

VICTORIA'S MONTHLY LIGHT

AUGUST 2026

An Evening of Light was a beautiful reminder of what can happen when a community comes together with love, hope, and purpose. Even with storms in the forecast, the clouds parted and the sun shone brightly—almost as if Victoria was reminding us that light always finds a way through. Nearly 150 people gathered to celebrate her life, her legacy, and the difference we can make in the lives of others. With the music from the Dirty 33 Band, wonderful food, and so many helping hands behind the scenes, the evening was filled with joy, connection, and meaning. We are deeply grateful to every volunteer, supporter, and guest who helped make this night possible. Together, we are keeping Victoria's light shining—and carrying it forward to brighten the lives of others.



Save the Date

LOVE IN MOTION
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DECEMBER 3RD,
2026



THE
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FASHION
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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently welcoming sponsors for the upcoming sponsorship year and invite you to partner with us in making a meaningful impact. Each sponsorship level offers a range of benefits, including advertising opportunities, recognition, and tickets to our signature events. The sponsorship year runs from April 1 through March 31, with the following levels available:

			
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\$500	\$1000	\$2500	\$5000

WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER WITH YOU IN SUPPORTING OUR MISSION WHILE ENHANCING YOUR VISIBILITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: info@victoriastraussfoundation.com

FROM SUSIE'S HEART

Dear friends,

Victoria's light is shining brightly! This past Saturday was one of those days that fills your heart and reminds you why we do what we do. We brought Victoria's light to Ohio-and she was shining brightly. Looking out at the room and seeing so many people gathered together was incredibly emotional for me. There is something so powerful about seeing Victoria's name, her spirit, and her love for others continue to bring people together. Victoria had such a generous heart. She was always willing to help someone, encourage someone, or simply be there when someone needed her. That spirit was so present on Saturday. One of the most meaningful moments of the day was being able to give a \$2,500 helping hand to a family from Marysville, Ohio. To me, this is Victoria's light truly shining. It is more than a donation. It is saying to a family, "We see you. We care about you. You are not alone." I know Victoria was watching from above, and I can only imagine the smile she had on her face knowing that her life was making a difference in the lives of others. This is exactly the kind of love and kindness that was so much a part of who Victoria was. Her light was all around us that day—in every hug, every smile, every helping hand, and in the generosity of more than 100 people who came together to honor her and continue her legacy.

This is why we continue. This is why we raise money. This is why we give scholarships for dance, education, and special needs. And this is why we are so grateful to now be able to offer *Victoria's Light* when families in our community need a little extra support. Saturday was not just about raising money. It was about raising hope. It was about turning heartbreak into something meaningful. It was about taking the love we have and allowing that love to reach someone else. I also want to give the biggest THANK YOU to our incredible volunteers. So much work happens behind the scenes that people never see—the planning, organizing, decorating, setting up, cleaning up, making phone calls, greeting guests, and doing whatever needs to be done. You gave your time, your energy, and your hearts to make this day possible. I could not be more grateful to all who joined us, supported us, donated, shared in the day, and believed in what we are doing-THANK YOU! You are helping us keep Victoria's legacy alive. When I lost Victoria, I could have chosen to sit back and do nothing. Instead, I have found that by helping others, somehow, it helps me too. Every scholarship we give, every helping hand we provide, and every life we touch allows a little more of Victoria to live on. Victoria's life may have been far too short, but as Saturday proved, her light is still here. And together, we are making sure it continues to shine.

Susie Strauss Dodson

With gratitude and love,

Susie Strauss, Founder
Victoria Strauss Foundation

"The lives we touch become the legacy we leave behind."



LIGHT IN ACTION

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to the Victoria Strauss Foundation for your extraordinary generosity, compassion, and kindness toward our family.

During one of the hardest seasons of our lives, your gift has been a tangible reminder of God's faithfulness and His provision through the hands of others. We were deeply humbled and honored to be part of An Evening of Light. Its name beautifully reflects what you have been to our family—a light in the darkness, bringing hope when we needed it most. Thank you for reminding us that even in life's hardest moments, God's love shines through the hearts of people like you. We will carry your kindness with us always, and we pray the Lord richly blesses each of you for the hope and light you've shared with our family.

The Stephens Family



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