOPLE IN 2012

BUNCOMBE COUNTY\*



NORTH CAROLINA\*



THE UNITED STATES\*\*



The numbers represent individuals that filed a police report and are not indicative of the number of sexual assaults that occurred. *The Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network (RAINN) estimates 60% of sexual assaults go unreported to law enforcement.*

\*Crime in North Carolina 2012 Annual Summary Report. [crimereporting.ncdoj.gov](http://crimereporting.ncdoj.gov) || \*\*Crime in The United States 2012, [www.FBI.gov](http://www.FBI.gov)

# YES, I WANT TO SPONSOR OUR VOICE'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY AND 40 YEARS OF STARTING CONVERSATIONS.



Please list my name/company or organization name as: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Level:  CHAMPION (\$10,000)  ADVOCATE (\$5000)  ALLY (\$2500)  SUPPORTER (\$1000)  FRIEND (\$500)

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide a logo in hi-res format (via email to [RVoice@ourvoicenc.org](mailto:RVoice@ourvoicenc.org)) to be included in the following:

- 40th Anniversary marketing materials
- 40th Anniversary Event Program
- Our VOICE website

\_\_\_\_\_ My check made out to Our VOICE is enclosed.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

**Our Voice**  
**44 Merrimon Avenue**  
**Asheville, NC 28801**

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me newsletters and mailings in the future so I can stay connected to Our VOICE

\* All contributions are tax-deductible. Our VOICE Tax ID: 58-1491531

*For more event information, please contact our Executive Director, Angelica R. Wind, at 828.252.0562 For more information about Our VOICE, please visit [www.ourvoicenc.org](http://www.ourvoicenc.org)*



**THANK YOU FOR HELPING VICTIMS OF RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT FIND THE HEALING TO BECOME SURVIVORS**

# SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

## BE AN OUR VOICE CHAMPION – \$10,000 SPONSORSHIP

- One Full Page Ad in the Our VOICE 40th Anniversary Event Program
- Fifteen Premium Tickets including Preferred Seating and Champagne Reception with Anita Hill following the Event
- Ten Regular Tickets (to be used or donated)
- Five signed copies of Reimagining Equality: Stories of Gender, Race, and Finding Home by Anita Hill
- Acknowledgment in Our VOICE's Annual Report
- Acknowledgment in a full page thank you in the Mountain Express
- Acknowledgment in press releases related to event
- Signage on all Our VOICE 40th Anniversary Event material
- Promotion via Social Media (Facebook, Our VOICE Website, Twitter, Instagram)

## BE AN OUR VOICE ADVOCATE – \$5,000 SPONSORSHIP

- One Full Page Ad in the Our VOICE 40th Anniversary Event Program
- Ten Premium Tickets including Preferred Seating and Champagne Reception with Anita Hill following the Event
- Ten Regular Tickets (to be used or donated)
- Two signed copies of Reimagining Equality: Stories of Gender, Race, and Finding Home by Anita Hill
- Acknowledgment in a full page thank you in the Mountain Express
- Signage on all Our VOICE 40th Anniversary Event material
- Promotion via Social Media (Facebook, Our VOICE Website, Twitter, Instagram)

## BE AN OUR VOICE ALLY – \$2,500 SPONSORSHIP

- Half Page Ad in the Our VOICE 40th Anniversary Event Program
- Six Premium Tickets including Preferred Seating and Champagne Reception with Anita Hill following the Event
- Signage on all Our VOICE 40th Anniversary Event material
- Promotion via Social Media (Facebook, Our VOICE Website, Twitter, Instagram)

## BE AN OUR VOICE SUPPORTER – \$1,000 SPONSORSHIP

- Quarter Page Ad in the Our VOICE 40th Anniversary Event Program
- Four Premium Tickets including Preferred Seating and Champagne Reception with Anita Hill following the Event
- Signage on all Our VOICE 40th Anniversary Event material
- Promotion via Social Media (Facebook, Our VOICE Website, Twitter, Instagram)

## BE AN OUR VOICE FRIEND – \$500

- Listing in the Our VOICE 40th Anniversary Event Program
- Two Premium Tickets including Preferred Seating and Champagne Reception with Anita Hill following the Event
- Promotion via Social Media (Facebook, Our VOICE Website, Twitter, Instagram)

## CREATE YOUR OWN LEVEL

Have a good or service that you want to donate to help celebrate this milestone? Don't be limited by the choices above. Please email [rVOICE@ourVOICEnc.org](mailto:rVOICE@ourVOICEnc.org) to discuss how your gift can make a difference.

## HOW YOUR DONATION HELPS:

*\$10,000 provides 330 hours of counseling for survivors of sexual violence.*

This is provided by licensed counselors who work one-on-one and in groups with victims of sexual abuse in a series of no-cost counseling sessions utilizing a variety of therapy methods in helping survivors on their personal road to recovery.

*\$5000 allows us to provide prevention education to 1,029 high school and 686 middle school students in Buncombe Co.*

Through our Prevention Education Coordinator, we provide a wide array of educational and training programs to area schools and community groups. Programs are tailored to meet the needs of specific groups and address many topics related to sexual violence. Topics include internet safety, cyber bullying, dating and communication, and consent.

*\$2,500 allows us to recruit and train 10 Crisis Response Volunteers*

Volunteers answer the 24/7 crisis line, provide immediate emotional and informational support, and accompany individuals impacted by sexual assault to the Mission Hospital Emergency Department.

*\$1,000 provides emergency clothing for 100 victims met at the hospital.*

These individuals are required to relinquish their clothing as forensic evidence when a "rape kit" is collected. Our VOICE provides survivors with comfortable clothing, toiletries, and a recovery booklet; this can make a huge difference to someone that has just experienced trauma. We provide 24/7 hospital accompaniment for survivors

*\$500 covers the cost of 5 at-risk girls for our Climbing Toward Confidence Program.*

This 10 week sexual violence prevention and girls' empowerment program matches girls ages 12-14 with a female mentor aiming to instill strong confidence and positive self-identity through workshops and rock climbing instruction.