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Louisville Bar Foundation Helps Fund Crime Victim Services

LOUISVILLE, KY (Aug. 1, 2018) – The Louisville Bar Foundation has awarded a \$7,500 grant to ElderServe’s Crime Victim Services program. ElderServe was one of 13 nonprofits receiving a total of \$115,000 in grants from the foundation.

The Crime Victim Services program served nearly 1,000 seniors in the 2017-18 fiscal year, and victim advocates also educate community groups throughout the year about elder abuse. The program is largely supported with a federal grant under the Victims of Crime Act. The Louisville Bar Foundation’s grant meets a portion of the required matching funds.



“Older adults may difficulty navigating the justice system, whether because of mental or physical health issues,” said Julie Guenthner, ElderServe CEO. “This grant makes it possible for our crime victim advocates to provide much-needed support, whether that’s assisting victims with protective orders, taking them to and from court, helping them develop a safety plan or finding them emergency shelter.”

ElderServe would also like to thank its directors who are members of the Louisville Bar Association, which supports the foundation: Tom Fenton of Morgan & Pottinger, who recommended ElderServe for funding; Charles J. Cronan IV of Stites & Harbison; Karen Paulin of Vice Cox & Townsend; and Eileen Walsh of Elder Law of Louisville. Morgan & Pottinger and Stites & Harbison were among several firms with five or more attorneys where 100 percent of its members donated to the Louisville Bar Foundation, which had a record-setting year for contributions.

ElderServe, located at 215 W. Breckinridge St. and formed in 1962, is one of Louisville's largest non-profit organizations devoted to seniors. Its mission is to empower older adults to live independently with dignity. The organization provides services to more than 2,000 older adults annually through multiple programs with four areas of focus: supporting independence, overcoming social isolation, protecting seniors and promoting wellness. Services include home care, crime victim support, financial management and guardianship. ElderServe also operates one of the few adult day centers in northwestern Jefferson County, along with a Senior Center, both located at 631 S. 28th St. For more information and a complete list of programs, visit <https://elderserveinc.org> or call 502.587.8673. Follow us on Twitter (@ElderServeInc) and Facebook (/elderserve).

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