

# The Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

## Victims of Hate Crimes: *Making Victims Whole*

A hate crime is defined as "...any criminal or attempted criminal act which is motivated by the victim's race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender or disability status. It may involve a verbal, written, or physical action that is intended to create emotional suffering, physical harm or property damage."

A Declaration of Policy About Human Dignity, Huntington Beach City Council  
Adopted on May 6, 1996, and reaffirmed on February 21, 2006

Hate crimes that involve property destruction often occur without witnesses, making restitution difficult. Consequently, victims without resources may be put in a position of "living with" the damage and will constantly be reminded of the crime. This prolongs recovery, both materially and psychologically.

**Supporting the victim:** The *Making Victims Whole* program provides a network of Huntington Beach businesses, individuals and organizations that assist with victim recovery. Referrals to these services are made at the recommendation of the Huntington Beach Police Department and first responders to the hate crime.

### Examples:

Damage to home or business

Assistance with painting, glass replacement, landscaping repair or replacement, power wash, clean up

Damage to vehicle

Assistance with auto body repair / paint damage, glass replacement or repair, vehicle rental while victim's own vehicle is repaired

### ***What can you do?***

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

Business / Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of service offered: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to the HRTF *Making Victims Whole* fund, in lieu of a service: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check should be made payable to City of Huntington Beach)

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Frequency you can assist: \_\_\_ once / year \_\_\_ 2-3 X year \_\_\_ whenever needed

Would you like to be included on the Friends of HRTF email list? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**Thank you for showing that Huntington Beach cares!**

**Mail completed information and any donations to:**  
**Community Services, City of Huntington Beach, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648**