

# Progress Update: Building the Foundation for SCARS

To our Valued Supporters and Community Members,

We are excited to share a significant milestone in the journey of **SCARS (Strategic Community Advocacy & Resource Services)**. As we move forward with our mission to provide essential victim services and community advocacy, we are focused on building a sustainable foundation that will allow us to serve you for years to come.

## The Progress We've Made

This week, we reached a critical technical milestone. We have officially completed our federal documentation and submitted our notarized credentials to the **System for Award Management (SAM.gov)**.

While this may sound like paperwork, it is much more than that: it is the "key" that unlocks our ability to apply for federal grants and government contracts. By securing our **Unique Entity ID (VE7STNBML9S5)**, we are positioning SCARS to compete for large-scale funding from agencies like the Department of Justice and Health and Human Services.

## Why Your Support Still Matters

While we are aggressively pursuing government grants, these funds often take months to arrive and are usually restricted to specific projects. To keep our doors open and our immediate programs running, we rely on the generosity of people like you.

### Current Funding Needs:

- **Operational Costs:** Rent, utilities, and the basic infrastructure needed to provide a safe space for our clients.
- **Emergency Victim Resources:** Providing immediate, "stop-gap" support for individuals in crisis while we wait for larger grant cycles.
- **Community Outreach:** Helping us get the word out so that every person in need knows that SCARS is here to help.

## Moving Forward Together

SCARS was founded on the belief that no one should have to navigate recovery or justice alone. We are doing the hard work now—both in the community and in the office—to ensure we are ready to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

We are making progress every single day. We invite you to be a part of this growth. Whether through a donation, volunteering, or simply sharing our mission, you are the heartbeat of this

organization.

**Thank you for standing with us.**

With Gratitude,

**Franz D. Carter** Founder/CEO, SCARS

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