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## NATIONAL COMPASSION FUND ANNOUNCES INDIANAPOLIS APRIL 15 SURVIVORS' FUND STEERING COMMITTEE

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

**Indianapolis, IN | June 30, 2021** – 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 Indianapolis community Steering Committee, to be led by Gregory Feary, President and Managing Partner, Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary, P.C. The Committee will be responsible for setting the distribution policy for funds collected through the Indianapolis Survivors' Fund, benefitting those impacted by the April 15, 2021, attack at the FedEx facility on Mirabel Road.

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

- Gregory Feary, president and managing partner, Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary, P.C., Committee Chair
- Dr. Zachary Adams, Ph.D. Indiana School of Medicine
- Paula Bosler, public relations consultant
- Laurie Burns, community impact officer, Central Indiana Community Foundation
- Steve Campbell, vice president of communications, Indianapolis Colts
- Gaganpal Dhaliwal, senior engineering consultant
- Kraig W. Doub, senior manager global logistics and customs administration, Allison Transmission, Inc.
- John A. Gardner, partner, Faegre, Drinker, Biddle & Reath LLP
- Mike Gill, chief information officer, Marian, Inc.
- Jennifer Jackson-Herr, Eskenazi Health Hospital Intervention Program
- Tyrone Humphrey, Eskenazi Health Community Violence Prevention
- Pardeep Kaleka, Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee
- Meredith Miller, manager, FedEx Ground
- Adrian Pomi, managing director, FedEx Services
- Deepi Sidhu, media & broadcasting, Houston Texans
- Dr. Jeremy Ty Sullivan, MD, United Healthcare Indiana and Kentucky
- Tony Vance, senior manager, FedEx Ground

"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 Gregory Feary. "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."

The Draft Protocols may be downloaded at <u>https://nationalcompassionfund.org/</u>. Public comment on the Draft Protocols will be accepted through August 13 by sending an email to Indy@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 <u>https://nationalcompassionfund.org/funds/victim-and-survivor-contact-form-indianapolis-4-15/</u>.

"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, more than \$1.5 million has been donated to the Indianapolis Survivors' Fund by more than 5,000 donors. Donations will be accepted through September 30, with distributions taking place in November 2021. Donations can be made at <a href="https://www.gofundme.com/indianapolis-april-15th-survivors-fund">https://www.gofundme.com/indianapolis-april-15th-survivors-fund</a>. Those wishing to make donations by check or wire transfer should email Indy@NationalCompassionFund.org for detailed payment information.

## 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. <u>nationalcompassionfund.org</u>

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