

# *Resource Center for Victims of Violent Death*



## STEPPING STONES



**MARCH – APRIL 2013**

*Our mission is to bridge the gaps in the availability of information and resources that impede and discourage victims/families trying to deal with the aftermath of violent death, undetermined deaths, questioned suicides, and attempted murders, by taking one step at a time.*



### **- RESOURCES**

*We have excellent in-house resources for our families: Open door hours to get help and answers to questions, home visits, support groups, informational seminars, and other resources tailored to your needs.*

*Please note a correction to our toll-free resource number – 855-430-2232*

*This newsletter provides information about some of the outside resources that are there for your help.*



### *Victim to victim from Joan...*

*Children deal with grief – their own, and their family members' – much differently than adults do. Joan Shirley, our Victim Advocate, refers children dealing with the aftermath of violent death to*

### **CHILDREN'S GRIEF CENTER**

**Children's Grief Center provides support groups for young people ages 5 – 25 who are grieving the loss of a loved one.**

**505-323-0478**

**[www.childrengrief.org](http://www.childrengrief.org)**

**Our newest resource is our website:**

**[www.bridgesforvictimsofviolentdeath.org](http://www.bridgesforvictimsofviolentdeath.org)**

**Please take a look at the site and let us know what you would like us to add for your use and place a post on our new blog.**



*These are some resources to help you take next steps....*

**Cómo podemos ayudarle durante estos tiempos difíciles?**

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| <p><b>OMI GRIEF SERVICES</b></p> <p>The Grief Services Program is an integral part of the New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator. The program is staffed by licensed, Master's Level mental health professionals who deal with the effects of traumatic grief at no cost.</p> <p><b>Nancy Mance – 505-925-6652</b></p>   | <p><b>THE GREATER ALBQ. CHAPTER OF THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS</b></p> <p>The Compassionate Friends is an international nonprofit, self-help support organization which offers friendship and understanding to families and siblings ages 14 and older who are grieving the death of a child of any age, who has died from any cause.</p> <p><b>Joan Shirley 505-294-1018</b></p>  | <p><b>PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD TO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL</b></p> <p>Help in dealing with the added burdens that drugs or alcohol use may have added to the loss with a support group that provides a safe environment in which to discuss grief and ways to get back to a more normal life, while cherishing the memory of your child.</p> <p><b>Barbara Cloud – 505-881-0667</b></p>  |
| <p><b>NM CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS COMMISSION- CVRC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have you been a victim of violent crime?</li> <li>• Did the crime occur in New Mexico? Was the crime reported to Law Enforcement?</li> <li>• Did you cooperate fully with Law Enforcement?</li> <li>• Did you have expenses as a result of the crime?</li> <li>• Did the crime occur within the past two years?</li> </ul> <p><b>If you answered yes to ALL the above questions, then you may be eligible for compensation.</b></p> <p><b>Tele: 505-841-9432</b></p> | <p><b>Community Outreach for Programs for the Deaf COPD</b></p> <p>This organization can assist those with hearing loss deal better with the aftermath of the violent death of a loved one/family member.</p> <p>COPD helps to enable the Deaf-Blind clients to exercise independence and control over their daily interactions and decisions. These providers help our clients run errands, shop for groceries, or go to various social events. Through communication methods such as hand-over-hand sign language, our providers orient our clients to their environment, help them communicate with others, and relay information.</p> <p><b>Tele: 505-255-7636</b></p> | <p><b>NM Crime Victims Advocacy Center – Legal Assists</b></p> <p>Provides general information about crime victims’ rights in the criminal justice process as well as the challenges faced by victims of violent crime. CVAC also provides more specific information to individuals about cases in which criminal charges have been filed in New Mexico. CVAC can advocate for callers and for those victims who meet constitutional or statutory requirements and even provide legal representation in selected cases, strictly in regard to the rights of those crime victims in the criminal justice process.</p> <p><b>WWW. nmvictimsrights.org</b></p> |

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THESE AGENCIES, PLEASE CALL PAT OR JOAN 505-243-2222**

**APRIL 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, is National Crime Victims’ Rights Week**

**The national theme is *New Challenges – New Solutions.***

There will be an event on 4/20/13, 1 p.m.-3 p.m., at the South Broadway Cultural Center, 1025 Broadway SE, Alb., NM 87102.

Our Resource Center for Victims of Violent Death will be having an Open House every day during the Victims’ Rights Week.

Drop in Monday – Friday, April 22-26, 2013

From Noon – 3 p.m.

*Come by, enjoy treats, watch informational videos, meet staff and guest experts, ask questions and get more information about the resources and services available.*

*We will send out more specific information in mid-April.*

*Or call us at 505-243-2222 for more information on the featured programs each day of that week.*



**OFFICE**

The Atrium Building at  
10701 Lomas NE, Suite 115  
Albuquerque, NM 87112  
(just east of Eubank on Lomas)

**Drop in hours: Monday thru Friday  
Noon – 3 p.m.**

*You may call for an individual or  
after-hours appointment.*

**Victim Groups meet:**

- ✓ **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays from 1 p.m.-3 p.m.**
- ✓ **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.**



**TELEPHONE**

**505-243-222 &  
855-430-2232 – toll free**

**After hours contacts:**

- ✓ **Pat Caristo – 505-299-8712**  
Exec Dir./Intake /Case Mgr.
- ✓ **Joan Shirley -- 505-238-1663**  
Victim Advocate

*We can set up a conference call so  
you can join in if you can’t get into  
Albuquerque.*



**ON-LINE**

**E-mail: [pacnia@usa.net](mailto:pacnia@usa.net)**

**NEW WEBSITE:  
[www.bridgesforvictims.com](http://www.bridgesforvictims.com)**

**Facebook – our F/B page is being  
constructed.**

**We are a 501© (3) organization,  
so your donations are tax-  
deductible. Thank you, in  
advance.**