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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

**Meetings resume: September 4th, 2013 @ 6:30 pm**

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.

Next meeting: October 2nd, 2013 @ 6:30pm

## REMINDER

**Newsletter link** [http://www.sacda.org/victim\\_witness/Network.htm](http://www.sacda.org/victim_witness/Network.htm)  
If the link does not work please follow these steps 1) Enter [www.sacda.org](http://www.sacda.org)  
2) click on the victim witness tab in the box to the left  
3) click on the newsletters link.



# 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.



## August Dates of Birth

John E. Sullivan	08/06/1972
Jesus J. Morales	08/23/1961
Jim Bridges	08/02/1969
Tony Rocha	08/16/1979
Fealofani V. Lopa	08/29/1979
Crystal Johnson	08/17/1987
Pierre Fortier	08/08/1969
LaMeika K. Bullard	08/20/1976
Aaron Michael Bradney	08/13/1973
Brit C. Bahn	08/31/1971
Tomek Ordon	08/15/1975
David Ortiz, Jr.	08/08/1972
Edward C. Sanchez	08/09/1964
Damon Moore	08/11/1977
Donikos K. Jones	08/12/1982
Raymone Joseph Washington	08/07/1985
Abdullah Saud Almahri	08/28/1979
Eddie Steele	08/28/1966
Ramona Gonzales	08/31/1958
Gary James Maryland	08/30/1978
Anthony Lee Torrez Fuller	08/16/1980
Avery Marie Polk	08/12/1979
Otis Edward Passmore	08/31/1953
Arcelius Lee	08/15/1976
Vincente Segura	08/27/1969
Jack Maurice Lawrence	08/15/1987
Travis Smith	08/08/1972
Cindy Ramos	08/22/1950
Juanita Johnson	08/21/1960
James Arthur	08/29/1983
Jesus Garcia	08/19/1985
Kevin Burks	08/29/1963

## August Dates of Loss

Tyreko Johns	08/19/2002
Kenneth Tannahill	08/06/2003
Carlos Enciso	08/06/2003
Allen Qualls	08/20/2003
Jevon Cory Brown	08/25/1998
Mary Ann Ligon	08/17/1993
Angel Evonn Dixon	08/15/1993
Vicky Skanks	08/14/1986
Ivan Hodges	08/24/1998
Raymond Munoz	08/1995
Tyler Tory Walkens	08/18/1992
Patricia Emerson	08/07/1999
Michelle Emerson	08/07/1999
Jamie Lee Reed	08/10/1998
Derek Morales	08/06/1995
Theron LaMortoe Hopkins-Hollis	08/12/2000
Earnest Talley	08/31/2000
David Ortiz, Jr.	08/12/1994
Mario Vidal	08/06/2004
Edward R. Sanchez	08/10/2002
Albert Alexander Sandoval	08/22/2005
Steve Morris Smith	08/12/2005
Steven Stewart Santistevan	08/28/2005
Navnil Chand	08/05/2005
Brandon Loomer	08/28/2005
James Burley Woulard	08/15/2005
Shauntea LaRain Coates-Johnson	08/01/2006
Deborah J. Williams Brown	08/06/2006
Robert Christopher Placencia	08/06/2006
Shanneel Singh	08/08/2006
Jerimi Millican	08/05/2004
Sylvia F. Guerrero	08/09/2006
Rudolph Haynes	08/28/1991
Lawrence Dean Lynn	08/22/2007
Sione Folau, Jr.	08/04/2007
Steven Clay	08/19/2007
Brandon Loomer	08/28/2005
Julian Maisonet	08/24/2007
Evelyn Wash	08/06/2006
Michael Branner Jr.	08/08/2009
Cindy Ramos	08/06/2009
William Goldsbury	08/23/2010



## Adam's Anniversary



It is hard to believe that on this day, Adam has been gone for two years..... There is still no confirmation of a trial start date. The May 23rd hearing was a mix up of miscommunication between the three Attorneys, leaving the Judge with only the month of August to consider, and I have been told that the DA did not expect this continuation, and is making an effort to move the trial date to June. I no longer react with anger or disbelief, two years of hearings have now trained me to conform to the process of a legal system that moves at it's own, deliberate pace. I have learned where to park near the jailhouse, how to dress unadorned for the metal detector, find the correct courtroom down the long hallway on the first floor, and scan the case docket to confirm the date and time. I know where to sit in the courtroom for the best view of the inmate cage, the Judge, the roaming Attorneys and the somber Baliffs. I have been trained.....but I do not know how to trust in a system of justice.....

I woke up this morning unsure how the day would feel, but I got up early, dressed for a long work day, fed the dogs, gathered the patient files for six therapy sessions, placed a small vase of flowers and photo on the front seat of my car, and headed out. I was driving to the site of Adams death, a place I no longer frequent, after I took the cross home when it had been set on fire a few months ago. As I neared the location, I could see how disfigured the hard ground had become where the cross had stood. The dirt holes were deeper and larger, the surface was grossly uneven and littered with rocks, and I was unable to park in my usual spot alongside the once tidy flower bed.

I parked closer to the adjacent street, watched the traffic as I exited the car, and walked around to the passenger side to retrieve the flowers and photo of Adam. I placed them on the ground directly in front of the spot where the cross had stood, paused for a while to remember my two years here, and a homeless man rode up on his bike and stopped. I smiled and stuck out my hand to shake his with affection, as he and his girlfriend had camped in the dense trees for the last two years, and had watched diligently over the cross and garden, keeping it free of debris.

His wide grin was infectious, as he told me that he and his girlfriend would be moving into a small house next weekend, after four years of living on the streets. He couldn't stop gushing about how lucky he felt, how he never imagined this could truly be offered as an option to leave the streets and ground behind. We held hands briefly for the last time, and then we departed our separate ways.

For the rest of the day, I felt peaceful, calm, and so grateful for the love and warmth that poured in from friends via text and email. I drove home tonight, profoundly aware that anguish and despair did not find me today, did not even creep up close unexpectedly. Time has rebuilt some healing, softened the fury and is nudging me to believe in a life with joy again.....still a progressive journey, but no longer so dark.

Live daily in the pulse of life, do not run but stroll, breathe in all the roses.....Warmly, Janet

**Printed with permission from Janet**

# POMC DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

## MURDERED VICTIMS TO BE REMEMBERED

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**The Sacramento Area Chapter of POMC**  
**-Parents Of Murdered Children-**

*For Families and Friends of those who have died by Violence*

Will hold a special ceremony on:

**Wednesday, September 25**

**From 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**on the North Steps of the State Capitol**

*This observance pays tribute to all murder victims everywhere.*

For more information about the Sacramento Area Chapter of POMC, please call 916-879-4541, or visit our website at [www.pomc.org/sacramento](http://www.pomc.org/sacramento).



# Free Weekend Grief Camp

October 25-27th, 2013

For children 6 to 17 years old, who have experienced the death of a loved one.

**\*NEW CAMPERS ONLY\***



Visit [www.camphopeCA.com](http://www.camphopeCA.com) for more information and to register

Email: [info@camhopeca.com](mailto:info@camhopeca.com) with questions

Or call **916-772-1400** to speak with

Lynn Hebert

## Announcements:

**Dedications** to your loved ones can be featured in the newsletter. Please submit them to Michelle Husbands at [husbandsm@sacda.org](mailto: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.

**Meeting Dates & Time:** September 4th, 2013 @6:30 pm  
October 2nd, 2013 @ 6:30pm  
November 6th, 2013 @ 6:30pm  
December 4th, 2013 @6:30 pm Holiday Potluck

### **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](http://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.

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard but always near.  
Still loved, still missed and held so dear.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 North Natomas Library 4600 Via Ingoglia, Sacramento CA. 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](http://www.thecompassionatefriends.com)

[www.groww.com](http://www.groww.com)— Online grief support group

[www.1800victims.org](http://www.1800victims.org)

[www.crimevictimsunited.com](http://www.crimevictimsunited.com)

[www.cvactionalliance.org](http://www.cvactionalliance.org) Crime Victims Action Alliance

[www.pomc.org](http://www.pomc.org)

[www.pomc.org/sacramento](http://www.pomc.org/sacramento)