Funding a Mobile RV Unit

Help us help crime victims with disabilities, no matter where they live
The Adult Advocacy Centers Model

The Adult Advocacy Centers (AACs) model—the first of its kind in the world—will include brick-and-mortar centers throughout Ohio. Each center will be equipped to provide holistic, accessible and trauma-informed services for adult crime victims with disabilities in a universal and multi-sensory environment. Mobile recreational vehicle (RV) units will take those services to those who need them throughout the state.

The Staff

In both the centers and RV units, victims will get help from an expertly trained multi-disciplinary team (MDT) that includes forensic interviewers, forensic nurse examiners, mental health specialists, a clinical director and members of the AACs’ executive team. Additional MDT members involved with a case may include law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, and representatives from Ohio’s disability-specific agencies.

All services performed in the centers and on the RVs will be HIPAA compliant.

The Adult Advocacy Centers are seeking funding for a fully accessible and mobile RV unit.

A mobile RV unit will allow the AACs to take our groundbreaking services to adult crime victims with disabilities anywhere they need us in the state of Ohio. The RV has always been a planned component of the AACs’ model to support crime victims with disabilities. However, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become clear that mobile victim services, particularly for crime victims with disabilities, is a critical need. We are raising funds for one RV initially, but we hope to ultimately have several on the road.
The RV Unit

The fully equipped RV unit will contain state-of-the-art technology and accessible, trauma-informed features, including:

- **An interview room** that will provide space for individualized forensic interviews, conducted by disability-specific trained forensic interviewers.

- **An observation room** will allow MDT members to view the forensic interview in person. State-of-the-art technology also will be installed to allow for audio and video recordings that may be used as documentation in a legal case, and a live feed will allow off-site MDT members to view the forensic interview and participate in real time. All recordings and feeds will be kept private.

- **An accessible medical examination room** will allow disability-trained forensic nurse examiners (FNEs) to offer forensic medical services and evidence collection services. This room will include many accessible features, such as a lift and adjustable examination tables for safe transferring of non-ambulatory victims. A small medical team will use advanced forensic technology to document and record evidence with medical equipment.

- **A specially designed interior** that includes features and materials to accommodate a broad array of sensory, communication, mobility and therapeutic needs. The RV will also have a fully accessible bathroom, a wheelchair lift for entering and exiting, and Braille signage.
The cost to purchase an RV and completely modify it to suit the needs of victims with disabilities is just over $1 million.

Your tax-deductible gift will help the AACs and its partners improve access to justice, build better cases against those who perpetrate crimes against people with disabilities and increase the number of successful prosecutions.

Your investment today can help adult victims of crime with disabilities receive the same quality services and supports no matter where they are and no matter their circumstances.

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