

# Volunteer Spotlight...Kathy Vik

In early 2018, Kathy Vik joined the Centurion family when she signed on to help organize our annual fall fundraiser in Princeton, NJ. Shortly afterward, she sought other ways she might help and so we gave her the formidable project of re-writing case profiles for our website. At the time, Centurion's website had a profile of every freed client's case, but they were inconsistent and too often contained factual errors. With tremendous attention to detail and a commitment to ensuring that every one of our client's stories is well-told, Kathy reviews case files, appeal documents, and court decisions to re-craft case profiles to help educate site visitors about the factors that contribute to wrongful convictions. It continues to be a work in progress.



We took note of Kathy's great work and she was assigned a case to develop. She somehow managed to come up with enough time to co-chair our most recent fundraiser, *One Night, One Life*. Together with Cheryl Mooney, they led the most successful Centurion fundraiser to date. Her suggestions and ideas are thoughtful and strategic, and she helps us identify ways to better engage our supporters and reach new audiences. As a result of Kathy's dedication to Centurion and her efforts to shine a light on the crisis of innocent people in prison, she was unanimously voted onto Centurion's Board of Directors in October. We are thrilled and so lucky to welcome Kathy Vik to the Board.

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## Why we give

We began supporting Centurion after a small get together at a friend's house, where we met exonerees and heard their stories. It was impossible not to be angry about the incredible injustice these good people endured – and amazing to see no anger or bitterness after decades in prison for other people's crimes. Since that first introduction, we have come to wholeheartedly believe in and support Centurion's mission - freeing the wrongfully convicted.



We lived overseas for over a decade and every day appreciated more the attributes of our system of government, including its legal system. But we now appreciate the flaws of a system that allows such miscarriages of justice – and the enormous consequence for individuals, families and our communities. For every wrongfully convicted person in prison, a guilty person walks the street.

We support Centurion because as a society we must be better than that – and we support Centurion because we have been inspired by its noble efforts and the exemplary exonerees we are now proud to call our friends.

Cheryl & Rob Mooney