

NATIONAL COMPASSION FUND ANNOUNCES MILLER VALLEY SURVIVORS' FUND STEERING COMMITTEE

100% of funds raised benefit victims' families, survivors, and those impacted

Milwaukee, Wisconsin | May 15, 2020 – The National Compassion Fund, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit that distributes charitable contributions in the aftermath of mass casualty crimes, today announced the members of the community Steering Committee, to be led by Mike Gousha, Distinguished Fellow in Law and Public Policy at Marquette University Law School, and Keith Stanley, Executive Director of Near West Side Partners. The Committee will be responsible for setting the distribution policy for funds collected through the Miller Valley Survivors' Fund, benefitting those impacted by the February 26, 2020 shooting at the Molson Coors Campus in Milwaukee.

The community, business, and civic leaders who will volunteer their time on the Steering Committee include:

- Co-Chair, Mike Gousha
- Co-Chair, Keith Stanley
- Dr. Terri deRoos-Cassini, Froedtert Hospital & the Medical College of Wisconsin; health psychologist and national leader in treatment of survivors of trauma
- Tami Garrison, Molson Coors Community Affairs
- Nancy Hernandez, President of the Hispanic Collaborative, and Owner of ABRAZO Marketing
- Pardeep Singh Kaleka, Executive Director of Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, and survivor of the 2012 Sikh temple shooting in Oak Creek
- Judge Derek Mosley, Milwaukee Municipal Court
- David Neville, President and Chief Executive Officer of Beer Capitol Distributing
- Dr. Joan Prince, Vice Chancellor of Global Inclusion & Engagement at UW-Milwaukee
- Andrew Stark, President of the UAW (Brewery Workers) Local 9
- Julia Taylor, Greater Milwaukee Committee
- Paul Tilleman, Senior Partner in the Trusts & Estates Group at Quarles & Brady LLP

“The Steering Committee of community and business leaders is honored to serve and recognizes the incredible generosity of those who have donated. We will approach this responsibility with both compassion and respect,” said Mike Gousha. “In collaboration with the National Compassion Fund, the steering committee is publishing a draft series of protocols and timelines for distributing funds. To inform the protocols, the steering committee invites victims' families, donors and others directly impacted by the shooting to offer feedback on these proposed rules.”

“This fund is an opportunity for our community to come together with love and compassion to heal the wounds of this horrific event,” said Keith Stanley.

The Draft Protocols may be downloaded at www.nationalcompassionfund.org. Public comment on the Draft Protocols will be accepted through June 3rd by sending an email to MillerValley@NationalCompassionFund.org. All who wish to stay updated on the progress of the fund and plans for distribution are asked to complete the contact form on the Compassion Fund website at <https://nationalcompassionfund.org/funds/victim-and-survivor-contact-form-milwaukee/>.

“This Committee is important so that we can ensure that 100% of the funds go to the victims in a fair manner” said Jeff Dion, Executive Director of the National Compassion Fund, which has assisted victims of many recent atrocities, including those in Orlando, FL; Las Vegas, NV; Parkland, FL; and El Paso, TX. “We are very fortunate to have a dedicated Steering Committee to ensure that our process is informed by community input and community values. Our goal is to help the victims and families as much as possible and as quickly, efficiently, and fairly as possible.”

To date, \$1.7 million has been donated to the Miller Valley Survivors’ Fund by more than 2,000 donors. Donations will be accepted through July 21, 2020, with distributions taking place in August 2020. Donations can be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/miller-valley-survivors-fund>. Those wishing to make donations by check or wire transfer should email MillerValley@NationalCompassionFund.org for detailed payment information.

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About the National Compassion Fund

The National Compassion Fund is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that collects and distributes charitable contributions in the aftermath of mass casualty crimes. It is a subsidiary of the National Center for Victims of Crime, the nation’s leading resource and advocacy organization for crime victims and those who serve them. www.nationalcompassionfund.org

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