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Methodist Justice Ministry receives recognition for outstanding service.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 25, 2023- Yesterday, Methodist Justice Ministry (MJM) received a Certificate of Appreciation by the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office in recognition of MJM's outstanding service to crime victims. In observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 24-29, the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office held four simultaneous ceremonies in local courts to allow commissioners to meet survivors of abuse and recognize local organizations providing services to them. This year's theme is "Survivor Voices. Elevate. Engage. Effect Change." Wreaths were hung in honor of those who have been victims of heinous crimes.

Founded in 2006 by Reverend and attorney Brooks Harrington, MJM is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide light and hope to indigent families that have experienced neglect and domestic violence by providing free legal representation and support services. MJM's family law attorneys, Legal Director Jodie Connaughton, Sarah Pricer, and Donna Shardt, specialize in immediate danger cases involving physical abuse, sexual abuse, or where there has been severe child neglect. MJM receives referrals from community agencies like CPS, Alliance for Children, One Safe Place, the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office, and victim advocates at area agencies. MJM has assisted over 3,000 individuals in Tarrant and Johnson Counties through crucial court-ordered protections, counseling, and emergency financial assistance. MJM walks alongside these families to a more stable, safe, and independent life.

"Without community support, we couldn't do the things we do," said Tarrant County District Attorney Phil Sorrells during Monday's ceremony. County Judge Tim O'Hare added in his remarks, "Evil exists in this world, we know that. But there are people who care, who hear, who listen, and who are working to stop this evil." MJM thanks the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office for this honor and looks forward to continuing to serve vulnerable community members.

To learn more about MJM please visit: <http://methodistjusticeministry.org>

Resources for individuals fleeing domestic violence, human trafficking, and child abuse:
National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233
Safe Haven <https://www.safehaventc.org/>
One Safe Place <https://www.onesafeplace.org/>
Unbound <https://unboundnowntx.org/underground>
Child Protective Services (CPS) report hotline 1-800-252-5400
Alliance for Children <https://www.allianceforchildren.org/>
All Church Home (ACH) <https://achservices.org/en/>

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