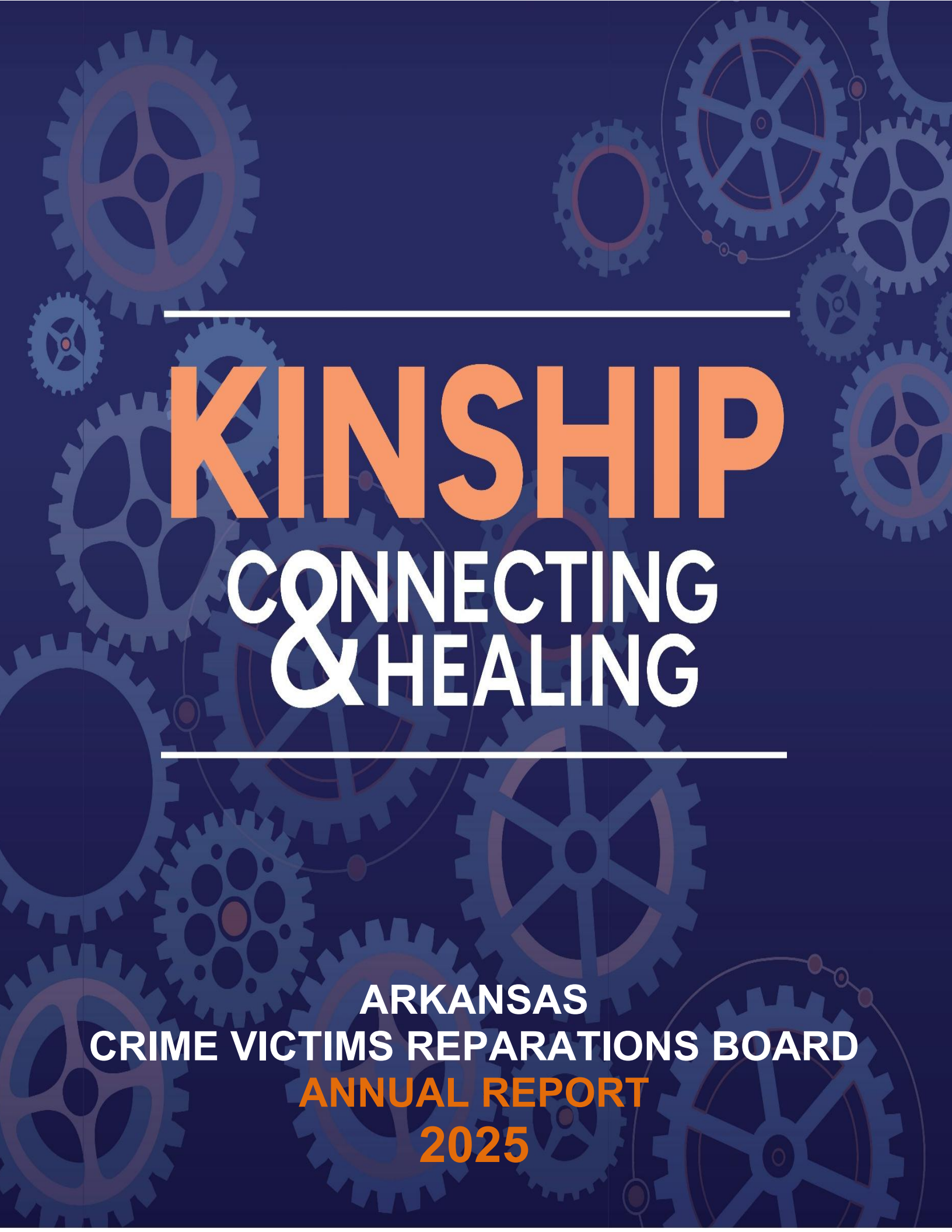




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CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT
2025

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MISSION

The Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board pledges to serve the needs of eligible victims of crime, and their dependents, who have suffered personal injury or death as the result of a violent crime. The Board and its staff recognize the special needs of those victimized by violent crime and accept the responsibility to provide financial assistance to victims who qualify under program guidelines. In this way, the Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board and staff are committed to restoring the lives that have been impacted by violence.

GOAL

The goal of the Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations program is to provide compensation for victims' unexpected expenses, such as medical treatment, mental-health counseling, rehabilitation, lost wages, replacement services, and funeral expenses.



ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

As the spokesperson for the Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board (ACVRB), I would like to thank Lisette Yang, ACVRB Administrator, for the opportunity to submit comments on the 2025 Annual Report. This report covers the activities of the ACVRB and staff from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. The Board and staff always seek to consistently provide timely financial assistance to the citizens of the State of Arkansas, who have suffered personal injury or loss as a result of a violent crime.

This report outlines the ACVRB mission and accomplishments for 2025 and identify the Board members and staff. It also provides a summary of claims received and awarded, and list the total compensation disbursed to crime and sexual assault victims.

The ACVRB is listed under the Department of Public Safety (DPS). We are appreciative of Colonel Mike Hagar, Director of DPS, and his Staff for their leadership and support. At present we have moved the ACVRB offices to the ACIC location in downtown Little Rock, and we are looking forward to working with Jeff Long, Director of ACIC, Lesa Winston, ACIC Deputy Director, and ACIC staff in the future.

In 2025, the ACVRB and the staff worked consistently to maintain and eliminate the Sexual Assault backlog from approximately 1500 claims since 2023 to Zero. At the present time, the staff is now processing sexual assault claims as they are received. This task was accomplished with excellent teamwork and coordination from ACVRB and staff; along with the Medical Providers, Rape Crisis Centers, and Advocacy Centers, that benefited from receiving their awards. The ACVRB Staff promoted one former Administrative Specialist to an Eligibility Specialist to assist with the Crime Victims claims. Also, an additional extra help position was added to assist with sexual assault claims and other duties assigned.

The ACVRB paid a total of \$1,339,869.72 in sexual assault claims, and \$1,061,266.74 in crime victims claims.

The ACVRB Staff were involved in community activities by conducting presentations in Pine Bluff, Jacksonville, Pocahontas, and online. The ACVRB and staff participated in community events such as the Recognition Ceremony and the Candlelight Vigil, both during Arkansas Crime Victims Rights Week. The ACVRB selected Casey Atwood for the Advocate of the Year Award and presented it to her in April at the Recognition Ceremony. Additionally, some of the ACVRB staff attended presentations at the ACIC Conference.

Finally, the ACVRB is very honored to have a great, competent, and dedicated team, which is led by Lisette Yang, ACVRB Administrator, Lesa Winston, ACIC Deputy Director and the staff; Varnell Messer, Melinda Perkins, Michaela Thomas, Tonya Hooks, Karen Heer, Allisen Douglas, Megan Morris, Susan Beets, Ericka Henson, Susie Cox, Amy Dick, Ryan Roach, and William Puddephatt

with the Attorney General's Office, all whom work very diligently to serve the citizens of Arkansas.

Also, I would like to thank my colleagues on the Board; Paula Steinsiek, Jordan Snowden, and Laura Abbott for their tireless service and commitment to the Board and the citizens of the State of Arkansas.

If anyone has any questions about the information in this report, or about the operations of the ACVRB please contact the Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board at 501-682-1020 or 501-682-1323.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eugene Tyree". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eugene" and the last name "Tyree" clearly distinguishable.

Eugene Tyree, ACVRB Chairman

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Bilenda Harris-Ritter
Chairman (Resigned)
Attorney-at-Law



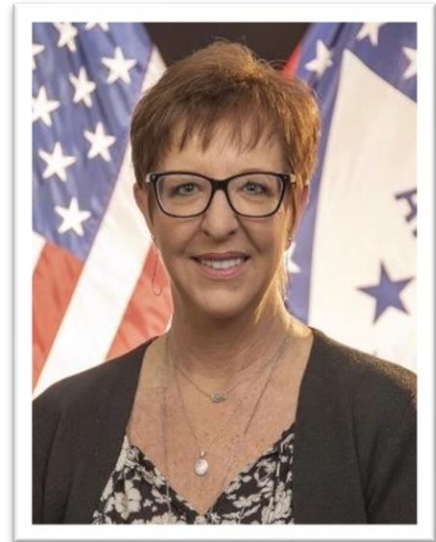
Eugene Tyree
Chairman
Victim Advocate

The Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board was created by the legislature in 1987 in order to help minimize the financial burden incurred by victims of violent crime. Since its inception, the Board has disbursed millions of dollars to crime victims. Although this financial assistance does not erase the scars left by violent crime, it does help many people to rebuild their lives.

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Jordan Snowden
Member
Attorney-at-Law



Paula Steinsiek
Member
Victim Advocate



Laura Abbott
Member
Victim Advocate

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PAYOUTS

2025			
	Received	Awarded	Amount Paid
Crime Victims	547	247	\$1,061,266.74
Sexual Assault	1797	1656	\$1,339,869.72
Total Claims	2344	*1903	\$2,401,136.46

*THE NUMBER OF CLAIMS PROCESSED INCLUDES CLAIMS RECEIVED FROM THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR-DUE TO THE TURNAROUND PROCESS.

ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS TEAM



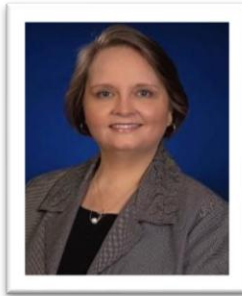
Lisette Yang
Administrator



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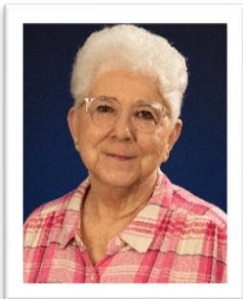
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Karen Heer
Fiscal Support Analyst



Danielle Shepherd
Administrative Specialist III



Susie Cox
Administrative Support



Ericka Henson
Administrative Support



Susan Beets
Administrative Support

AWARDS BY COUNTY

	Claims	Total
Arkansas	7	\$3,258.78
Ashley	2	\$0.00
Baxter	6	\$22,638.00
Benton	116	\$104,966.56
Boone	123	\$99,879.39
Bradley	2	\$0.00
Calhoun	2	\$844.50
Carroll	2	\$10,000.00
Chicot	4	\$7,200.00
Clark	59	\$42,467.75
Clay	1	\$0.00
Cleburne	1	\$0.00
Cleveland	2	\$0.00
Columbia	4	\$13,692.00
Conway	1	\$0.00
Craighead	151	\$92,941.76
Crawford	1	\$0.00
Crittenden	39	\$132,599.09
Cross	2	\$0.00
Dallas	3	\$8050.00
Desha	8	\$27,711.35
Drew	5	\$485.73
Faulkner	26	\$43,763.62
Franklin	0	\$0.00
Fulton	1	\$1,476.00
Garland	154	\$127,612.40
Grant	0	\$0
Greene	3	\$0.00
Hempstead	4	\$13,563.44
Hot Springs	2	\$0.00

	Claims	Total
Howard	4	\$3,469.75
Independence	48	\$44,047.85
Izard	0	\$0.00
Jackson	2	\$0.00
Jefferson	108	\$214,947.77
Johnson	0	\$0.00
Lafayette	1	\$0.00
Lawrence	1	\$0.00
Lee	12	\$12,596.98
Lincoln	0	\$0.00
Little River	0	\$0.00
Logan	0	\$0.00
Lonoke	59	\$41,734.07
Madison	1	\$1,311.00
Marion	1	\$6,521.99
Miller	34	\$35,210.97
Mississippi	8	\$35,684.63
Monroe	10	\$9,500.18
Montgomery	0	\$0.00
Nevada	0	\$0.00
Newton	0	\$0.00
Other State	25	\$11,030.00
Ouachita	5	\$14,802.77
Perry	0	\$0.00
Phillips	13	\$43,608.50
Pike	1	\$7,500.00
Poinsett	0	\$0.00
Polk	3	\$7,859.62
Pope	43	\$33,977.82
Prairie	1	\$0.00
Pulaski	367	\$325,490.63
Randolph	0	\$0.00
Saline	15	\$31,196.52

	Claims	Total
Scott	1	\$0.00
Searcy	1	\$7,500.00
Sebastian	237	\$210,539.27
Sevier	1	\$0.00
Sharp	1	\$0.00
St. Francis	24	\$69,623.77
Stone	1	\$0.00
Union	99	\$70,516.80
Van Buren	0	\$0.00
Washington	325	\$289,025.84
White	157	\$113,516.66
Woodruff	2	\$6,772.40
Yell	2	\$0.00
TOTAL	2,344	\$2,401,136.46



VICTIM PAYOUTS

- A 22-year-old Faulkner County man sustained a traumatic brain injury, broken pelvis, and broken hips when he was struck by a vehicle. This young man lived and the Crime Victims Program was able to assist his mother (caregiver) by maxing out the catastrophic claim at \$25,000 towards lost wages.
- A Pope County teenager was shot and killed by a juvenile. The Crime Victims Program was able to assist with the funeral expenses.
- A 33-year-old Pulaski County man was shot and sustained an injury to his right groin area. The Crime Victims Program was able to assist with the medical expenses.
- A 68-year-old St. Francis County woman was fatally stabbed by her ex-boyfriend. The Crime Victims Program was able to assist with the funeral expenses.
- A 30-year-old Jefferson County woman was shot in the back by an unknown suspect. The Crime Victims Program was able to assist by maxing out the claim at \$10,000 towards lost wages.
- An 18-year-old Arkansas County man was fatally shot and burned while sitting in a vehicle. The Crime Victims Program was able to assist with funeral expenses.
- A 49-year-old Miller County woman sustained injuries to her left eye and her back after she was assaulted by her cousin. The Crime Victims Program was able to assist with medical expenses, travel/lodging expenses, and miscellaneous expenses including a new mattress prescribed by her treating physician.
- A 60-year-old Jackson County woman and 43-year-old man were intentionally killed in a housefire. The Crime Victims Program was able to assist with funeral expenses.
- An 18-year-old Crittenden County man was shot and died as a result. The Crime Victims Program was able to assist with the funeral expenses as well as secondary lost wages for the victim's aunt who resided in the same residence as the victim.
- A Pulaski County woman was sexually assaulted by her father from the age of 9 until she was 21 years old. The Crime Victims Program was able to assist with mental health expenses.

2025 CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS WEEK



The Crime Victims' Team participated in many different events during Crime Victim Right's Week. Some of those events included:

Crime Victim Right's Ceremony
Candlelight Vigil
Healing Hearts & Spirits



CVRB Team in Action!



In 2025, The Crime Victims Team traveled to Black River Technical College, Law Enforcement Academy (ALETA) and met with new recruits twice to give a presentation and handouts about CVRB the program.

More Outreach!



ACIC 2025 Conference – Little Rock, Arkansas



More Outreach!



Col. Glen Church of Christ Annual Fall Festival/
Trunk-or-Treat – **Little Rock, Arkansas**

Unity Health Hospital –
Jacksonville, Arkansas



2025 Conferences



2025 Laserfiche Empower Conference – **Las Vegas, Nevada**

