

VICTORIA'S MONTHLY LIGHT

OCTOBER 2026

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY

There is so much that happens behind the scenes that never makes it into a photograph. There are ideas scribbled on paper, boxes being packed, phone calls being made, sponsors being thanked, scholarships being reviewed, events being planned and countless conversations about how we can do a little more. That is the heart of the Victoria Strauss Foundation. It isn't just one event or one program. It is a community of people continually asking, "What can we do next?"

And right now, there is A LOT happening behind the scenes. We can't wait to show you what we've been working on. We are reminded that meaningful work doesn't happen all at once. It happens through small acts of kindness, generous hearts and people who choose to believe that they can make a difference. Thank you for believing in our mission and for helping us continue in ways that reach far beyond one person. Together, we are turning love into action, creating moments of hope and helping others discover the light they already carry. Too cute to spook, too bright to dim! Happy Halloween from VSF!



Coming up at VSF

More Info and Tickets on our website

SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS DUE
NOVEMBER 15TH,
2026



LOVE IN MOTION
WALK/RUN
DECEMBER 3RD,
2026



GINGERBREAD
PARTY
DECEMBER 5TH,
2026



FASHION
SHOW
MARCH 6TH,
2027



THANK YOU SPONSORS



Danielle Vargo and
Hughes White

The Hall's

Lix Schaeffer



Richard Devita

Margie Wilson

The Palmer Family

FREEDON

Shining Light. Inspiring Hope. Changing Lives.

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:



SUPPORTER
SPONSOR

\$500



PARTNER
SPONSOR

\$1000



CHAMPION
SPONSOR

\$2500



LEGACY
SPONSOR

\$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,

Can you believe we are already counting down to December? The most magical time of the year is just around the corner, and at the Victoria Strauss Foundation, we are busy preparing for two very special events that bring our community together in honor of Victoria.

As the leaves change and the holiday season approaches, I find myself thinking about Victoria and how much she loved this time of year. I wish she could be here to experience all the excitement, laughter, and magic with us. But through the Foundation, her light continues to shine, and every year, we find new ways to make that light reach even further.

Our Love in Motion Walk is an opportunity to come together, remember Victoria, and celebrate the difference we can make when we walk alongside one another. Every step represents love, hope, and our commitment to helping others. It is a beautiful reminder that even in the midst of loss, we can find purpose, connection, and ways to make a difference in the lives of others.

And then comes one of my absolute favorite VSF traditions: our Gingerbread Party! This may be our sixth year, but I truly believe it will be even more magical and memorable than ever before. There is something so special about bringing people together during the holidays, surrounded by creativity, joy, generosity, and the spirit of giving. And this year, our sponsor tables are going to be truly magical! We are dreaming up something extra special for our sponsors, and I cannot wait to see it all come to life.

Will you be part of the magic?

As we prepare for these special events, I hope you will consider becoming a sponsor. Whether you have supported us in the past or are thinking about getting involved for the first time, please know how much your generosity means to us. Your sponsorship is more than a name in a program or a table at an event. It is an investment in young lives, in dreams yet to be fulfilled, and in the legacy of a daughter whose light continues to touch so many hearts. Your support allows us to provide scholarships for education, dance, special needs, helping young adults pursue their dreams and reach their potential. Through our Carry the Light efforts, we are also finding families experiencing hardship and sharing Victoria's light with them when they need it most.

Every year, I am reminded that while I cannot have Victoria here beside me, I can continue doing the things that reflect who she was: caring for others, encouraging young people, and helping people find their way forward. That is what the Victoria Strauss Foundation means to me. It is love turned into action. It is Victoria's light living on through every scholarship awarded, every family we help, and every person who joins us in this mission.

Thank you for being part of this journey, for believing in what we do, and for helping us keep Victoria's spirit alive in such meaningful ways. Together, we can make our Walk meaningful, our Gingerbread event magical, and Victoria's light shine brighter than ever.

With gratitude and love,

Susie Strauss Dodson

Susie Strauss, Founder
Victoria Strauss Foundation

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



LIGHT IN ACTION

After months of dreaming, creating, and bringing the vision to life, The Light You Carry is officially here! This beautiful children's book was created to remind young readers of something we all need to hear sometimes: your light is always within you, even when you have trouble seeing it. Through the story, children are encouraged to recognize their own light, hold onto hope during difficult moments, and discover the joy of sharing their light with others.

But the story doesn't end when the book is closed. The proceeds from The Light You Carry will help provide "Light Within Kits" to children experiencing challenging times. What began as a book is becoming a way to place something tangible in a child's hands when they need encouragement most.

Available now on our website!



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