Dear Supporters,

I’m honored to present to you our 2016-2017 annual report, highlighting our accomplishments on the state and national levels.

With the leadership of Delilah Rumburg, who recently retired as Chief Executive Officer at the end of February, the coalition produced tremendous accomplishments.

We worked with media to provide expertise during the initial trial of Bill Cosby in Montgomery County and hosted the National Sexual Assault Conference where more than 1,600 participants from 50 states, four territories and seven nations traveled to Washington D.C. to take part in more than 240 sexual violence-related sessions.

Award-winning author Jon Krakauer joined us for a public conversation about campus sexual assault and we launched a pilot project to provide telecounseling to survivors of sexual abuse.

We also relocated our office from Enola to Front Street in Harrisburg in a move that allowed PCAR and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center to be housed under one roof and in close proximity to the state capitol.

It certainly has been a busy year.

I encourage you to take a few moments to learn more about our work during the last fiscal year (July 2016 through June 2017). We invite you to visit our website, pcar.org, or follow us on social media to hear more about how, with your assistance, PCAR is providing help, hope and healing around sexual violence-related issues.

In partnership,

Karen Baker
Chief Executive Officer
About PCAR

Founded in 1975, PCAR advocates for the rights and needs of sexual assault victims and works to end sexual violence. PCAR partners with a network of rape crisis programs to bring help, hope and healing around issues of sexual violence to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The state coalition:

1. Assures that communities have access to quality victim services and prevention education by providing funding, training, materials and assistance to a network of rape crisis centers that serve all of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties

2. Provides resources and training on sexual assault-related issues to professionals across the Commonwealth

3. Promotes public policies that provide protections and services to victims of sexual violence, hold people who cause harm accountable and enhance community safety. The state coalition also works with media to increase public awareness, access to accurate information, and ethical reporting practices.

4. Operates the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC)

There is help, hope and healing available to survivors because of you. Thank you to all of our supporters.

A special recognition to:

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State highlights

Bill Cosby Trial

PCAR attended the Bill Cosby trial in Norristown in June 2017 to provide background and interviews to the press and provide talking points, resources, and up-to-date coverage to our network of Pennsylvania rape crisis centers.

Our communications team also developed press releases, blogs, and was featured in stories by media outlets including the New York Times, Vice, Mic, NPR, Allure, WGAL, and the Bucks County Courier.

Telecounseling Pilot Project

PCAR launched the Sexual Assault Virtual Environment (saVe), a one-year telecounseling project to pilot and develop resources related to the use of telecounseling services for survivors of sexual abuse. PCAR partnered with five pilot sites (Victim Services, Inc., NOVA, HAVEN of Tioga County, WOAR, and Victims Resource Center). The program was evaluated by staff at Thomas Jefferson University.

It's on Us

CEO Delilah Rumburg was invited to Vice President Joe Biden’s residence for a reception in recognition of the White House campaign, “It's on Us.” Biden presented three awards to school leaders who had implemented successful prevention campaigns on their campuses.

PCAR Prevention Summit

PCAR held a summit to teach skills about sexual violence prevention and evaluation strategies on June 14-15 in State College. Putting the Pieces Together: A Unified Approach to Prevention was a first-of-a-kind event with more than 60 people in attendance including representatives from 35 rape crisis centers and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Following the theme of the summit, attendees were engaging in both large group trainings that focused on community-level prevention and cultural humility, while also having the opportunity to attend breakout sessions that were relevant to their needs.
Supporting Sexual Assault Survivors in Prisons

A newly Office for Victims of Crime-funded project focused on increasing and enhancing the provision of rape crisis services to sexual assault survivors who are incarcerated in county correctional facilities was launched in Allegheny, Clarion, Clinton, and Wayne Counties. This multi-year demonstration initiative aims to strengthen policies and procedures regarding rape crisis services in corrections facilities, and to provide professional development opportunities for rape crisis and corrections staff to better recognize and respond to the needs of incarcerated sexual assault victims.

Improving Sexual Assault Response

PCAR provided seven webinars related to sexual assault response for advocates, law enforcement, prosecutors, court personnel, judges, and other allied professionals.

Webinar topics included the Sexual Assault Testing & Evidence Collection Act (Act 27), Sexual Violence and South Asian Communities, the Sex Offender Registration & Notification Act (SORNA), Civil Protection Orders & Juveniles, Intersections of Sexual Violence and Mental Illness, Sexual Violence and People with Intellectual Disabilities, and Body Worn Cameras and Considerations for Sexual Assault Cases.

Events

Jon Krakauer Community Q&A

PCAR partnered with the Pennsylvania Commission for Women, Midtown Scholar Bookstore, and a number of state and local legislators to host a community discussion about campus sexual assault with Jon Krakauer, bestselling author of *Missoula*, and special guest First Lady Frances Wolf. PCAR’s Chief Public Affairs Officer, Kristen Houser, led the discussion.

Vision of Hope Gala

On April 1, 2017, PCAR hosted the 11th annual Vision of Hope Gala & Auction at the Hershey Lodge to raise funds for the prevention of child sexual abuse. The evening featured a silent auction followed by dinner, a live auction, the presentation of the Vision of Hope Award to Julie Evans and Mary Worthington and live music and dancing.

Proceeds from the evening benefited advances in research, effective prevention strategies and adult accountability to prevent child sexual abuse.
National highlights

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The 2017 Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign, Engaging New Voices, focused on the prevention of sexual violence by reaching out to key leaders whose influence is necessary in achieving cultural change, not just in April, but all year long.

The national campaign, coordinated each year by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), also featured Spanish language materials for the SAAM en Español campaign. A translation of the English theme, “Comprometiendo Nuevas Voces” included resources for four audiences specific to the Latin@ community – Padres (parents), Lideres religiosos (faith leaders), Sobrevivientes (survivors) y Miembros de la comunidad (Community members).

National Limousine Convention

PCAR’s CEO and Chief Public Affairs Officer were invited to the National Limousine Convention in Las Vegas in March 2017. PCAR’s CEO was asked to speak about the work of the NSVRC and the National Limousine Association acknowledged our expertise and assistance in the creation of a riding responsibly PSA featuring Pamela Anderson.

Berkley Media Study

NSVRC continues to work in partnership with the Berkeley Media Studies Group to research effective sexual violence prevention messaging. A toolkit will be available in summer 2018.

National Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Toolkit

Through a partnership with the Office for Victims of Crime, NSVRC updated the National Sexual Assault Response Team Toolkit. The toolkit helps communities coordinate teams of people to serve victims of sexual assault.

Q&A with filmmakers of The Keepers

NSVRC interviewed director Ryan White and producer Jessica Hargrave, creators of The Keepers, a documentary which investigates the unsolved murder of Sister Cathy Cesnik, to get a deeper look at what they learned about sexual violence, their message to survivors and whether they believe there can still be justice for Sister Cathy.
Raliance

Raliance is a Washington D.C.-based collaborative initiative with the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, California Coalition Against Sexual Assault —PreventConnect and the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence with the goal of ending sexual violence in one generation.

Highlights

• Worked with the Poynter Institute to host a Media Summit in May and also to sponsor “The Rallys” awards for excellence in journalism

• Sponsored the ThisGEN Youth Summit, bringing 75 young people to Washington DC to develop their advocacy skills.

• Funded a second round of grants, awarding $600,000 to 14 programs throughout the United States. To view the programs funded, visit www.raliance.org for more information

• Worked with Berkeley Media Studies Group and Goodwin-Simon to conduct focus groups testing various messages and themes about sexual violence prevention

• Hosted two think tanks—one focusing on policy and one on advocacy

Other Projects & Resources

• Talking points on The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) 2010-2012 State Report – Sexual Violence Data and Prevention Implications

• NSVRC participated in the planning and presentation of the CDC’s National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey State Report webinar

• A tip sheet about reporting on sexual violence for journalists

• The Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative (SADI) Final Report was released, containing lessons learned and recommendations for funders, technical assistance providers, and dual/multiservice programs

• Talking points about considerations for school district sexual misconduct policies

• Talking points on the American Journal of Preventive Medicine release of Lifetime Economic Burden of Rape Among U.S. Adults
Training & Resources

Protection from Sexual Violence & Intimidation Act

PCAR continued to provide trainings on the Protection from Sexual Violence & Intimidation Act, reaching more than 300 court personnel, judges, advocates, university staff, and other professionals. The Sexual Violence Protection Orders offer additional protections to victims of sexual violence who may not fall under the coverage of Pennsylvania’s Protection from Abuse Act.

Sexual Violence and Disabilities

PCAR provided eight regional trainings for 200 support coordinators at the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services—Office of Developmental Programs on the intersection of sexual violence and disabilities.

Older Adults and Disabilities

PCAR worked with allies to provide four regional meetings, training more than 200 victim advocates and protective service professionals to build collaboration and improve response to the victimization of older adults and people with disabilities.

New Resources

Campus-Related Crimes of Sexual Violence Trial Packet & Judicial Bench Cards

PCAR produced several new resources for Pennsylvania judges: a trial packet on Campus-Related Crimes of Sexual Violence and a set of bench cards with information on the Sex Offender Registration & Notification Act (SORNA), Commercial Exploitation of Youth, Intersections of Sexual Violence & Mental Illness, and Protection of Victims of Sexual Violence.

Forensic Rape Exam Posters

PCAR created posters to display in hospitals and other community settings to increase public awareness that victims of sexual assault can get forensic rape exams (rape kits) for free without having to make a report to law enforcement.

How We Respond to Sexual Violence Matters

PCAR developed a new resource to be distributed in public settings that provides information on how to support survivors of sexual assault, as well as where to find help if you are a survivor. These were distributed during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, but are designed to be used year-round.

PCAR also provided numerous trainings for Pennsylvania Centers on the following topics:

- Sexual Assault Testing & Evidence Collection Act (Act 27)
- Engaging Latin@ Communities to End Gender Based Violence
- Campus Orientation Curriculum – Training of Trainers
- Intersections of Sexual Violence and People with Developmental Disabilities
- Holistic Approaches to Serving Immigrant Sexual Assault Survivors
- Structured Sensory Interventions for Traumatized Children, Adolescents & Parents
- Civil Protection Orders and Juveniles
- Human Trafficking
- Expert Witness Testimony
- Preventing Youth Suicide
- Parents in the Know – Training of Trainers
- Body Worn Cameras
- Mandated Reporting of Child Abuse – Training of Trainers
- Victim Services & Protective Services: Working Together
- Planning & Evaluating Prevention
- Working with Children who have been Sexually Abused
Policy & Legislation

Advising on Body-worn cameras

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency convened a stakeholders’ group tasked with establishing minimum standards for grants to law enforcement agencies around their use of body worn cameras. PCAR is a member of the group to advocate for standards that incorporate best practices pertaining to sexual assault victims’ safety, privacy and options in the context of body worn camera practices.

Advocacy Day at the Capitol

PCAR and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence held a joint advocacy day at the Capitol Building in April 2017. Representatives from rape crisis centers, domestic violence centers and the public participated in the day that included legislative visits as well as a press conference calling for legislative action on key bills.

Key Legislation

Enhanced penalties for indecent exposure to minors

PCAR advocated for the passage of HB 489 which would enhance penalties for offenses involving indecent exposure to minors under the age of 16.

Prohibiting ARD sentences for sexual abuse of a child

PCAR supported HB 594 which would prohibit the state or court from authorizing an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) for people who have sexually assaulted a child under the age of 18.

Networking with Public Officials

- Kristen Houser, Chief Public Affairs Officer, represented PCAR on the Senate Resolution 267 Advisory Committee on Addiction Treatment Services.
- PCAR staff worked with the Governor’s Policy staff, Department of Education, and others to inform an ‘It’s on Us’ legislative package of bills proposed to address campus sexual assault.
- Rep. Brandon Neumann’s office met with PCAR, the Joyful Heart Foundation, and the Auditor General’s office to discuss rape kit policy reform.
- PCAR staff met with Rep. Scott Perry to discuss sexual violence-related legislation.

Rape kit backlog study

PCAR supported SR 75, which was signed by Governor Tom Wolf, to conduct a study on the current rape kit backlog in Pennsylvania. It included an assessment of federal and state funding sources to expedite kit testing, the capacity of law enforcement, and the state’s overall compliance with Act 27 requirements pertaining to victim notification, consent, reporting, and other requirements.

Safe harbor for minor victims of sex trafficking

PCAR supports SR 554 which would protect children who are commercially sexually exploited from prosecution.

For a full list of the bills PCAR has taken a position on, visit http://www.pcar.org/laws-policy/pennsylvania-legislation.
PCAR grants more than 67% of its revenue to community-based rape crisis centers for victim services and prevention activities.
Making a Difference

We all have a role to play in achieving a world free of sexual violence. PCAR is acting now to make the world a safe place, and we need your help — you are part of our Vision of Hope!

HELP
Keep professionals ready to serve survivors.
PCAR partners with state officials and serves on committees and task forces to effectively coordinate state responses to sexual violence.

HOPE
For a world free of sexual violence.
PCAR develops, evaluates and disseminates resources and trains staff at crisis centers to implement effective prevention strategies.

HEALING
The trauma of sexual assault.
PCAR provides training opportunities, including therapeutic and counseling skills, for rape crisis centers across Pennsylvania.

6 Ways to Give

1. Make a donation to PCAR's Vision of Hope Fund by visiting pcar.org/donate.

2. Attend, sponsor and/or donate an auction item to PCAR's Vision of Hope Gala & Auction. Funds raised help to prevent child sexual abuse.

3. Select PCAR as your Amazon Smile charity of choice. A portion of your purchase is automatically donated when you shop at smile.amazon.com.

4. Sign up for CaringCent at caringcent.com/#/go/pcar to round up purchases you make to the nearest dollar, donating the “round up” to PCAR.

5. Select PCAR as your Legacy Giving charity.

6. Make a donation to the Delilah Rumburg Vision for Leadership Fund to invest in the next generation of leaders in sexual violence prevention.
Give the gift of help, hope and healing.

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The best way to do ourselves good is to be doing good to others.
-Thomas Brooks

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