

# SURVIVORS RISING

AMPLIFYING SURVIVOR'S VOICES SINCE 2016



Karen Abrams  
Executive Director



Dear friends and supporters,

It's been a helluva year. Dealing with sickness and death, racism, police brutality, and vigilantism, plus daily oppression via presidential Tweet. And, if the seemingly never-ending election season wasn't bad enough, we've still got COVID-19 marching on.

Nonetheless, there have been many, many bright spots in all of this mess, lightening the load of anxiety, anger, fear, and doubt. Thank goodness for your humor! Thank goodness for your kindness and wisdom! You have carried us through.

Because of all of you, we are entering the winter season cautious but optimistic. During November, we tackled strategic planning, revising our mission statement and discovering radiance in the principles that guide our work (those principles were already there, just waiting to be surfaced to breathe and live out in the world for all to see).

This is my wish now for all of us: May our wings unfurl. May we be fully fabulous as we prepare our new flight paths moving forward into the future.

Gratefully,

Karen



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*Thank You*

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Grateful that with you, survivors are RISING!!!

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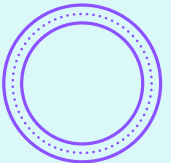




CANDIAS JONES  
BOARD CHAIR

## Mission Driven

Survivors Rising uplifts and amplifies the voices of survivors post-crisis and is a catalyst for individual and systems change through inclusive survivor and community engagement.



## Seeking...

Survivors Rising is seeking people to serve on the Board of Directors. We need a variety of skills and experiences!

The Board has oversight over the legal, financial, administrative, service and fundraising activities of Survivors Rising.

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**Working in  
partnership  
makes  
change  
possible**



This fall, we adopted the following principles to guide us in our work:




## Guiding Principles



### **Survivor-Centric**

We prioritize the needs of survivors by respectfully honoring the social, emotional and political knowledge of survivors.

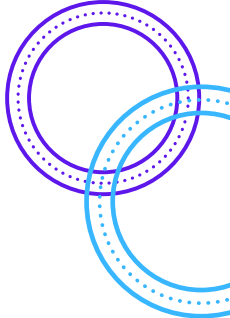
### **Culturally Relevant**



Culturally responsive decision making is necessary in order to effectively support the needs of all survivors. Understanding and centering diverse cultural perspectives is essential.

### **Trauma-Informed**

We promote and acknowledge the various ways individuals and their allies experience and express trauma as adaptive and natural.



### **Anti-Racist, Anti-Oppression, Equitable and Inclusive**

We are committed to challenging systems and structures that sustain and perpetuate oppression.





**LEONTYNE EVANS**  
**SURVIVOR ENGAGEMENT**  
**SPECIALIST**



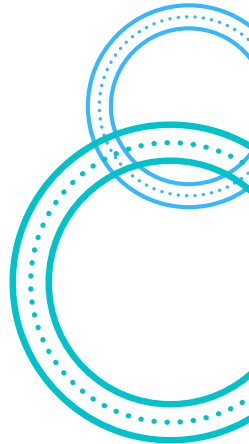
**MORISHA BROWN**  
**PROGRAM SPECIALIST**

# Post-Crisis Survivor Engagement and Work Towards Organizational Change



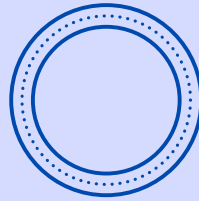
## About Us

We actively oppose subordination, exploitation, oppression, and abuse at the individual and systems levels. We work with survivors to provide hope and tools to transform their lives and to promote survivor engagement. And, we are tireless in promoting policies and practices that support survivors and advance their cause.





# VOLUNTEER Spotlight



## Meet Tiffany Carpenter!

Tiffany first got involved with Survivors Rising this past summer, after attending a virtual workshop on writing as self-care.

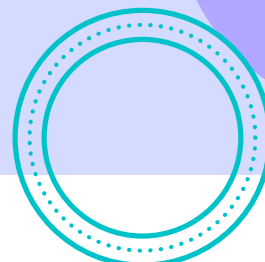
Tiffany says the facilitator and the participants were all so “wonderful and welcoming” that “from that moment on I knew that I wanted to be involved, I knew that I wanted to help others, so they hopefully don’t have to experience what I did.”

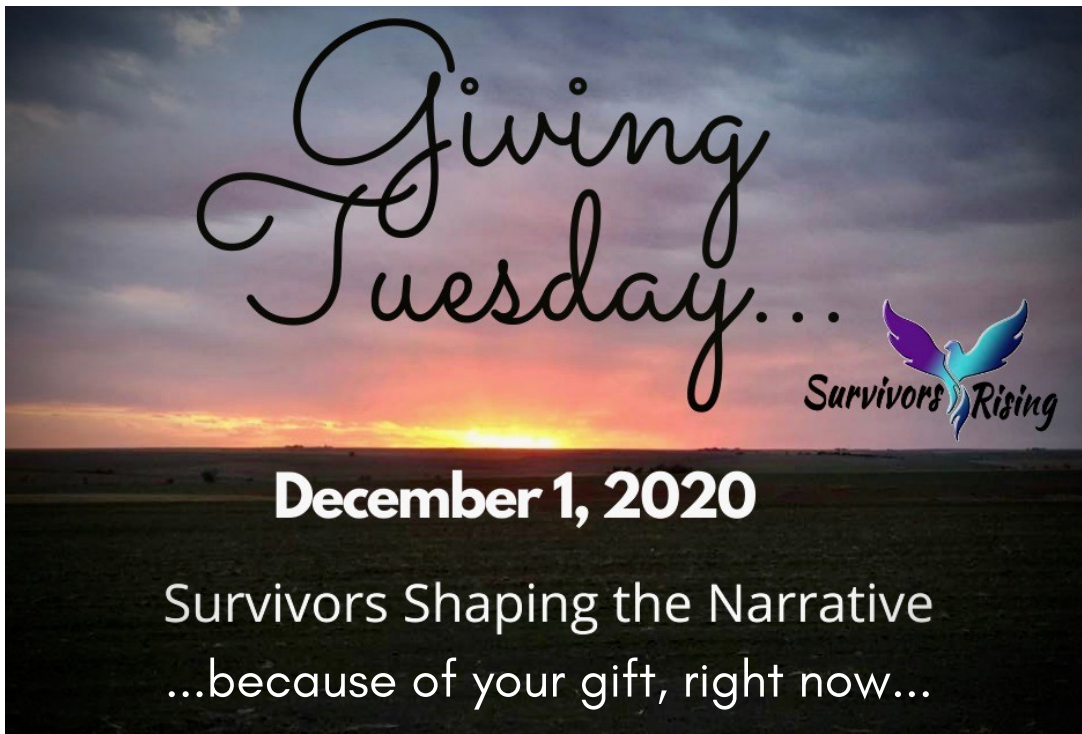
Now, Tiffany is working with us on marketing, communications, and fundraising. In addition, she’s gotten involved in our Policy & Legislation Committee and is looking forward to working to change laws in Nebraska to support survivors.

Recently, Tiffany told us, “My heart is FULL”!

We love you too, Tiffany, and thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your commitment and your involvement.

Survivors are rising because of you!





*Giving Tuesday...*

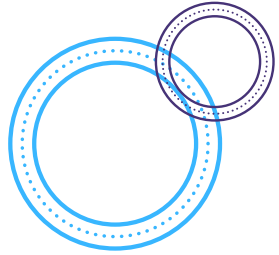
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