

VICTORIA'S MONTHLY LIGHT

SEPTEMBER 2026

There is so much happening as we are busy preparing for an exciting season of Love, Light & Giving! From our Inaugural Love in Motion 2K Walk/Run to our beloved Gingerbread Party, we have some wonderful opportunities ahead to come together and make an impact.

Scholarship applications are now available for young adults pursuing their dreams or someone facing hardships. Applications can be found on our website.

There are many ways to support the work of VSF—including our new monthly pledge opportunity. Whether you give once, give monthly, participate in an event, or simply share our mission with someone who believes in empowering young adults, your support helps keep Victoria's light shining.

Stay tuned for more details, mark your calendars, and join us as we continue to turn love into motion!



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
2027



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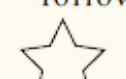
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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

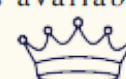
We are currently welcoming sponsors for the upcoming sponsorship year and invite you to partner with us in making a meaningful impact. Each sponsorship level offers a range of benefits, including advertising opportunities, recognition, and tickets to our signature events. The sponsorship year runs from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



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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

A Season filled With Victoria's Light

Dear Friends,

Fall was always Victoria's favorite time of the year. There was something about the season that seemed to make her especially happy. She loved everything about it- the first hint of color appearing in the trees, the crispness in the air, cool mornings and evenings, cozy sweaters and flannel shirts. She loved football, OSU football games were fun and she loved watching Sunday football with her daddy. And, of course, pumpkin everything! Pumpkin pie, pumpkin lattes... if it had pumpkin in it she was probably going to love it.

She loved bonfires, and gathering with friends, and those beautiful fall evenings when you could sit outside wrapped in a sweater and just enjoy being together. Fall was more than a season to Victoria. It was a feeling a time to slow down, celebrate, and enjoy the simple things.

As fall begins to arrive this year, I find myself thinking about all of those things I miss so much.

But one of the things I miss most is the way Victoria celebrated my birthday on October 28. Victoria never believed in celebrating my birthday for just one day. Oh no... she went completely over the top! Somehow my birthday became an entire birthday week. She would make plans, surprise me, spoil me, and make sure I knew how much I meant to her. She had a way of making me feel so special and loved.

Looking back, I realize that those celebrations weren't really about the gifts or the plans. They were about her heart. Victoria loved making the people she cared about happy. She loved giving. She loved creating memories. And she had a beautiful way of making ordinary moments feel extraordinary.

VICTORIA was the LIGHT.

Those are the memories that become even more precious as the years go by.

I wish Victoria were here to enjoy another fall with us. I wish I could share another pumpkin latte with her, sit around a bonfire, watch the leaves change, and, of course, let her plan my birthday week all over again.

I can't bring those memories back but I can carry them with me. And through the Victoria Strauss Foundation, I can continue sharing the love, kindness, and generosity that came so naturally to her.

Every scholarship we provide, every young woman we encourage, every family we help, and every person whose life we touch is another way of keeping Victoria's light shining.

So as we enter this beautiful season, I hope you will take a moment to notice the little things—the changing leaves, a cool morning, a warm sweater, a bonfire with friends, or maybe even a pumpkin latte. Not to forget, carving a jack-o-lantern. Sometimes the simplest things can bring back the most beautiful memories,

For me, fall will always remind me of Victoria. And somewhere in my heart, I can almost hear her saying,

"Mom, your birthday is not just one day!"

I would give anything to hear that again.
With gratitude and love,

Susie Strauss Dodson

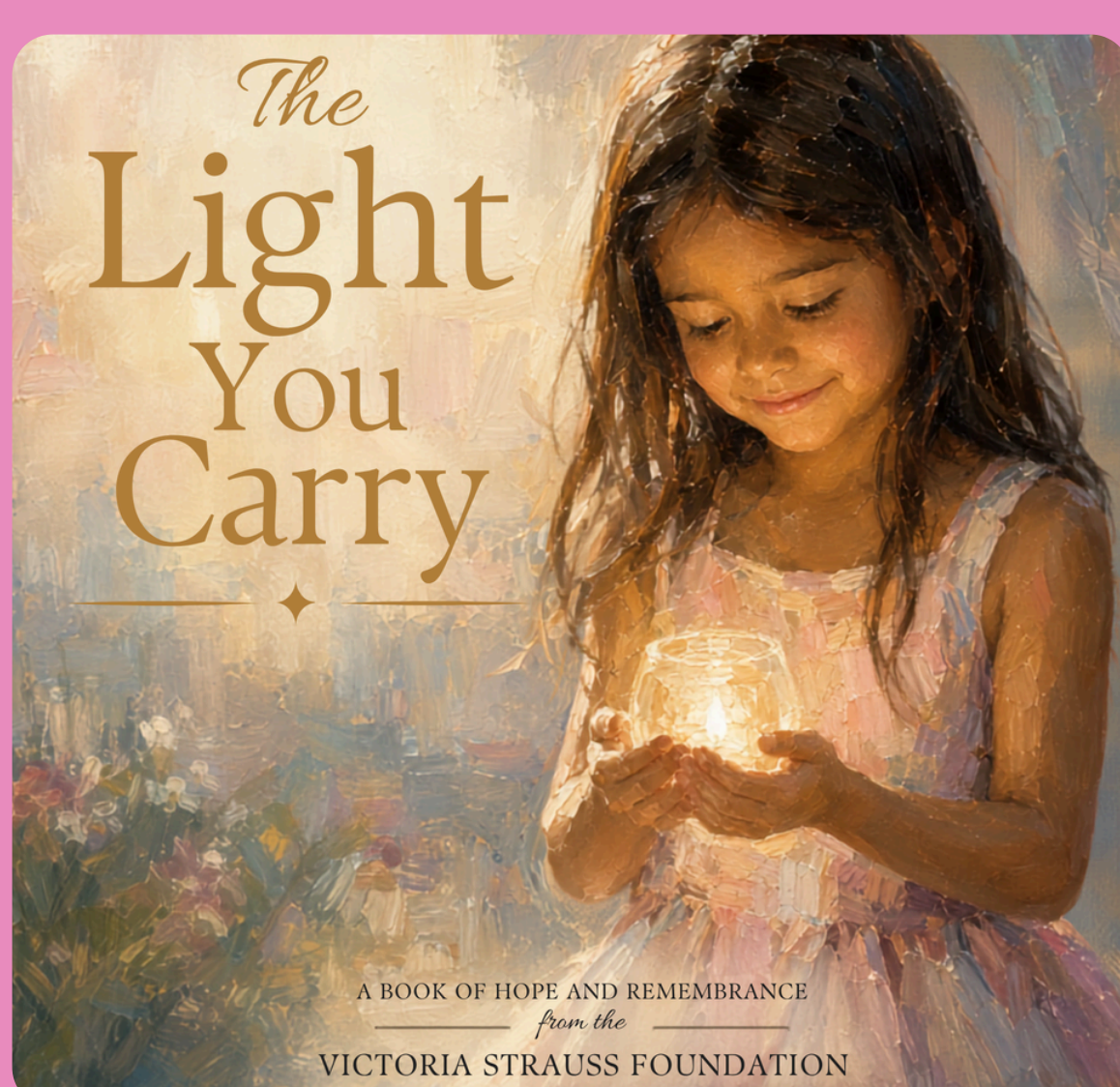
Susie Strauss, Founder
Victoria Strauss Foundation

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



LIGHT IN ACTION

Something big is brewing behind the scenes at the Victoria Strauss Foundation. We are creating our very own *The Light You Carry* book, along with mental wellness packs designed to bring comfort, encouragement, and hope to children who may be experiencing hardship or difficult circumstances. At the heart of this project is a simple but powerful message: the light is always within you, even when life makes it hard to see. We want to remind children that their light is still there on the difficult days, that they are seen and valued, and that their experiences do not define their worth. Most importantly, we hope to encourage them to recognize their own light, nurture it, and find ways to share that light with others. This is just the beginning of something we hope will reach many young hearts and remind them that even in the darkest moments, their light can shine again.



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