

Support and Resources for Families & Victims

Links to non-governmental organizations that provide support, resources, and information for homicide victims' families

NATIONAL & STATEWIDE RESOURCES

Bereaved Parents of the USA: www.bereavedparentsusa.org

National non-profit self-help group that offers support, understanding, compassion and hope especially to the newly bereaved be they bereaved parents grandparents or siblings struggling to rebuild their lives after the death of their children, grandchildren or siblings.

Post Office Box 95, Park Forest, IL 60466

708.748.7866

President Dave Alexander - president@bereavedparentsusa.org

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families (parents, grandparents, and siblings) toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive.

P.O. Box 3696, Oak Brook, IL 60522

630.990.0010 / 877.969.0010 (toll-free)

Use the Chapter Locator to find all chapters in California:

http://www.compassionatefriends.org/Local_Chapters/Chapter_Locator.aspx

Also includes online support group:

http://www.compassionatefriends.org/resources/Online_Support.aspx

Families of Homicide Victims and Missing Persons, Inc. (FOHVAMP): www.unresolvedhomicides.org

Families of Homicide Victims and Missing Persons, Inc. (FOHVAMP) is a nonprofit organization working in Colorado to find, support, and empower families suffering from a loved one's unresolved murder or long-time suspicious disappearance.

Healthy Communities: www.healthycommunities.us

Healthy Communities' mission is to decrease violence and health disparities in primarily the African American community, but also in other ethnic communities as well. The idea being that healthy people make healthy families, and healthy families make healthy communities. Healthy Communities has chapters in Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, Vallejo, Silicon Valley, and San Francisco.

Journey of Hope... From Violence to Healing: www.journeyofhope.org

An organization led by murder victim family members that conducts public education speaking tours and addresses alternatives to the death penalty.

Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights (MVFHR): www.mvfhr.org

Founded in 1976, MVFR is a national organization of family members who have lost a loved one to execution or murder and who oppose the death penalty.

Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation (MVFR): www.mvfr.org

MVFR is a victim-founded, victim-led organization that represents murder victims' families who oppose the death penalty. In California go to www.californiacrimevictims.org

The National Center for Victims of Crime: www.ncvc.org

The National Center for Victims of Crime is the nation's leading resource and advocacy organization for crime victims and those who serve them. Since its inception in 1985, the National Center has worked with grassroots organizations and criminal justice agencies throughout the United States serving millions of crime victims.

2000 M Street NW, Suite 480, Washington, DC 20036
202.467.8700

National Missing and Unidentified Persons System: www.namus.gov

The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) is a clearinghouse for missing persons and unidentified decedent records. NamUs is a free online system that can be searched by medical examiners, coroners, law enforcement officials and the general public to solve these cases.

National Organization for Victim Assistance: www.trynova.org

The National Organization for Victim Assistance is a private, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization of victim and witness assistance programs and practitioners, criminal justice agencies and professionals, mental health professionals, researchers, former victims and survivors, and others committed to the recognition and implementation of victim rights and services.

NOVA, 510 King Street, Suite 424, Alexandria, VA 22314
24-Hour Hotline: 1.800.TRY.NOVA (1.800.879.6682) or 703.535.NOVA (6682)
General Contact Information: 703.535.NOVA

Office for Victims of Crime (OVC): www.ovc.gov

Established in 1988 through an amendment to the [Victims of Crime Act \(VOCA\)](#) of 1984, OVC is charged by Congress with administering the [Crime Victims Fund](#) (the Fund). Through OVC, the Fund supports a broad array of programs and services that focus on helping victims in the immediate aftermath of crime and continuing to support them as they rebuild their lives.

National Calendar of Victim Assistance Related Events: <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ovccalendar>

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC): www.pomc.com

POMC Chapters hold monthly meetings, provide support, advocacy and court accompaniment. Many POMC Chapters publish their own newsletters and have designed and implemented special programs to meet the needs of survivors in their area.

To find you local chapter, please visit: www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm

The Parallel Justice Project: www.paralleljustice.org

The concept of Parallel Justice is based on [principles](#) which create a new framework for responding to crime—two separate, parallel paths to justice—one for victims and one for offenders. We help organizations and communities develop Parallel Justice initiatives. Our work is guided by the Parallel Justice principles set forth in the book [Parallel Justice for Victims of Crime](#).

People of Faith Against the Death Penalty—California: www.californiapeopleoffaith.org

People of Faith Against the Death Penalty is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, interfaith organization whose

mission is to educate and mobilize faith communities to act to abolish the death penalty in the United States.

To find your local chapter, please visit: www.californiapeopleoffaith.org/localchapters.html

Restore Justice: www.restorejustice.com

RestoreJustice.com is an outreach of the [California Catholic Conference](#) offering healing and support to everyone affected by the criminal justice system throughout the U.S. The purpose of RestoreJustice.com is to offer a place of compassion and assistance, resources and services and educational information for anyone who is affected by crime - victims of crime, offenders and their families, corrections staff, chaplains, criminal justice system employees and management, and advocates for restorative justice.

1119 K Street, 2nd Floor

Sacramento, CA 95814

Phone: 916.443.4851

Fax: 916.443.4731

To learn about local restorative justice activities, please visit: www.restorejustice.com/contact.php

Save the Children: www.savethechildren.org

A non-government organization creating lasting change for children in need in the United States and around the world. Save the Children works with families to define and solve the problems their children and communities face by utilizing a broad array of strategies to ensure self-sufficiency.

The Victims of Crime Resource Center: www.1800victims.org

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
Including Bay Area

Alameda County

1,000 Mothers to Prevent Violence: www.1000mothers.org

Oakland, CA - Lorrain Taylor founded 1,000 Mothers to Prevent Violence following the tragic murders of her twin sons. The organization assists families who are coping with grief related stresses and illnesses due to the slaying of one or more family members and holds the COPE Grief Support Group twice a month.

COPE Grief Support Group - for friends and families of homicide victims

COPE Support Group meets every 2nd & 4th Saturday. Refreshments served.

Regeneration

219 E. 15th Street

Oakland, CA

[Click here for directions to COPE Support Group](#)

Contact Person: Lorrain Taylor / mothers1000@aol.com / 510.581.0100

Alameda County Chapter of Family and Friends of Murder Victims

A Bay Area support group for victims of violence that provides activities designed to heal emotional wounds and help victims make it through holidays and the anniversary of a loved one's death.

Contacts: JoAnn Benford / 510.895.9440; Helene Davis / 510.452.2553

Attitudinal Healing Connect: www.ahc-oakland.org

AHC works to eliminate violence by supporting creative and educational programs that transform the spirit and build peaceful and loving communities for all of humanity.

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: TCF of Alameda County

Chapter Number: 2110

Contact person: Deanna / deannapankow@hotmail.com / 510.835.3579

Meeting Info: 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00pm

Meeting Address: Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 4101 Park Blvd, Oakland, CA 94602

Crisis Support Services of Alameda County: crisissupport.org

Crisis Support Services offers free support to people of all ages and backgrounds during times of stress and grief. They work to prevent suicide and offer support during times of hopelessness.

Ella Baker Center: www.ellabakercenter.org

Decades of disinvestment in our cities have led to despair and hopelessness. We now face a cycle of violence that makes everyone less safe. We need to break the cycle of violence and reinvest in our cities. Ella Baker Center offers smart solutions and uplifting alternatives to violence and incarceration. The safest neighborhoods aren't the ones with the most prisons and the most police. They're the ones with the best schools, the cleanest environment, and the most opportunities for young people and working people. That's what we want for urban America: justice in the system; opportunity in our cities; and peace on our streets.

Face to Face Counseling Program

Provides grief and counseling programs

Main phone: 800.260.0094

24-hour Crisis Line: 800.309.2131

Khadafy Foundation for Non-Violence: www.khadafyfoundation.org

Marilyn Washington Harris founded the Khadafy Foundation for Non-Violence as a tribute to her son, Khadafy Washington, who was slain in the streets of West Oakland on August 4, 2000. Mrs. Harris, our staff, and our Board of Directors share our goals for the Khadafy Foundation: to serve as a catalytic agent for the prevention and cessation of the murders of young people in our communities.

1156 8th Street

Oakland, CA 94607

510.839.1706

Khadafy35@sbcglobal.net

The LoveLife Foundation: www.lovelifefoundation.org

The LoveLife Foundation was founded in November of 1997 by Donald Lacy in memory of his daughter, LoEshé Adanma Lacy. The LoveLife Foundation is an Oakland-based community building organization committed to promoting life and saving lives through community revitalization, leadership and development. The mission of the LoveLife Foundation is to provide a supportive and empowering environment for at-risk youth, and to mobilize community support to change economic and social conditions that lead to violence.

Urban Peace Movement: www.urbanpeacemovement.org

Urban Peace Movement seeks to transform both the mindset and the culture of violence in our cities. We look to shift urban youth culture away from violence and fear and toward hope and empowerment.

Amador County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: TCF of Amador County Chapter

Chapter Number: 2213

Contact Person: Lynne / amadorwoods@sbcglobal.net

Meeting Info: *2nd Thursday* of each month at 5:30 pm

4th Saturday of each month at 1:00 pm

Meeting Address: Hospice of Amador (Conference Room), 1500 S State Highway 49, Jackson, CA 95642

Butte County

Bereaved Parents of the USA: www.bereavedparentsusa.org

Chico Chapter

Chapter Leader: Lisa Palmer / lisapalmer2001@yahoo.com / 530.894.7025

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Faith Lutheran Church, 667 East 1st Ave, Room #9, Chico, California

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC): www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm

North Valley Chapter

PMB 133 236 W. East Ave., Chico, CA 95926

pugsalot@aol.com

Chapter Leader: Carol Bushard & Paul Bushard / 530.345.8805

Chapter Co-Leader: Mary Dalton / 530.893.3958

Chapter Meetings: 3rd Monday & 3rd Thursday of each month

Time: 7:00PM - 9:00 PM

Place: *3rd Monday Meetings:* Rape Crisis Center, 2889 Cohasset Road, Chico, CA 95926

3rd Thursday Meetings: Greater Oroville Family Resource Center, 1720 Daryl Porter Way, Oroville, CA

Contra Costa County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

www.tcfccc.org

Chapter Name: Contra Costa County Chapter

Chapter Number: 1178

Contact: tcfccc@yahoo.com / 510.932.2207

Meeting Info: 4th Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 9:00pm

Meeting Address: Mullen Commons, St. John Vianney Church, 1650 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Mothers Against Senseless Killing (M.A.S.K. INC.): www.maskofrichmond.org

Aims to reverse the cycles of violence, improve the quality of lives for survivors of crimes and children, and help to restore community peace through collaborative partnerships, innovative art activities, events, and programs.

P.O. Box 635, El Cerrito, CA 94530

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC): www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm

Contra Costa East Bay Chapter

PO Box 23948, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-0948

Chapter Leader: Evelyn McGann / evmcga@aol.com / 510.232.2798

Chapter Co-Leader: Jose & Linda Aceves / 510.582.8369

Chapter Meetings: First Monday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00pm

Place: Pleasant Hill Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, California, 94523

Humboldt County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: Humboldt County Chapter

Chapter Number: 1580

Contact Person: Patti / 707.443.1894

annebwade@gmail.com

Meeting Info: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm

Meeting Address: St. Bernard's Church, 615 H St, Eureka, CA 95501

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: TCF of Southern Humboldt

Chapter Number: 2083

Contact Person: Robin / snakeden@humboldt.net / 707.986.7645

Meeting Info: 1st Thursday of each month 6:00 pm

Meeting Address: Heart of the Redwoods Community Hospice, 464 Maple Ln, Garberville, CA 95542

Marin County

Citizens Against Homicide: www.citizensagainsthomicide.org

A non-profit, public benefits organization offering a variety of important services to families and friends of homicide victims.

vctmsmurdr@aol.com / 415.455.5944

Also holds meetings on the second Sunday of each month (except some holidays) at 10:00 a.m. - 302 4th Street, San Rafael, California (Meetings are held in the meeting room of a residential complex with an automatically locking front gate. To get in please knock on the window located to the left of the entrance gate, as you stand facing the gate, and someone will come out and welcome you inside.)

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

www.tcfmarin.org

Chapter Name: Marin County Chapter
Chapter Number: 1184
Contact: 415.457.3123
Meeting Info: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm
Meeting Address: Lucus Valley Community Church (Conference Room), 2000 Las Gallinas Ave,
San Rafael, CA 94903

Mendocino County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org
Chapter Name: Fort Bragg Chapter
Chapter Number: 1851
Contact Person: Jesse & Gayle / cwall@mcn.org / 707.961.5411
Meeting Info: 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 7:00 pm
Meeting Address: First Presbyterian Church (Fireside Room), 367 S Sanderson Way, Fort Bragg,
CA 95437

Placer County

Bereaved Parents of the USA: www.bereavedparentsusa.org
Sacramento-South Placer County Chapter
612 Manzanita Avenue
Roseville, CA 95678
Chapter Leader: Chris Harder / chrisharder@heritageoaksmc.com / 916.768.3891
Meetings: 1st Thursday of each month.
Time: 6:30 pm
Place: *Call for meeting location*

Sacramento County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org
www.sacvalleytcf.wikispot.org
Chapter Name: Sacramento Valley Chapter
Chapter Number: 1390
Contact Person: Pamela / sacvalleytcf@yahoo.com / 916.955.3180 / 916.457.4096
Meeting Info: 3rd Friday of each month at 7:30 pm
Meeting Address: Kaiser Medical Facility (Conference Room C; 2nd Floor), 2345 Fair Oaks Blvd,
Sacramento, CA 95825

Crime Victims Action Alliance: www.cvactionalliance.com
A non-profit organization that promotes victims' rights and public safety. CVAA was founded in
1992 to be a voice for victims in California's capital.
1809 S Street, #101316, Sacramento, CA 95811
(916) 273-3603 / toll-free/fax: 1-888-235-7067
information@cvactionalliance.org

The iCAN Foundation: www.ican-foundation.org

Provides services, free of charge, to victims of crime in Sacramento, throughout the state of California and across the country that include information, advocacy, accompaniment to court and parole hearings, and resources and referrals.

1809 S. Street #101316, Sacramento CA, 95811

916.273.3603 / 888.235.7067

getinfo@ican-foundation.org

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC): www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm

Sacramento Chapter

5098 Foothills Blvd, # 3-403, Roseville, CA 95747

Chapter Leader: Debbie Lowe / sacpomc@surewest.net / 916.899.0090

Chapter Co- Leader: Misty Foster / mistylf64@hotmail.com / 916.879.4541

Chapter Meetings: 4th Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30pm

Place: Sacramento Police Officers' Association (SPOA), 550 Bercut Drive, Sacramento, CA 95811 (off of I-5 & Richards Blvd.)

The Victims of Crime Resource Center: www.1800victims.org

Located on the Pacific McGeorge School of Law campus in Sacramento, California. McGeorge students, under attorney supervision, provide information and referral statewide to victims, their families, victim service providers, and victim advocates.

University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, 3200 Fifth Avenue, Sacramento, California 95817

1.800.VICTIMS (1.800.842.8467)

Victims2@pacific.edu

San Francisco County

Brothers Against Guns: <http://dcyf.org/GranteeDetail.aspx?id=754>

The mission of Brothers Against Guns is to prevent youth violence and incarceration through education, intervention, recreation, and comprehensive support services that inspire youth to engage in positive activities and behaviors.

8 West Point Road

San Francisco, CA 94124

415.920.7030

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: TCF San Francisco/Peninsula Chapter

Chapter Number: 2324

Contact: Audre / 650.359.7928 & Earl / 415.285.0430

Meeting Info: 2nd Wednesday each month at 7:30 pm

Meeting Address: Taraval Police Station (Community Rm), 2345 24th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116

The Healing Circle for the Soul Support Group

The purpose of the Healing Circle for Support is to promote sharing, healing, education, and action for survivors of homicide and victims of violence. The primary purpose of the Healing Circle is to address the needs of homicide survivors. The secondary purpose is to address other types of violence such as elder abuse, child abuse, robbery, incarceration, domestic violence,

etc. "Start the Healing and Stop the Killing"
Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month from 7:00 to 9:00pm
Paradise Baptist Church, 2nd Floor
2595 San Jose Ave. (between Geneva and 19th Ave)
San Francisco, CA 94112
Facilitators: George Jurand / 415.516.1635 and Mattie Scott / 415.412.1469

San Mateo County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org
Chapter Name: TCF Mid-Peninsula Chapter
Chapter Number: 2280
Contact Person: Rosanna / rosanna63@aol.com / 650.302.6832
Meeting Info: 4th Monday of each month 7:00 pm
Meeting Address: United Methodist Church, 1443 Howard Ave, Burlingame, CA 94010

Santa Clara County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org
Chapter Name: TCF of Santa Clara County Chapter
Chapter Number: 1955
Contact: Darlene / compassionatefriends@yahoo.com / 408.776.3520 or 408.461.6760
Meeting Info: 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm
Meeting Address: St. Marks Episcopal Church, 1957 Pruneridge Ave, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Siskiyou County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org
Chapter Name: Siskiyou County Chapter of TCF
Chapter Number: 2089
Contact: Christine / christinetcf@gmail.com / 530.355.2501
Meeting Info: 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00pm
Meeting Address: Meadowlark Assisted Living, 351 Bruce St, Yreka, CA 96097

Solano County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org
Chapter Name: Solano County Chapter
Chapter Number: 1117
Contact Person: Vesta / solanotcf@yahoo.com / 707.434.8518
Meeting Info: 1st Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Meeting Address: Fairfield Moose Lodge, 623 Taylor St, Fairfield, CA 94533

Sonoma County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org
Chapter Name: Sonoma County Chapter
Chapter Number: 1578

tcf.sonomacounty@gmail.com / 707.490.8640

Meeting Info: 1st Tuesday of each month
Refreshments served at 7:00 pm
Sharing circle at 7:30 pm

Meeting Address: Ray Miller Community Center (Stony Point Room), 216 E School St, Cotati, CA 94931

Chapter Notes: You may park in the lot between City Hall and the Police Station on W Sierra Ave

Sutter County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

www.tcf-yubacity.org

Chapter Name: Yuba City Chapter

Chapter Number: 1549

Contact: jkboisa@gotsky.com / 530.674.2595

Meeting Info: 1st Friday of each month at 7:00pm

Meeting Address: Church of Glad Tidings, 1179 Eager Rd, Live Oak, CA 95953

Chapter Notes: Chapter also offers Spanish speaking support

Yolo County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: Yolo Compassionate Friends

Chapter Number: 2247

pamfam423@aol.com / 530.759.7865

Meeting Info: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm

Meeting Address: Yolo Hospice, 1909 Galileo Ct Ste A, Davis, CA 95618

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Kern County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: TCF of Bakersfield

Chapter Number: 2135

Contact Person: Doris / tcf_doristr@yahoo.com / 661.900.2070

Mary / 661.205.4045

Meeting Info: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm

Meeting Address: Kern County Fire Department (Training Facility Room C), 5642 Victor St, Bakersfield, CA 93308

Chapter Notes: Chapter also offers Spanish phone support call Lety Baltazar (661) 323-5833

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: Indian Wells Valley Chapter

Chapter Number: 1941

Contact Person: Karen / tcf_iwv@yahoo.com / 760.377.5849
Meeting Info: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm
Meeting Address: Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N China Lake Blvd, Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Monterey County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Name: TCF of Monterey Bay
Chapter Number: 2223
Contact Person: Pam / 831.277.8282
Meeting Info: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm
Meeting Address: Rabobank, 599 Lighthouse Ave, Monterey, CA 93940

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC): www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm

Peninsula/South Bay Chapter

Chapter Leader: Claudia Place / 831.426.0874 / southbaypomc@hotmail.com
Chapter Co-Leader: Astrid Lang / 831.384.7744 / ar.lang@comcast.net
Chapter Meetings: 3rd Monday & 2nd Wednesday of each month

3rd Monday Meetings: 6:30-8:30 PM; The Center for Living With Dying, Affiliate of the Bill Wilson Center, The Atrium Building, 1256 El Camino Real Suite 208, Santa Clara, California 95050 / 408.278.2500

2nd Wednesday Meetings: 7: 00PM; Saint Jude Catholic Church, 303 Hillcrest Avenue, Marina, CA

San Joaquin County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: TCF of Lodi
Chapter Number: 2297
Contact Person: Dee / 209.513.0207
Meeting Info: Last Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Meeting Address: Lodi Chamber of Commerce, 35 S School St, Lodi, CA 95240

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: TCF of the Central Valley Chapter
Chapter Number: 1716
Contact: j.martinez@sbcglobal.net / slbridges@caldsl.net
Jan / 209.833.6503 or Loretta / 209.835.2794
Meeting Info: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm
Meeting Address: Heartland Church, 3402 Mars Ct, Tracy, CA 95377

Stanislaus County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: TCF of Modesto/Riverbank Area
Chapter Number: 2331
Contact Person: Joanna / jrmcompassionate@gmail.com / 209.484.8276
Meeting Info: 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm

Meeting Address: The Community CASA, 2201 Morrill Rd, Riverbank, CA 95367
Chapter Notes: Chapter also offers sibling support for 18 years and up

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles County

Comfort Zone Camp: www.comfortzonecamp.org

Comfort Zone Camps are offered year-round free of charge to children ages 7-17 who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or primary caregiver.

California Office: 20695 S. Western Ave Suite 145, Torrance, CA 90501

Phone: 310.781.1032 / Fax: 310.781.1047

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: Verdugo Hills Chapter

Chapter Number: 1596

Contact: teri.knowlton@yahoo.com / grant42784@aol.com / 818.236.3635

Meeting Info: 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm & 3rd Thursday of each month in Nov. & Dec.

Meeting Address: Verdugo Hills Hospital (4th floor Council Room), 1812 Verdugo Blvd, Glendale, CA 91208

Chapter Notes: Chapter also offers separate support subgroup for miscarriage, infant/pregnancy loss. Spanish & Sibling Phone Support

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: TCF of Antelope Valley

Chapter Number: 1864

Contact Person: Jennifer / 661.609.7788

Meeting Info: 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Meeting Address: Kaiser Permanente, 43112 - 15th St West, Lancaster, CA 93535 in South Building Conference Room #C

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org
www.tcfla.org

Chapter Name: TCF of Los Angeles

Chapter Number: 2132

Contact: 310.474.3407

Meeting Info: 1st Thursday of each month at 8:00

Meeting Address: Temple Emanuel, 8844 Burton Way, Beverly Hills, CA 90211

Chapter Notes: Chapter also offers Spanish speaking meetings and phone support

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: Brentwood Santa Monica TCF Chapter

Chapter Number: 1950

Contact: jbrp@aol.com / 310.889.7726

Meeting Info: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm

Meeting Address: University Synagogue, 11960 W Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90049

Chapter Notes: Chapter also offers sibling support subgroup for 18+

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: San Fernando Valley Chapter

Chapter Number: 1079

Contact: 818.788.9701

Meeting Info: 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm

Meeting Address: Kaiser Hospital (Burbank & DeSoto Room - Entrance 5), 5601 De Soto Ave, Los Angeles, CA 91367

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

www.tcfsbla.org

Chapter Name: South Bay/LA Chapter

Chapter Number: 1916

Contact: info@tcfsbla.org / 310.953.5230

Meeting Info: 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm

Meeting Address: Neighborhood Church, 415 Paseo Del Mar, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Chapter Notes: Chapter also offers sibling support

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: Santa Clarita Valley Chapter of TCF

Chapter Number: 2076

Contact Person: Diane / tdrenolds@sbcglobal.net / 661.252.4654 or 661.373.5070

Meeting Info: 1st Thursday of each month

Meeting Address: Christian Fellowship Church (Suite C), 26889 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Justice for Homicide Victims: www.justiceforhomicidevictims.net

Justice for Homicide Victims is a not-for-profit organization that provides support and information to survivors of homicide about the grieving process, criminal justice system and all other issues pertaining to the survivors of a victim of murder.

P.O. Box 2845, Malibu, CA 90265

jhvinfo@gmail.com / 310.457.0030

Justice for Murdered Children

Mission is to reduce the number homicides, reduce the number of unsolved homicides and to assist families that have lost loved ones to homicide.

Berth 77, P-7B, San Pedro, CA 90731

Lawanda@JFMC.org / 310.547.JFMC (5362)

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC): www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm

Antelope Valley Chapter

P.O. Box 900932, Palmdale, CA 93590

24-Hour Hotline: 661.949.2720

Gotheart935@aol.com

Chapter Leader: Shari Martin / 661.273.5602

Chapter Co-Leader: Nick Napolitano / 661.272.1924

Chapter Meetings: Third Saturday of each month at 10:30am

Place: Lancaster Community Hospital, 43830 10th Street West, Conference Room 1, Lancaster, CA 93535

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC): www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm

San Gabriel Chapter

P.O. Box 70216, Pasadena, CA 91117

24-Hour Voicemail Service: 626.446.3580

getyourpowerback@aol.com / 626.221.5737

Chapter Leader: Ann Kennedy / annkennedy1@aol.com

Spanish-Speaking Contacts: Luz Ruiz / luzhrui@yahoo.com

Margaret Ramirez / celeste8263@aol.com

Chapter Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm

Place: Arcadia Police Department, 250 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007

Orange County

Bereaved Parents of the USA: www.bereavedparentsusa.org

North Orange County Chapter

12422 Grayling Ave, Whittier CA 90604

Chapter Leader: Sharyn Gailey / Sharynrealtor@yahoo.com / 562.697.9480

Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00pm

Place: Crystal Cathedral School Building, Room 234/235, Garden Grove, California

(Note: Second Meeting First Friday of each month - call Patti McMillan @ 714.521.2550 for location and directions)

The Compassionate Friends: www.thecompassionatefriendsoc.com

Chapter Name: Orange County Chapter

Chapter Number: 1415

Contact Person: Barbara / 714.993.6708

Meeting Info: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm

Meeting Address: Grace Bible Chapel, 1119 S Lambert Dr, Fullerton, CA 92833

Chapter Notes: Chapter also offers Spanish support via phone & brochures

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: Orange Coast/Irvine Chapter

Chapter Number: 1745

Contact: schneidervickie@yahoo.com / 949.552.2800 / 949.448.9494

Meeting Info: 1st Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00pm

Meeting Address: Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Rd, Irvine, CA 92614

Crime Survivors, Inc.: www.crimesurvivors.org

The mission of Crime Survivors is to ensure the public knows victims' rights and needs and to provide resources, support, and information to empower crime victims to survive and thrive.

PO Box 54552, Irvine, Ca. 92619-4552

Phone: 949.872.7895 / Fax: 775.245.4798

crimesurvivors@aol.com / crimesurvivors@gmail.com

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC): www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm

Greater Orange County Chapter
P.O. Box 67, Brea, CA 92822-0067
gocpomc@yahoo.com / 714.999.7132
Chapter Leader: Marie Belmontez
Chapter Co-Leader: Anita Lewis
Chapter Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7: 30PM
Place: Zion Lutheran Church. 222 N. East Street, Anaheim, CA 92805-3317

Riverside County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org
Chapter Name: Inland Empire Chapter
Chapter Number: 1114
Contact Person: Kristan / the4lloyds_1@msn.com / 951.678.0740
Meeting Info: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm
Meeting Address: First Baptist Church, 5500 Alessandro Blvd, Riverside, CA 92506
Chapter Notes: Chapter also offers Spanish speaking support

San Bernardino County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org
Chapter Name: Pomona-San Gabriel Valley Chapter
Chapter Number: 1303
Contact Person: Art & Laura / estrellatcf@aol.com / 626.919.7206
Meeting Info: 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm
Meeting Address: Christ Lutheran Church, 5500 Francis Ave, Chino, CA 91710
Chapter Notes: Chapter also offers Spanish speaking phone support

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org
www.hospiceofmorongobasin.org
Chapter Name: Morongo Basin Chapter
Chapter Number: 1820
Contact Person: Kristin / hospiceofmb@gmail.com / 760.250.7295
Meeting Info: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4:30pm
Meeting Address: Hospice Office, 61675 29 Palms Hwy, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org
Chapter Name: TCF Redlands CA Chapter
Chapter Number: 2018
Contact: redlandstcf@aol.com / 800.717.0373
Meeting Info: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm
Meeting Address: First Congregational Church, 2 W Olive Ave, Redlands, CA 92373

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org
Chapter Name: Victor Valley Chapter of TCF
Chapter Number: 1997
Contact: shoustonbound@aol.com / 760.261.4693
Meeting Info: 1st Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30pm

Meeting Address: Victorian Apartments (Rec Room), 14485 Seneca Rd, Victorville, CA 92392
Chapter Notes: Chapter also offers infant loss & Spanish speaking support

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC): www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm

Inland Empire Chapter

P.O. Box 9413, Alta Loma, CA 91701

iecpomc@aol.com / iepomc06@verizon.net

Chapter Leader: Agnes Gibboney / 909.987.6164

Chapter Co-Leader: Dolores Conyer / 909.629.0232

Chapter Meetings: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm

Place: *1st Thursday* Preciado Funeral Home, 923 W. Mill Street, San Bernardino, CA

2nd Thursday St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 242 E. Alvarado St., Pomona, CA

3rd Thursday St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 330 E. 16th St., Upland, CA

San Diego County

Bereaved Parents of the USA: www.bereavedparentsusa.org

San Diego North Inland Chapter

15385 Crestview Ct, Poway CA 92064

Chapter Leader: Kathleen Stark / bereavedparentsusa@yahoo.com / 858.966.8400

Meetings: 4th Thursday of the month (Except Nov. & Dec., which will be 3rd Thursday)

Registration is a 6:45pm and the meeting is from 7:00 to 8:30pm

Place: St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 16275 Pomerado Road, Poway, CA 92064

(Conference Room - Located in upper parking lot)

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

Chapter Name: TCF of Southeast San Diego

Chapter Number: 2365

Contact Person: Marchell / marchell.crain@hanson.com / 619.248.8022

Meeting Info: Currently phone support only (Meetings will begin in December)

Meeting Address: Southeast Alano Club, 5077 Logan Ave, San Diego, CA 91945

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

www.sdtcf.org

Chapter Name: San Diego County Chapter – La Jolla

Chapter Number: 1027

Contact: leaders@sdtcf.org / 619.583.1555

Meeting Info: 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm

Meeting Address: Scripps Mende Well Being Center at University Towne Centre, 4305 La Jolla

Village Dr, San Diego, CA 92122

Chapter Notes: Chapter also offers Spanish speaking support

The Crime Victims Fund: www.crimevictimsfund.org

The Crime Victims Fund aims to mitigate the suffering of crime victims, to increase the range and availability of services for them, and to enhance public sensitivity to the plight of the victim.

707 Broadway, Ste. 700

San Diego, CA 92101

info@crimevictimsfund.org / 619.702.8725

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC): www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm

San Diego Chapter

PO Box 17161, San Diego CA 92177

Chapter Leader: Bonnie Howell / sandiegoPOMC@aol.com / 858.292.4784

Meetings: 1st Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00pm

Place: Toby Wells YMCA, 5105 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123

Survivors of Violent Loss Program (SVLP): www.svlp.org

Online support service for anyone who has suffered from, and/or works with violent death loss.

We hope you will find us a resource to help establish similar services in your community.

3660 Clairemont Drive, Suite 2, San Diego, CA 92117

619.685.0005

Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF): www.tkf.org

TKF's mission is to transform violence prone, at-risk youth into nonviolent achieving individuals and create safe and productive schools.

7490 Opportunity Road Suite 202

San Diego, CA 92111

Phone: 858-565-0800

Fax: 858-565-0818

Email: info@tkf.org

Ventura County

The Compassionate Friends: www.compassionatefriends.org

www.michael-short.com/vcctcf

Chapter Name: TCF of Ventura County CA Chapter

Chapter Number: 2191

Contact Person: Marvin / marvinshort@roadrunner.com / 805.981.1573

Lynn / 805.443.1905

Janice / 805.579.7065

janetrn@msn.com

Meeting Info: 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00pm

Meeting Address: The Boys & Girls Club, 1500 Temple Ave, Camarillo, CA 93010

Chapter Notes: Chapter also offers sibling support meetings held on the same night & location as regular monthly meetings

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC): www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm

Ventura County Chapter

P.O. Box 1875, Oxnard, CA 93032-1875

vc.pomc@yahoo.com / 805.236.8130 / 805.236.8517

Chapter Leader: Marisa Martinez

Chapter Co-Leader: Anya Reyes

Chapter Meetings: First and Second Tuesday of each month (Bilingual Spanish/English) from 6:00 to 8:00pm

Place: *First Tuesday* Oxnard Public Library, 251 South A Street, Oxnard, CA, Room B

STORIES BY FAMILY MEMBERS OF MURDER VICTIMS

Azim Khamisa's Website: www.azimkhamisa.com

Azim Khamisa's has spread the message of non-violence and voiced his opposition to the death penalty since losing his son in 1995. This site inventories Azim Khamisa's workshops, speaking engagements, media appearances, and book.

The Catherine Blount Foundation: www.catherineblountfdn.org

A foundation set up by CCV member Aba Gayle in order to honor her daughter, Catherine Blount, after her untimely death. The foundation's mission is to facilitate forgiveness and peace.

Justice for Brandon: www.justiceforbrandon.com

Brandon Lee Evans moved to San Francisco in early November 2008. On November 29, 2008, Brandon was shot in Golden Gate Park and died on his way to the hospital. Brandon's mother and two brothers are still waiting for the person or persons responsible to be found. Please visit the website to learn more about how you can help.