



Homicide Survivors Inc.

Support, Advocacy & Assistance
For Families & Friends of Murder Victims
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Spring !

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

26th Annual Candlelight Vigil

Join us for our Candlelight Vigil Program celebrating Victims' Rights in Arizona. This vigil is in remembrance of all the lives that have been lost due to violence. Please join us in lighting candles to remember your loved one. Law Enforcement officials will present the names of those who were murdered in 2009 and 2010.



**Remember the Victims
Gone... But Not Forgotten.
Our Loved Ones Remembered
Come light a candle to honor & remember them**

Candlelight Vigil

Saturday April 24, 2010 at 6 –8 PM

Children's Memorial Park 4851 N. 15th Ave. Tucson, AZ

Bring your family and friends. Come early with your lawn chairs, blankets, etc., and share with other survivors before the program begins!

Vigilia de Velas

Sabado 24 de Abril 2010 de 6 a 8 de la noche, tomara lugar nuestra Vigilia de Velas. Traiga su propia sillas, y cobijas! Tenga su cuentos favoritos de su ser querido/a. Parque Memorial de Niños

Support Meetings/Grupos de Apoyo

Location for meetings/ Locacion de las juntas:

**Tucson Police Department Patrick Hardesty Multi-Service Center
1100 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 7-9 pm**

Up coming support group meeting dates:

Thursday, March 18, 2010

Thursday, April, 15, 2010

Fechas del Grupo de Apoyo

Jueves, 18 de Marzo

Jueves, 15 de Abril



Support, Information & Assistance Resources

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Help On Call Crisis Line

323-9373

Information & Referral

(520)881-1794

Pima County Victim Witness Program

(520)740-5525

1-800-775-7462 x5525

Pima County Superior Court Calendar

(520)740-8721

<http://www.sc.pima.gov>

Crime Victim Compensation

(520)740-5525

You may be eligible for financial assistance for medical, counseling and funeral expenses

The National Victim Center

1-800-FY I-CALL

Toll Free Information & Referral

Arizona Attorney General's Office of

Victims Rights & Services

(520)628-6455

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**Call the office to add your email
or phone # to our lists.**

Our Mission

Homicide Survivors is dedicated to meeting the crisis and long term needs of families of murder victims. Through support, advocacy and assistance we help survivors cope emotionally, stabilize economically and help survivors seek justice for their loved ones. Homicide Survivors is committed to ensuring that no one has to endure the murder of a loved one alone. We can't change the tragic loss, but together, we can ease the pain and prevent further victimization.

Did You Know?

VICTIMS' RIGHTS UNDER ARIZONA STATUTE

Victims' Rights During Investigation:

The law enforcement agency investigating the crime has the duty to provide you with information about your rights and how to request them.

In addition, the law enforcement agency has the duty to:

- Tell you whether the suspect is an adult or juvenile.
- Tell you of the suspect's arrest, at the earliest opportunity.
- Provide you information about the initial appearance of the offender.
- Tell you how to get information about court dates.
- Provide you with information about public & private victim assistance programs, including the county victim compensation program, programs that provide counseling and other support services
- If the County Attorney's Office made the decision not to prosecute a case, the office will notify the victim(s) of the decision and the victim's right to confer with the prosecutor prior to the decision becoming final.
- You have the right to request the County Sheriff notify you of the escape or the release of the offender from custody on a bond.
- You have the right to request a copy of the terms and conditions of the offender's release from custody from the Sheriff's Office.

Victims' Rights Before Trial:

Upon request, You have the right to be notified:

- Of the date, time, and place of court hearing involving the defendant.
- Of the release or escape of the defendant from custody.

You have the right:

- To be informed of the name, address & phone number of the prosecutor's office handling the case.
- To be informed of victim services and other resources available to you, including crisis, medical, and other emergency services.
- To be informed if a prosecutor declines to proceed with prosecution and to be provided with the reasons for the decision.
- To refuse defense interview and to establish reasonable conditions for any interview in which you may choose to participate.
- To have the defendant or any agent of the defendant make any contact with you through the prosecutor's office.
- To designate a lawful representative to exercise your rights in the event you are unable to do so.
- To be present throughout all criminal proceedings
- To be informed of the defendant's release and/or any hearings to determine the defendant's eligibility for release from secure custody including release from custody of a mental health treatment facility to which the defendant was remanded by court order.
- To confer with the prosecutor prior to a proposed change of plea and to be heard at any proceeding involving a plea agreement.

Know your rights!

Victims' Rights During Court Proceedings:

You have the right:

- To confer with the prosecutor prior to trial.
- To have the court and prosecutor take appropriate action to ensure a speedy trial.
- To be present in the courtroom whenever the defendant has the right to be there, including trial;
- To be accompanied at any judicial proceeding by a support person of your choice, including an Advocate, unless that person is also a witness.
- To make a statement to the court at a proceeding in which the court considers the post-arrest release of the defendant, a change of plea, and at the sentencing;
- To have the court provide appropriate safeguards to minimize any contact that might occur between yourself and the defendant or the defendant's family or friends and defense witnesses during and immediately after any court proceeding.
- Not to testify regarding your address, telephone numbers, place of employment or other locating information unless you consent or it is ordered by the Court
- To ask the prosecutor to have the court reconsider the defendant's release from pre-trial custody.
- To confer with the prosecutor and to be heard at any proceeding involving the release of the defendant

Victims' Rights During Sentencing:

- To provide the pre-sentence investigator with information regarding the emotional, physical, and financial impact the crime has had on you and to state your sentencing recommendations
- To have a copy of the pre-sentence report, upon request, when it is available to the defendant
- To be heard at the time of sentencing, and to present evidence at any aggravation, mitigation, pre-sentencing or sentencing proceeding.
- To have the court order the defendant to pay restitution for your economic losses directly related to the crime.
- To exercise your right to be heard in any proceeding by providing an oral, written or video/audio taped statement.
- To be provided a "Post-Conviction Request Form" to request your rights to post-conviction notification.

Victims' rights after sentencing:

You have the right, upon request:

- To be notified of the sentence imposed by the court.
- To have any property taken as evidence returned or to be given an explanation for any refusal to return such property.
- To be notified and heard at any hearing regarding work furlough release or home arrest or any other post-conviction hearing directly affecting the defendant.
- To be notified by the Board of Executive Clemency of a Parole Hearing and to state your opinion regarding the parole of the inmate from prison, if the defendant was sentenced to prison;
- To be notified by the Department of Corrections of the release, escape or death of the defendant.
- To be notified of any appeal of the defendant's conviction.
- To be notified of and heard at any probation, revocation, or disposition proceeding.
- To contest any post-conviction release, unless the defendant is discharged from sentence, when reasonable efforts were not made to allow you to be present and heard at the hearing from which such release issues.
- To file a Restitution Lien against the defendant's property to ensure the payment of restitution.

"In giving rights to others which belong to them, we give rights to ourselves and to our country."

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Tucson Promotes Fairness, Dignity, Respect for Victims of Crime

During 2010 National Crime Victims' Rights Week

This week, April 18 – 24, communities throughout the nation will rally to honor and support victims of crime. With the theme, *Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect.*, 2010 National Crime Victims' Rights Week will recall the ideals that inspired the decades-long struggle of the victims' rights movement and challenge all Americans to honor victims' rights.

Only a few decades ago, unfairness, indignities, and disrespect confronted many victims of crime. *Victims of Crime in America*, the 1984 report of the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime, described a "hellish" justice system, focused on offenders and indifferent to victims' needs. A victim disabled by a crime cashed in his life insurance to pay for heat and food. A sexual assault victim faced taunts and jeers from her attacker when she was forced to sit beside him in a courthouse hallway before the trial. Then she was excluded from the trial. At that time, victims' only "right," declared one expert, was "to remain silent" in the face of such inequities.

In the 25 years since *Victims of Crime in America* was published, a grassroots movement began to combat such unfairness and launched decades of progress for victims of crime. As of 2010, every state has passed victims' rights laws, and 32 states have constitutional victims' rights amendments. All states have victim compensation funds, and more than 10,000 victim assistance programs exist throughout the country. Such changes have made victims participants, rather than bystanders, in the criminal justice system.

Yet much work remains. Victims' rights are not always enforced. Some victims receive no notice when a trial is scheduled or an offender released. Some courts deny victims' right to be heard at sentencing or to be present at trials, or they fail to order restitution or issue protection orders to keep victims safe. Some victims never learn about victim compensation or receive victim services, an increasing reality during our current economic downturn. Such failures block victims' access to their rights.

"The ideals we celebrate this week give hope to all Americans," said Joye E. Frost, acting director of the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. "When a victim reports a crime because an officer treats her fairly, it enhances the safety of an entire community. When a court hears an impact statement or issues an order of restitution, victims learn the power of fairness, dignity, and respect. Yet when our nation falls short of these ideals, we fail victims and dishonor the progress we mark this week."

Tucson will commemorate National Crime Victims' Rights Week with special events and programs. Community members are encouraged to join in the week's activities and get involved in helping victims of crime.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

MISSION

The mission of National Crime Victims' Rights Week is to provide a time of nationwide remembrance, reflection, and re-commitment for crime victims and survivors and those who serve them in order to raise individual, victim, and public awareness about the rights and needs of crime victims; the challenges that victims face in seeking help and hope in the aftermath of crime; and the positive impact that individuals and communities can have by providing services and support to victims and survivors of crime.

When signing the proclamation that declared the first National Crime Victims' Rights Week, President Ronald W. Reagan said:

"We need a renewed emphasis on, and an enhanced sensitivity to the rights of crime victims...it is time all of us paid greater heed to the plight of victims."

April 1981

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office for Victims of Crime
OVC
"Putting Victims First"

...is committed to enhancing the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to providing leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime.

Justice

"Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope."

Robert F. Kennedy
(1925 – 1968)

Let your voice be heard!

Would you like to **SPEAK OUT** at the Victims' Rights Week Candlelight Vigil?

We are looking for survivors who would share their experience with others in an effort to improve victims' rights and services.

Please contact our office if you interested in speaking.

Homicide Survivors 740-5729 or email us at: homicidesurvivors@pcao.pima.gov

Candlelight Vigil April 24,2010 6:00 p.m.-8pm Children's Memorial Park

Spring
Into
Action!



Sobrevivientes de Homicidio esta recibiendo los servicios de la compañía Centric que graciosamente dona sus servicios. Nos han asistido con la renovación de nuestros cartelones de recordatorios. Si a usted le interesa poner la foto de su ser querido/a en nuestros cartelones favor de mandar su foto a por medio de correo or correo electronico o traigalo en persona.

Este informado que si manda la original se imprimira una copia y se le regresara la original a usted. Escriba unas cuantas palabras (párrafo corto) que va ser incluido bajo de la foto. Si tiene alguna pregunta o concierne favor de llamar la oficina a 520-740-5729

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Es necesario traer or mandar la photo y palabras, mas tardar el 9 de Abril, 2010. Gracias.

MEMORIES

“Our loved ones remembered”

We have a beautiful picture display, which we use at public activities. This memory board makes others aware that our loved ones were people, not statistics. We want to remember all victims who have died as a result of violence. Our memory boards are a lasting memorial tribute to our loved ones and are often displayed at community events.

If you would like to have your loved ones photo placed on a memory board, please send your photo and a paragraph about your loved one. Please include your loved ones name, date of birth , date of death circumstances of their murder, .and anything else you would like written. We will type the information. Original photos will be returned if requested.

Email/Bring/Send Pictures by April 9th, 2010 to: Homicide Survivors, Inc.

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Email address: homicidesurvivors@pcao.pima.gov

Website www.azhomicidesurvivors.org

IMPORTANT UPDATE*

The Candlelight Vigil is quickly approaching. To be able to have your loved ones photo on the memory board, please submit the photo and loving words to Homicide Survivors no later than **April 9**.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!

National Crime Victims' Rights Week Candlelight Vigil

Saturday, April 24th 6:00 p.m.

Children's Memorial Park

4851 N. 15th Ave.

Located west of Oracle Road and south of River Road

Join us for a candle light vigil in memory of all whose lives have been lost to violence. Representatives from Law Enforcement will read the names of those who have been murdered in Tucson from January 2009 through April 2010. There will be speakers from various agencies, a musical program and a memorial balloon release.

Candles will be provided or you can bring your own special candle to light in memory of your loved one. Come early with your lawn chairs, blankets, etc., to enjoy and share with other survivors before the program begins!

Volunteers are needed!

If you can help out with events, please call our office at 740-5729

Homicide Survivors needs volunteers to help plan, organize and help with the Candlelight Vigil . So if you can lend a hand, we would sure appreciate the help! Please call us at 740-5729 or email at homicidesurvivors@pcao.pima.gov

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Vigilia de Velas

Sabado, 24 de Abril, 2010 a las 6:00 PM

Parque Memorial de Niños, Children's Memorial Park
4851 N. 15th Place . Al Oeste de Oracle Road, al Sur de River Road

Únase a nosotros a celebrar una vigilia de candelas en recuerdo de todas aquellas vidas que se han perdido por medio de la violencia. Oficiales de varias agencias representando las autoridades locales mencionarán los nombres de aquellas personas que han sido asesinadas durante enero, 2009 hasta Abril de 2010. Participarán oradores de varias agencias locales de asistencia de victimas y habrá un programa musical. Favor de traer una vela para alumbrar el recuerdo de su ser querido. Este es un evento familiar. Les pedimos a todos a que lleguen temprano, a que traigan cobijas y sillas, disfruten de un día de campo y compartan con otros sobrevivientes antes de que empiece el programa.



April 2010

Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Victim's Rights Week

Victims' Rights Week (April 18-24, 2010) is commemorated every April. April is also **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** and **Child Abuse Prevention Month**. Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall encourages residents to participate in community activities that support crime victims and promote violence prevention efforts. She hopes that community members will support the work of these nonprofit agencies that help victims rebuild their lives.

- Throughout April — **A Night for Children** — Casa de Los Niños invites people to host their own fundraising events where guests are reminded that child abuse remains a serious problem. To host **A Night for Children** event, call 624-5600.
- Wednesday, April 7th 4-5:30 pm. **Founding Members Reception**, Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault. 327-1171.
- Friday, April 9th. **Child and Family Resources 40th Anniversary Celebration and Champions for Children and Families Gala**. 6:30 pm Dinner and Awards Ceremony. Marriott University Park. Visit www.childfamilyresources.org or call 881-8940.
- Saturday, April 10th at 6 pm. **Voices for Children** poker run, bike show, and rock concert at The Rock. www.rocktucson.com.
- Tuesday, April 13th 5:30-8:30 pm. **Survivor Support Network Poker Tournament & Silent Auction** at McMahon's Prime Steakhouse. \$35 includes poker chips, food, and Survivor Support Network membership. Register at www.sacasa.org.
- Tuesday, April 13th 6-8:30 pm. **Take Back the Night**. This event honors victims and survivors and reaffirms our community's commitment to ending sexual and relationship violence. Armory Park (near 6th Ave. and Broadway). Free and open to the public.
- Wednesday, April 14th and Friday, April 16th — 8:30 am-12:30 pm. **Services for Understanding Relationship Violence**, a two-day training. Sponsored by Our Family, Emerge!, and Wingspan. To register, contact Kathy at 323-1708, Ext. 211.
- Saturday, April 17th 6-8 pm. **MADD Candlelight Vigil** at Himmel Park. A remembrance of victims of drunk drivers. Free and open to the public. Email pima.az@madd.org or call 322-5253 for more information.
- Monday, April 19th 10:30 am. **Victims' Rights Week Flag Raising Ceremony**, sponsored by Homicide Survivors. Jacome Plaza, 101 N. Stone Ave., in front of the Joel D. Valdez Library. For more information, call 740-5729.
- Tuesday, April 20th 5:30-7:30 pm. **Crime Victims' Rights Week Commemoration** at the Z Mansion, 288 N. Church Avenue. Hosted by Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall and Homicide Survivors. Free and open to the public. Call 740-5525.
- Wednesday, April 21st 12:00-1:30 pm. **Victims' Rights Week Panel Presentation** at the UA College of Law hosted by Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall and Attorney General Terry Goddard. For more information, call 740-5525.
- Wednesday, April 21st — **Denim Day**. An annual international event to protest a 1999 Italian Supreme Court ruling that overturned a rape conviction because the victim was wearing jeans. Go to www.sacasa.org to sign up your workplace.
- Wednesday, April 21st — All day event. Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault's **Dine Out for Safety**. Participating local restaurants will donate up to 20% of their sales to support the mission of SACASA. Go to www.dineoutforsafety.com.
- Saturday, April 24th 6-8 pm. Homicide Survivors' **Candlelight Vigil for National Crime Victim Rights' Week**. Children's Memorial Park (Oracle and River). Free and open to the public. 740-5729.
- Sunday, April 25th 12:30-4:30 pm. Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center **Charity Bowling Tournament and Raffle**. Golden Pins Lane, 1010 W. Miracle Mile. For more information call Callie Koch at 243-6420 or ckoch@soazadvocacy.org. Register by April 10th.
- Thursday, April 29th 4:30-6:30 pm. **Su Voz Vale's 12th Anniversary Celebration** and Art Design Contest Reception. Revolutionary Grounds Coffee, 606 N. 4th Ave. Free and open to the public. Visit www.sacasa.org.
- Friday, April 30th. Casa de Los Niños' **Golf Classic XXI Tournament** at the Arizona National Golf Club. Proceeds benefit child abuse prevention efforts. Register by April 16th, call 624-5600.
- **Other Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities** are being sponsored by the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault (SACASA). Please visit their website, www.sacasa.org.

"April is an important time to reach out to survivors, educate ourselves about these crimes, learn more about what we can do to prevent them, and renew our commitment to making our county a safer place for everyone."

Pima County Attorney
Barbara LaWall

crime victims' rights:

**FAIRNESS.
DIGNITY.
RESPECT.**

**National
Crime
Victims'
Rights
Week**

April 18 - 24, 2010

Barbara LaWall
Pima County Attorney
is pleased to host the

**2010 National
Crime Victims' Rights Week
Commemoration**

This event also celebrates
the 35th Anniversary of the Pima County
Attorney's Office Victim Services Division
(formerly Victim Witness)

Date & Time:

Tuesday, April 20, 2010
5:30 pm-7:30 pm

Location:

The Z Mansion
288 North Church Avenue
(Free parking across the street
after 5 pm)

Free and Open to the Public

Come and enjoy light refreshments in a pleasant atmosphere as we recognize individuals who make a difference in the lives of victims and honor those who have been directly impacted by crime.



**Pima County Attorney's Office
Victim Services Division
and
Homicide Survivors**



You are not alone.

Welcoming new survivors is always such a mix of emotions. We are glad you found us, but we are sorry for the circumstances that bring us together. We understand your pain, and we hope that our unconditional friendship and support will help you through the grief. For some, the first few meetings can be rather overwhelming— especially if you are newly bereaved. We hope that anyone experiencing these feelings will return for just a couple more meetings and see if we don't grow on you.

Location for meetings/ Locacion de las juntas:
Tucson Police Department Patrick Hardesty Multi-Service Center
1100 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 7-9 pm

| <u>Up coming support group meeting dates:</u> | <u>Fechas del Grupo de Apoyo</u> |
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| Thursday, March 18, 2010 | Jueves, 18 de Marzo |
| Thursday, April, 15, 2010 | Jueves, 15 de Abril |
| Thursday, May 20, 2010 | Jueves, 20 de Mayo |
| Thursday, June 17, 2010 | Jueves, 17 de Junio |

No esta solo.

Siempre es una combinación de emoción al recibir un miembro nuevo. Con mucho gusto lo recibimos, pero bajo circunstancias tan tristes. Comprendemos su dolor, y esperamos que nuestra amistad incondicional le de apoyo durante su pesame. Para algunas personas, las juntas pueden ser demasiado pesado emocionalmente, particularmente si su perdida es reciente. Deseamos, que al sentirse engolfado con emoción Ud. regrese a unas cuantas mas juntas, y quizas se una con nosotros.

Remember Me

**To the living, I am gone
To the sorrowful, I will never return
To the angry, I was cheated
But to the happy, I am at peace
And to the faithful, I have never left.
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard
So as you stand upon a shore,
gazing at a beautiful sea – Remember Me.
As you look in awe at a mighty forest
and it's grand majesty – Remember Me.
As you look upon a flower and
admire it's simplicity – Remember Me.
Remember Me in your hearts, your thoughts,
and your memories of the times we loved,
the times we cried, the times we fought,
the times we laughed.
For if you always remember me,
I will have never gone.**

“What I have learned during the first two years of grief”

The first year I learned how to scream and cry on the outside.
The second year I learned to scream and cry on the inside.
The meaning I guess is clear and I wonder how many agree with me. During the first year of grief, all I could do was cry and scream. I could not accept this had happened to my son and our family. During the first year, people were concerned and talked about Phillip and what had happened and when would we get justice? But after the first year, it seemed all the concerned people were gone. No one asked anymore about my son nor did they want me to talk about him. It made them uneasy. This is when I learned to cry and scream inside. The only true people who understand are the people that are traveling the same road of grief and to my sadness this road seems to be getting more crowded. I do not know what this 3rd year of grief will bring for us, hopefully we will see some justice for Phillip's murder I believe this will have to happen before we can start healing. I continue to keep my son's name alive in every way I can. I find if I can work on projects that are in memory of Phillip or any project concerning Phillip it helps me keep making it one more day.
Peace for another Day.
Debbie



Homicide Survivors Car Wash-A-Thon!



What: Car Wash-A-Thon to help raise needed funds & awareness in our community. You can help! Take a stand against violence & help crime victims in our community

When: March 20, 2010 9am - 3pm

Where: 5 different locations across Tucson.

Because crime happens everywhere!

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| 1. Chevron - 7910 E Golf Links Rd, Tucson, Az | Golf Links & Pantano |
| 2. Auto Zone 2880 W Valencia Rd, Tucson, Az | Valencia & Cardinal |
| 3. Boston Market 6610 E Grant Rd, Tucson, Az | Grant & Wilmot |
| 4. Burger King 8328 N Cortaro, Tucson, Az | Cortaro & I-10 |
| 5. Pep Boys 3783 N Oracle Rd, Tucson, Az | Oracle & Prince |

Why:

- To raise funds to help innocent victims of crime. State funds for crime victims have been cut! We as a community must band together & raise funds to help innocent families traumatized by senseless acts of violence.
- Encourage the community to be pro-active about crime in their area.
- Raise awareness about unsolved crimes

How: Bring your cars to get washed! Tell your friends & neighbors about the wash-a-thon. Come lend a hand & wash, dry or hold a sign.

Win tickets to Disney Parks! Sign up to volunteer through
Disney Give-A-Day, Get-A-Day

In conjunction with the Wash-A-Thon we will have a community outreach event at each location. Be a part of our Homicide Survivors Community Outreach Event to stop violence & help crime victims' in our community. Become eligible to get a free Disney Park tickets with "Disney, Give a Day, Get a Day" by signing up through <http://disneyarks.disney.go.com>. Volunteer & get tickets to Disney for your whole family!

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Hidden Costs of Murder

Thankfully, as recent reports indicate, the current incidence of murder in Tucson is quite reduced. Yet even one life lost to the unconscionable act of one human being making the choice to take the life of another is regrettable and a tragedy. And there are numerous hidden costs in the aftermath of such an act that can be overwhelming.

One local nonprofit agency, Homicide Survivors, and the critical work they do to support those who have lost loved ones to murder, is threatened by state budget cuts. Our legislature is considering sweeping special funds for such agencies into the general fund, essentially eliminating vital support for many of us in need.

As a mother who lost her son to a brutal murder in 2006, I know firsthand about those hidden costs. And, as a volunteer and Board Member for Homicide Survivors, I realize that many of those costs are now only somewhat met by the humble and passionate work of Gail Leland, executive director and founder, and her small staff.

First, there are the obvious financial, yet unexpected burdens. Who ever plans a funeral and its costs for a child when we expect to watch him/her grow and mature into a contributing adult in our community? Who ever creates a rainy-day fund for countless hours taken away from work while we attend numerous and stressful court hearings and navigate through our justice system? How many of us ever thought we might need to take lengthy leaves of absences from our work while we tried to make emotional sense of our loss? And how could we ever anticipate that our medical coverage might be needed to provide treatment and counseling for depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other trauma-related conditions?

Our volunteers, most of them survivors, are numerous and energetic. Their efforts to reach out to each other for comfort are heartfelt and crucial for healing. They provide countless hours for many events, including candlelight vigils, court advocacy and support, community forums, support groups, and fundraisers. Yet many families need more than a hug, a memory candle, or an advocate.

These hidden costs add up in many ways – financially, mentally, physically, and emotionally. Homicide Survivors is prepared to help us overcome such unique hardships. Even Barbara LaWall, our Pima County Attorney and one of our greatest supporters, knows how devastating the loss of the state funding would be. She leads the call to action - we must contact our state legislators to stress the importance of maintaining special accounts such as the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission's Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund.

Please join me in contacting our state lawmakers. And please join me in remembering that all those precious ones we've lost to murder were our sons and daughters, our sisters and brothers, our mothers and fathers, our friends and family –loved ones who had hopes and dreams just as we do. And realize that honoring those hopes and dreams has expensive hidden costs not one of us ever expects to incur.

Joan Gilbert
Board Member, Homicide Survivors

Joan Gilbert is a local educator, a Board Member of Homicide Survivors, and the mother of Jaron Desserres, who was murdered in July 2006.

Volunteers Make the Difference

We need volunteers!

If you or someone you know would be willing to help in any of the following areas, please call or e-mail & let us know. homicidesurvivors@pcao.pima.gov (520) 740-5729

- Court Support Volunteers attend hearings & trial with families offering support & guidance during this difficult time.
- Help survivors in crisis. Volunteers meet with survivors at their homes or funeral home to offer help in the immediate crisis. Crisis volunteers provide assistance with media, making funeral arrangements, help victims apply for Crime Victim Compensation and Victim Assistance.
- **Next Training is March 25 & 26. Call our office to register. Training is free, but you must register in advance. Victim Rights training by Arizona Attorney Generals Office.**
- Survivor home visits. Compassionate volunteers make follow up home visits to survivors unable to attend support group meetings.
- Data Entry
- Web outreach & fundraising
- IT office help. Install, uninstall, update, etc.
- Office help (mailing, data entry, filing, preparing packets)
- Ribbons: Make our Black & White Ribbons
- Help plan & organize events. Help a little, help a lot; we need all the help we can get!
- Fundraising : Help plan upcoming fundraising events. Join our committee!
- Ask for donations of silent auction & raffle items
- Help coordinate, set up or clean up after events
- Grant writing. Experience is a must.
- Outreach & Awareness Help us get the word out about our program & services. Take our pamphlets to hospitals, funeral homes, cemeteries & tell them a little about our program.
- Represent us at outreach events, staffing a table with our pamphlets & information
- Media; participate in interviews (TV, Radio, Newspaper) to talk about the impact of murder and about our program & services.
- Board of Directors Our Board meets quarterly to plan events, oversee program funding & operations, set policies & direction of organization.
- Advisory Board Volunteer your expertise by providing advice, guidance & services to our program.

E-mail Alerts: We are creating an e-mail list to quickly reach out to others when survivors need our help. For example: our office would send e-mail notifications of : Car Washes to help raise funds for funeral or emergency expenses, families might need specific assistance such as: a bed or clothes for children when they cannot stay in the home immediately after a crime, they may need help moving, they might need food or diapers. We would inform you about Special Candlelight Vigils, memorial events, ask for help distributing 88-Crime unsolved flyers, etc. There are many ways people can help survivors and there is much help needed. You can choose if & when you can help by just responding to our e-mail. Would you like join this effort? If yes, just e-mail & let us know. homicidesurvivors@pcao.pima.gov

Speakers: Would you like to be a speaker for Homicide Survivors? If yes, please tell us what type of presentations you'd like to do, just e-mail & let us know. homicidesurvivors@pcao.pima.gov

- Media interviews
- Victim Impact Panels
- Speaking at Prisons
- Community Outreach
- Legislation
- Fundraising
- Gun Violence prevention
- Domestic Violence prevention

Crime Clock¹

Homicide: One person is murdered every 32 minutes.²

Rape: One person is raped every 2.6 minutes.³

Aggravated Assault: One person is assaulted every 33.1 seconds.⁴

Larceny-Theft: One home is victimized by theft every 4 seconds.⁵

Burglary: One home is burglarized every 23.3 seconds.⁶

Domestic Violence: One woman is victimized by an intimate partner every 28.2 seconds. One man is victimized every 4.3 minutes.⁷

Child Abuse and Neglect: One child is reported abused or neglected every 39.7 seconds.⁸

Drunk Driving: One person is killed in an alcohol-related traffic crash every 44.6 minutes.⁹

Identity Fraud: One person becomes a victim of identity theft every 3.9 seconds.¹⁰

Elder Abuse: One elderly person is victimized by a violent crime every 4.6 minutes.¹¹

Hate Crime: One hate crime is reported to the police every 69 minutes.¹²



¹ NOTE: All calculations were conducted by the National Center for Victims of Crime using data from the sources cited.

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Fairness, Dignity and Respect

“A ‘just’ society is measured by how its citizens are treated by the justice system. No one chooses to be a victim of crime, but when a crime occurs and a victim or victim’s family is thrust into the system, they trust and deserve to be treated by agents of the state with dignity, respect and fairness during all phases of the criminal justice process. When all else fails, that may be the only “justice” they receive...it is the closest thing to doing what is right.”

Roberta Roper

*Founder with husband, Vincent, of the Stephanie Roper Foundation
(now called the Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center)
in memory of their murdered daughter*

All victims of crime deserve to be treated fairly and respectfully, and in a way that preserves their dignity. Our nation’s victims’ rights laws, and the network of support services now available to victims, embody these ideals. This year’s NCVRW theme, “Crime Victims’ Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect.,” encourages us to raise awareness of these foundational principles and to continue working on behalf of crime victims who are still treated with a lack of *fairness, dignity, and respect*.

“The American crime victim’s plea for fairness, dignity and respect was forged in the fire of a fundamental human need—that the individual citizen, whose life had been most directly impacted by the criminal act, would be assured that they were not an outsider to the process, and treated not as if they were mere evidence of the offense—but that their misfortune and their voice was of value, that they would be heard, listened to and appreciated, and that they would be regarded as essential to the justice system that was charged with righting the wrong.”

Jay Howell

*Victims’ rights attorney,
Former Executive Director
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children*

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