



In 1993, the Women's Resource Center, Inc. of Scranton, Pennsylvania created a powerful exhibit called "An Empty Place at the Table" as a living memorial to the victims of domestic homicide in PA.

Inspired by this exhibit, the Victim Services Unit of the Vermont Department of Corrections has created

a similar exhibit called **"Saving A Place at the Table"**, which uses place settings from survivors of many different kinds of crime to remind us that we must always "save a place" at our tables for victims of crime.

The place settings in this exhibit were loaned to use by victim/survivors of Homicide, DUI/Fatality, Gross Negligent Operation of a Vehicle/Death Resulting, Arson, Aggravated Sexual Assault and Rape/Murder. The settings contain personal items that help represent who these individuals were before the crime and how they have been impacted since.

“Saving A Place at the Table” is being presented to honor these crime victim/survivors and others in Vermont who deserve to be remembered and heard. “Saving A Place at the Table” is a visual reminder of the Department of Corrections’ commitment to keeping the voices, concerns, and needs of victims of crime present in the work that we do every day.

The Victim Services Unit would like to thank all of the victim/survivors who have shared their stories and place settings and have placed their trust in us to make this exhibit a reality. It is through their courage that we find inspiration for our work, and we thank them for the gifts they share with us every day.

