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Homicide Support Network

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Group Purpose

Why are we here: To support persons who survive the violent death of someone close as they seek to recover; To provide contact with similarly bereaved persons and establish self-help groups that meet regularly; To provide information about the grieving process and the criminal justice system as they pertain to survivors of a homicide; To communicate with professionals in the helping fields about the problems faced by those surviving a homicide and to increase society's awareness of these issues.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Feb 5th, 2014 @ 6:30 pm
& March 5th, 2014 @ 6:30pm**

**Sacramento District Attorney's Office
located at 901 G Street.
Please park in the jury lot on 8th & G and enter
the building through the back door.**

REFLECTIONS

"Grief is neither an illness nor a pathological condition, but rather a highly personal and normal response to life-changing events, a natural process that can lead to healing and personal growth. The transition through this difficult time is the courageous journey."

**-- Sandi Caplan and Gordon Lang, in
Grief's Courageous Journey: A Workbook**



In Loving Memory.....

It is always hard to remember those special days we shared in the lives of our loved ones. We take this time to honor their birthdays and to acknowledge the time when they were taken from our presence.



January Dates of Birth

Andrey Tsurkanu	01/12/1980
Armondo Toro	01/09/1976
Thomas Calvin Rambo	01/13/1974
Demetrio N. Nambo	01/12/1975
Jerry Kaiser	01/27/1954
Tommy Lee Deorosan, Jr.	01/17/1980
Oletha Bradford	01/22/1965
Nickolas Contreras	01/15/1979
Earnest Talley	01/28/1975
Michael Jason Moore	01/29/1971
William Gomes	01/22/1961
Mark Vaughn Flowers	01/04/1958
Sheppard Scott	01/02/1979
Javier A. Chavez	01/08/1980
Thomas Devon Vassar	01/03/1981
James Burley Woulard	01/22/1971
Teveston Johnson	01/14/1980
Eddie Holman	01/15/1972
Beverly Ann Smith	01/25/1960
Damon Jacob	01/19/1974
Jesse Rodgers Jr.	01/10/1981
Wang Meng Lee	01/07/1982
Daniel James Martinez	01/05/1984
Joseph Proctor	01/30/1990
Jesse J. Fernandez	01/27/1938
Joseph Aaron Griggs	01/26/1978
Aaron M. Strauthers	01/19/1973
Antwoan Dupree Williams	01/29/1986
Dwayne Jerome Harvey	01/25/1970
Steven Clay	01/03/1983
Sean Aquitania Jr.	01/30/2007
Ebony Kight	01/31/1972
Daniel Martinez	01/05/1984
Augusta James	01/23/1976
Steve X. Lo	01/16/1969
Dusty Rose Vazquez	01/03/1980
Lila Jay Johnson	01/05/1982
Tammula Robbins	01/29/1986
January Keene	01/29/1976
Curtis Atkinson	01/10/1958
David Valdez	01/17/1997
Michael Jason Moore	01/29/1971

January Dates of Loss

Quinnisha Thomas	01/13/2003
Keith Andrew McDade	01/19/1992
Mariett Ford	01/16/1997
Marcellus Ford	01/16/1997
Robert Boocher	01/22/2000
Marcel J. Lofton	01/19/1996
Tony Rocha	01/27/1999
Sylvia Diaz	01/27/2000
Robert Francisco Maisonet	01/07/2006
Kaysha Janae Shafer	01/12/2004
Teresite Estrada	01/16/1997
Olegandro Luna	01/22/1994
Soledad Abogado	01/05/1999
Antonio Jose "Chuy" Garcia	01/14/2001
Maurice Taylor	01/24/2002
Carl Wright	01/22/2000
Pablo Enrique Reyes	01/11/2002
Carl Anthony Wright	01/21/2000
Sheppard Darryl Scott	01/24/2005
Milton Miguel Ruiz	01/31/2002
Robert Tommy Rojas	01/01/2006
James Laskey Ramirez	01/03/2006
Abdullah Saud Almahri	01/23/2006
Danny Hickman	01/02/2007
Lamar Pierre Gasaway	01/17/2007
Robert Rojas	01/01/2006
Sharon Ann Johnson	01/02/2007
Kelly Ann Johnson	01/02/2007
Erika Renee Barrios	01/20/2007
Brenda D. Trujillo	01/16/2007
Prince Ray Mills	01/05/2007
Leel Wilson III	01/10/2009
Marcus Thompson	01/14/2010
January Keene	01/05/2007
Karen Curtin	01/24/2010
Roberto Flores	01/02/2011
Deandre Ellison	01/19/2011
Titus Tufts	01/13/2011



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February Dates of Death

Elizabeth Anne Morris Herrback 02/04/1960
 Adam Todd 02/24/1980
 Christine Cheatham 02/01/1985
 Carlos Enciso 02/01/1982
 Francis Smith 02/04/1960
 Keith Andrew McDade 02/18/1967
 Mary Ann Ligon 02/12/1970
 Henry Green 02/27/1925
 Denia Nicole Crawford 02/25/1970
 Angel Evonn Dixon 02/15/1976
 Jena Louise Henkel Wagner 02/16/1962
 Mariet Ford 02/06/1993
 Dina Linda Jimenez 02/01/1983
 Peter Trujillo 02/23/1963
 Mathew Erwin 02/28/1973
 Nicholas Jason Bateman 02/15/1978
 Andrew Montano 02/04/1960
 Carl J. Johnson 02/15/1959
 Sha Tavia Leann Westbrook 02/01/1988
 De'Antwan T. Thomas 02/10/1988
 Ian Duarte 02/02/1979
 Albert Alexander Sandoval 02/05/1990
 Kevin Moore 02/03/1983
 Michael Dewatt Smith 02/21/1980
 Travis Leon Hempstead 02/18/1966
 Erick Anthony Young 02/11/1985
 Johnny Edward Lewis 02/13/1974
 Frank Brown III 02/11/1987
 Santhatamath Leh Powanich 02/03/1976
 Laura Steward 02/19/1976
 Jose Segura 02/15/1984
 John Johnson 02/28/1960
 John Kenneth Green 02/03/1981
 Raul Velasquez 02/23/1987
 William Goldsbury 02/16/1958
 Chio Saechao 02/03/1964

Ronald Westley Swift 02/08/2003
 Jerry Kaiser 02/06/1998
 David Clinton Guerrero 02/16/1994
 Kimberly Ray 02/26/2000
 Billy Champ, Jr. 02/02/2000
 Adam Todd 02/24/1980
 Kelly Dyan Hendershot 02/20/2001
 Joan LeFeat 02/24/2001
 Christopher A. Navarro 02/22/2004
 James Eugene McMillen 02/22/2002
 Doris Tharp 02/22/2002
 Dante' M. Rogers 02/10/2005
 Javier A. Chavez 02/23/2005
 Fredrick Karl Johnson 02/20/2005
 Jay'Lon Wilfort 02/01/1997
 Chai Ta Saechao 02/13/2006
 Wang Meng Lee 02/17/2006
 Damien Louis King 02/06/2007
 Ramona Gonzales 02/18/2007
 Frank Brown III 02/25/2007
 Lee Michael Candelaria 02/18/2007
 Jesse J. Fernandez 02/05/2007
 Santhatamath Leh Powanich 02/10/2007
 Lee Candelaria 02/18/2007
 Dominique Dupree Hickman 02/23/2007
 Jonathan Giurbino 02/15/2007
 Valeeya Brazile 02/05/2008
 Rebecca Layson 02/11/2010
 Pamela Johnson 02/05/2011
 Richard Ward 02/13/2011
 Robert Corpus 02/13/2011

Share Your Experience

Volunteers Needed for a Research Study with Alliant University

We are interested in learning more about the grieving process among individuals who have lost a close friend or family member to homicide.

If you are at least 18 years old we would be happy to have your participation in this study that aims to find out more about clinical needs in order to help with treatment development.

Participation involves completing brief questionnaires and should take approximately 30-45 minutes.



If you are interested please contact Rosie Dunn at rdunn-jackson@alliant.edu or (209) 915-9162. Or you may participate by going to the following website: https://alliant.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6zHwHNR4UnrWD2d

RESEARCHERS WILL BE AT THE GROUP MEETING MARCH 5TH , 2014 @ 6:00 pm IF YOU WISH TO COMPLETE A SURVEY.



!!!! SAVE THE DATE !!!!

**2014 ANNUAL VICTIMS MARCH ON
THE CAPITOL!**

TUESDAY APRIL 8, 2014!!

**California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA**



Grief Camp for kids ages 6-17

**Dates for new campers
FRIDAY APRIL 25th—SUNDAY April 27th, 2014**

Registration materials and more info at <http://www.camphopeca.com>

Announcements:

Dedications to your loved ones can be featured in the newsletter. Please submit them to Michelle Husbands at husbandsm@sacda.org by the 10th of the previous month you would like the dedication to appear. Eg. Dedications for the May's newsletter should be submitted by April 10th

Memorial Quilts: If you are interested in having a picture of your lost loved one placed on a quilt, please contact your victim advocate for directions on how to complete that process.

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April 2nd, 2014 @ 6:30 pm

Children's Support Groups:

Sutter Memorial Children Bereavement Art group for ages 4-16 contact Peggy Gulshen @ 916-454-6555 for various locations in Sacramento County. www.sutterchildrens.org/childbereavement

UC Davis Hospice young adult group for ages 17-24. Please contact Don Lewis @ 916-734-1139. Closed group which meets once a week for 8 sessions. Please call for more information.

REMEMBER ME BEARS: Anyone interested in having a bear made from an article of clothing, blanket etc that holds special memories of your loved one, may contact Ms. Sharon Bell at 707-678-3738. The cost is \$30 and she is willing to work with those who may have financial difficulty. The materials should be mailed to her at 1380 West F street, Dixon CA 95620.

Grief Support and Resources

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC) is a national self-help organization designed solely to offer emotional support and information for anyone (not just parents) about surviving the loss of a loved one to murder.

Meetings are the 4th Monday of each month from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm at 5770 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento CA 95822. For additional info. call (916) 899-0090

Crime Victim's United of California sponsors a victim's support group **the 2nd Tuesday of each month** beginning at 6:30 pm at St. Teresa of Avila's Church in the preschool buildings at 11600 Atwood Road, Auburn California. This group encompasses 5 counties INCLUDING; El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento and Yuba and is open to all victims of crime regardless of what crime, how long ago it occurred or where it occurred. The meetings are facilitated by a Therapist, Victim/Witness staff and District Attorney. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, please call and confirm time and place at 530-885-9544.

Sacramento Valley Compassionate Friends meets **every third Friday of each month 7:30-10:00 pm** at the St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, Sacramento CA 95864. Please contact Pamela Amo @ 916-955-3180 for questions pertaining to the group.

VIVA—Volunteers in Victim Assistance is a full service center for victims of violent crime and trauma. It is located at 2020 Hurley Way, Suite 265 Sacramento CA 95825. Tel # 916-570-1690. They serve victims primarily in Sacramento County, but they can also serve victims in El Dorado, Placer and Yolo counties. They provide counseling, drop -in center, crisis intervention, children and adolescent therapy along with other services. For additional information or to receive services please contact them at the listed number above.

SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES: DO NOT TRY TO DEAL WITH IT ON YOUR OWN

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline @ 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK) or 1-800 784-2433 (1-800 suicide)

Sacramento Suicide Crisis Prevention line @ 916-368-3111

National Organization for People of Color Against Suicide: <http://www.nopcas.org>

The following members of the support group are willing to lend a listening ear during your time of grief.

Vijay Butler: 916-837-0066; Grace Beren: 916-730-5640

Earline Harris: 916-204-3399

www.thecompassionatefriends.com

www.groww.com— Online grief support group

www.1800victims.org

www.crimevictimsunited.com

www.cvactionalliance.org Crime Victims Action Alliance

www.pomc.org

www.pomc.org/sacramento