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A MONTHLY UPDATE
from your friends at Victoria's Voice



SAVE A LIFE *at the*
Music for Life
Gala

Time is running out to get your tickets to our annual **Music for Life** fundraising event taking place on Saturday, November 11, 2023, in Palm Island, Miami.

Join many of our strongest partners and largest donors at our exclusive black-tie event showcasing a lavish cocktail reception and chef-curated dinner, one-of-a kind auction items and an unforgettable performance by the Godmother of Soul, Patti LaBelle.

Seating is limited to just 400.

[Click here to get your tickets now.](#)

The life you save could be someone you know.



Victoria's Voice convened the third annual **Save Our Kids Forum** on drug prevention and addiction on September 28, 2023, in Orlando, Florida. We were joined by moderator Fred Stokes and other extraordinary thought leaders, government officials and experts in public policy, education, intervention, healthcare and law enforcement to discuss and commit to actionable solutions to today's most pressing issues. Speakers included Dr. Joseph Maroon, Clinical Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Dr. Maroon shared an eye-opening presentation on the neurological damage caused by marijuana use in the adolescent brain. Other inspiring contributors included pioneer in addiction medicine Dr. Andrea Barthwell, Seminole County Sheriff Dennis Lemma, Steered Straight founder Michael DeLeon and former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi.

We were also grateful to use this gathering to further a personal commitment we made during our previous Forum: Provide drug prevention education to justice-involved parents. As part of this effort, our very own Michael DeLeon certified 10 firefighters and EMTs from the Red Line Initiatives (RLI) to teach our collaborative One Step Away (OSA) program for incarcerated individuals. OSA is currently available on more than 500,000 tablets in prison systems nationwide. Working in partnership with Florida Moms for America, our RLI firefighters will teach the OSA prevention and reentry program at correctional facilities across Florida. We cannot wait to see the impact of this powerful collaboration!

Impact of this powerful collaboration:



It Takes a Village

We launched the Victoria's Voice Community Speaker Program in September to expand our existing national program and scale our capacity for community engagement. The inaugural Community Speaker training event was facilitated by Michael DeLeon, our Director of Youth Outreach and School Programs and founder of Steered Straight. Attendees included parents who have lost a child to overdose, individuals who are in long-term recovery and those who have a personal connection to our mission. Attendees were trained to effectively share their personal stories, inform and inspire their audience, and distribute our prevention education resources within their own communities.

To learn more about our Community Speaker Program, please email alexis@victoriasvoicefoundation.com.

Thank You, Barry

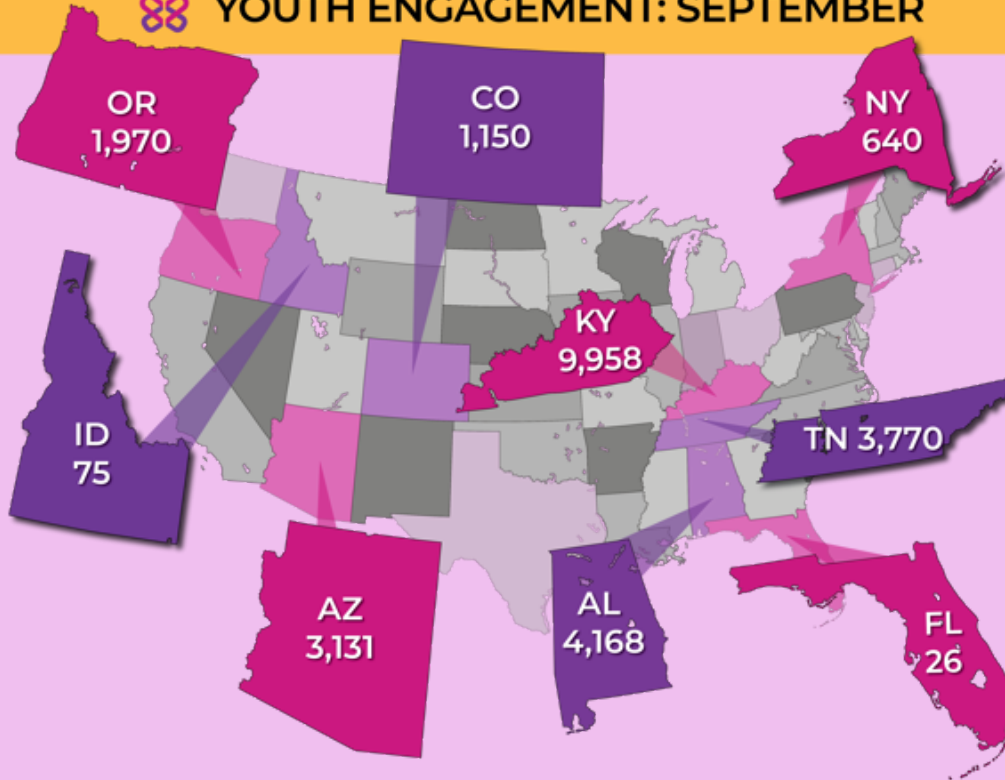


We are thankful to have benefited from Barry Manilow's talent and philanthropy as part of his record-setting concert in the iconic Westgate Las Vegas International Theater on September 22, 2023. It was an honor to welcome our donors to this celebration of his historic 14-year residency in Las Vegas!

Changing Minds and Habits



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: SEPTEMBER



SEPTEMBER STATS

24,888 students, staff and community members
174 vapes collected
9 states

2023 STATS TO DATE

681,896 students, staff and community members
2,552 vapes collected
24 states + Canada and counting!

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