



*For the families and friends of those who have died by violence*

# POMC

SUPPORT  
NEWSLETTER

Front Range Chapter  
Parents of Murdered Children

Apr 2012—May 2012

## National Crime Victims' Rights Week-April 22-28

Extending the VISION : Reaching every VICTIM is the theme of the 2012 National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Please join us on Monday, April 23, from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM at the Atrium of the Wellington Webb Bldg., 201 W. Colfax Ave, Denver as we recognize National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Sponsored by COVA, this public ceremony is an annual event promoting victims' rights and honoring crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf.

This annual event will feature remarks by Victims/Survivors of crime and the Victim Remembrance Tree Ceremony where all are invited to honor a victim by writing his/her name on a leaf and pinning it to the Remembrance Tree quilt. There will also be information and resources available for all.

Other events taking place around the metro area: Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program will be hosting a Resource Fair on April 28 at 2 PM. They will also be having an awards ceremony to announce the winners of their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Poster Contest at that time.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Courage Walk hosted by victim service providers in the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District will be held on Saturday, April 28 at the Jefferson County Courts and Administration Bldg. in Golden. Registration - 10 AM, Walk - 11 AM. For info call Jeffco Sheriff's Office 303-271-5339.

## VOICE FORUM APRIL 9

You are invited to the Victims Organized in Correctional Exchange (VOICE) meeting on Monday, April 9, 2012 from 6:00-8:30 PM. Meeting will be held at the Denver Police Department District 3 Station at 1625 S. University Blvd. Parking is free.

The Parole Board will explain the process of a parole hearing and how they decide to grant a parole. The Parole Department will explain how a parolee is supervised once they are paroled.

VOICE is a quarterly forum providing victims the opportunity to engage with DOC officials. Please RSVP to 1-800-866-7688 or email: [voice@doc.state.co.us](mailto:voice@doc.state.co.us)

### WHAT DO YOU NEED???

Our Front Range Chapter of POMC is taking a survey. We would like to know if we are meeting your needs, or if not, what can we do to serve you better as you travel through your grief as well as the legal system. Please call Joe Cannata at 303-345-7301 or e-mail him at [kaknota@aol.com](mailto:kaknota@aol.com) with your comments. We'd love to hear from you.

*Just for Our Children....Camp Comfort will again be offering a weekend camp for grieving children ages 6-12. Two sessions are available, June 22-24 and July 27-29. Scholarships available based on financial need. Call Mt Evans Home Health & Hospice at 303-674-6400 for more information.*



PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN NATIONAL OFFICE—CINCINNATI, OHIO

**FRONT RANGE CHAPTER  
INFORMATION AND NUMBERS**  
"We Are Here to Help"

**Web Site**  
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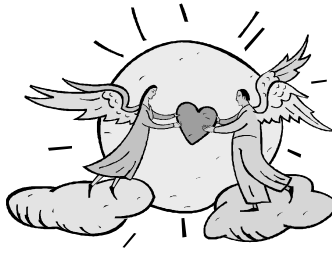
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*Love Gifts*



**Our Chapter Thanks the  
following group of members  
who gave a donation in honor  
of their loved one.**

Phyllis and Ciro Pena  
in memory of their son,  
**Ricky Bobian**

Andrea Glivas  
in memory of her sister,  
**Linnea Dick**

Nancy and Tom Rasser  
in memory of their son,  
**John Rasser**

Brenda Olivas  
in memory of  
**Mark Anthony Johnsen**

**New Members**

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**WHY WE ARE HERE**

1. To support persons who survive the violent death of someone close, as they seek to recover.
2. To provide contact with similarly bereaved persons and establish self help groups that meet regularly.
3. To provide information about the grieving process and the criminal justice system as they pertain to survivors of a homicide victim.
4. To communicate with professionals in the helping fields about the problems faced by those surviving a homicide victim.
5. To increase society's awareness of these problems.

**POMC NEWSLETTER  
STAFF AND INFORMATION**

This newsletter is published bi-monthly by volunteers prior to the regular POMC meeting. It is the official publication of the Front Range Chapter of POMC. Articles, poems, and letters from members are welcome. They may be edited for length and conciseness. Mail such items to the editors,

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# Trials & Hearings

.Once again, the competency hearing for Chester Todd, confessed murderer of Sherri Majors in 1966, has been rescheduled for May 11 at the Denver Justice Center. The competency of Todd to stand trial for this murder is expected to be decided following his testing in Pueblo. Sherri is the daughter of Linda and Everitt Donelson.

In the 2011 murder of Nathan Engle, and following a January, 2012 conviction on charges of negligent homicide and 2nd degree assault; defendant Terance Wilson was sentenced to 32 years in prison. Nathan is the son of Lori Nixon and Eugene Onofrio of Littleton.

## COVA Endowment Tree

**Support COVA's capital campaign to purchase the Bob Preston Building by purchasing a leaf for the tree.. The Endowment Tree is a permanent display honoring the generous individuals who support the realization of this dream. You may purchase a leaf for the tree at one of the following levels:**

**Gold: \$500**

**Silver: \$250**

**Bronze: \$100**

**Your leaf can be engraved with a name and date or a name and brief quotation of your choosing. If you are interested in purchasing a leaf, please call 303-861-1160 for more information. Since COVA is a 501©3 nonprofit (Federal ID #84-0972509) donations are tax deductible.**

## Memorials for Loved Ones

In other chapter newsletters they publish memorial pages like the one we published in our Oct-Nov newsletter. This helps defray costs of publishing their newsletter. Our board decided at the January board meeting to offer the same service in our newsletter. You can choose a half page at \$50. or a quarter page for \$30. Please send Memorial page items with payment to the editor, Cherri Lusk, 10063 Boca Circle, Parker, Co. 80134. Any pictures or copies are not returnable to the sender. You could also email them to me at [ca.lusk@comcast.net](mailto:ca.lusk@comcast.net). The memorial and or picture must be sent as an attachment for me to access it to place in the newsletter. Please put POMC newsletter in the subject line or I will not open the email. Any questions regarding this service, call Cherri at (303) 593-0784.

**From Barb Kaptanian: News from National POMC  
Dedicated to the Aftermath and Prevention of Murder  
There's more to your local chapter of POMC**

Over the past few months it has come to my attention that there are many families and friends of those who have died by violence that are unaware of just how large POMC is, how the program began, and what is encompassed within. Here's a very brief summation.

The National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children, and subsequently the local Colorado chapter, is the only national self-help organization dedicated solely to the aftermath and prevention of murder. POMC's mission is to make a difference through on-going emotional support, education, prevention, advocacy and awareness.

POMC was founded in 1978 by Charlotte and Bob Hullinger in Cincinnati, Ohio, after the murder of their daughter, Lisa. Father Ken Czillinger, a Roman Catholic priest active in leading support groups for the bereaved, directed the Hullingers to others whose children had been murdered. What was once a small group, is now a national organization with over 100 chapters and 350 contact people throughout the U.S. and abroad. Over 100,000 requests for POMC's services and assistance are received each year. The POMC founders and National Board of Trustees declared an annual POMC National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims to be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> of every year, the anniversary date of Lisa Hullinger's death.

Listed below is a brief sample of what your national office provides. Of course, your local state chapter is your best resource and provides personal and empathetic hands-on contact. To learn about the varied programs offered and to contact the national office:

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

888 818-POMC

Subscribe to the *SURVIVORS* newsletter.

**Parole Block Program** Preventing early release and keeping convicted murderers behind bars for their minimum sentences.

**Murder is Not Entertainment** This program raises the public's awareness of the insensitivity of murder as entertainment, fights the revictimization of survivors, and strives to instill the same empathy and respect for victims of murder that society affords victims of other tragedies.

**Second Opinion Services** A program to provide second opinions on unsolved or complicated cases comprised of experts in the medical, law enforcement and investigative fields who review various cases.

**Support of Local Chapters** to include monthly self-help meetings, advocacy and court accompaniment for survivors.

**Speakers Bureau and Public Relations** linking print, radio and TV media.

**The Murder Wall...Honoring Their Memories** The Murder Wall is a traveling tribute honoring the memory of all murdered loved ones. Made of walnut plaques, each plaque bears 120 names, dates of birth and death, engraved on brass plates. Contact the national organization to have your child's name added to the wall.

Consider attending the 26<sup>th</sup> National Annual POMC Conference! This year to be held in Phoenix, AZ, August 9-12, at the Arizona Grand Resort. I can't emphasize enough the value of healing/grief workshops, sibling/survivor workshops, round table discussions, issue specific topics such as unsolved cases, investigations, etc. Leadership training and education of professionals is also included. Simply being around others who have lost a child to murder is in and of itself very healing; a very compassionate group. Conference brochures are available through emailing Beckie Miller at: [beckierose@aol.com](mailto:beckierose@aol.com) or calling 602 254 8818. More about the conference will be in our summer newsletter.

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Something else you may not know, recently published in *SURVIVORS*, the national newsletter:

**NamUs**, the acronym for the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, is a powerful, fully searchable online Justice Department database used for investigating and solving missing and unidentified person cases nationwide. It is the one place where everyone across the country interested in solving such cases, including families, can share information. Led by Charles Heurich and his team at the Nat'l Institute of Justice, NamUs was formally launched in 2009 and in the past 2 years has helped resolve cases involving 44 unidentified persons and 65 missing persons. The site has received more than 750,000 visitors, logged in data on approximately 7,000 missing persons and 8,000 unidentified individuals. NamUs provides unprecedented access to fully searchable information reaching across jurisdictional lines and providing investigators with new data. The system automatically cross searches the missing against the unidentified and presents potential matches to investigators dramatically reducing search time.

"The biggest benefit is the human part of the story," said Heurich. "We are helping families resolve issues of missing loved ones who may have been murdered or met a violent end." In one case, a sister recognized the description of two unique tattoos listed in the database that led her to contact law enforcement authorities resulting in unlocking the mystery. In another case, a name and data entered by a police officer into the system resulted in agencies in different states identifying a murderer and enabling them to close the case. "As more cases are coming into the system, we are getting more success," said Heurich. "It doesn't always bring closure to the families, but it brings some resolution."

For further information on NamUs go to [www.NamUs.gov](http://www.NamUs.gov)

Did you know: The National Sheriffs' Assoc., Justice Solutions, and Nat'l POMC have released "Serving Survivors of Homicide Victims During Cold Case Investigations: A Guide for Developing a Law Enforcement Protocol." The guide, developed through a grant with the Office for Victims of Crime, includes information on definitions and terminology; staffing cold case units; investigative strategies; training and education; communicating with survivors; and collaboration with other entities. The guide can be found on POMC's website [www.pomc.org](http://www.pomc.org) or Nat'l Sheriffs' Assoc [www.sheriffs.org](http://www.sheriffs.org)

Also: Familial DNA where there is a close match but not an exact match can lead to identifying a suspect. A sample undergoes DNA analysis and a pattern is identified. That pattern is submitted by San Diego to CODIS (a centralized id system) and comes back with a close match for a prisoner in FL. Police interview the inmate and he says, "Oh yeah, I have a brother living in San Diego." Police find and follow the brother in San Diego until he discards something with his DNA on it (cigarette, coffee cup, etc.). They take and run the DNA sample from the article, complete match, and then an arrest is made. Pretty interesting.

# Birthdays Remembered

**Maria Cordova**, April 1, 1974

**Maria Fierro**, April 1, 1974

**Dennis Sanchez**, April 1, 1977

**Martin "Marty" Lawrence Martinez**, April 3, 1962

**Troy Krause**, April 3, 1967

**Mary Rogers**, April 3, 1983

**Latoya Cisneros**, April 4, 1985

**David Gonzales Shuker**, April 5, 1979

**Daniel Walsh**, April 6, 1976

**Casey Korgan**, April 6, 1990

**Gary McGee**, April 7, 1970

**Larry Carmichael**, April 8, 1961

**Kim Hadley**, April 8, 1975

**Greg Swazo**, April 8, 1982

**Ivory Mefford**, April 11, 1981

**Stephanie Bechtold**, April 13, 1989

**Mary Buso**, April 16, 1913

**Dennis Meredith**, April 17, 1956

**Chris Mains**, April 20, 1972

**Rodney Lee**, April 22, 1988

**Carlos Luna**, April 24, 1969

**Tiffany Brill Jarmon**, April 26, 1975

**Kevin Blunt**, April 27, 1973

**Michael Nigg**, April 28, 1969

**Jolene Romero**, April 28, 1975

**Cher Elder**, April 30, 1972

**Alan Michael, Conner** May 1, 1980

**Cody Faust**, May 1, 1982

**Carold Peoples III**, May 1, 1987

**Jackie Maldonado**, May 2, 1962

**Steve Murgatroyd**, May 2, 1962

**Jeff Walker**, May 3, 1972

**Terrance Mayo**, May 3, 1976

**Patricia "Trisha" Green**, May 3, 1977

**Melodie Robertson**, May 3, 2000

**Jennifer Behling**, May 4, 1980

**Roy Cozby**, May 10, 1940

**Michael Cates**, May 11, 1975

**Lindsey Kay Creason**, May 12, 1993

**Sgt Tim Mossbrucker**, May 15, 1958

**Ennis Walton**, May 17, 1970

**Rebecca Lynn Gonzales**, May 20, 1989

**Vera Escobedo**, May 21, 1966

**Mark Anthony David Johnsen**, May 22, 1987

**Page Ten Brook**, May 24, 1966

**Eric Martinez**, May 24, 1978

**Christopher Aragon**, May 26, 1960

**Jack Koller**, May 27, 2009

**Annamarie Villalobos**, May 28, 1965

**Michael Julius Ford**, May 29, 1984

**Gary Carlson**, May 31, 1962

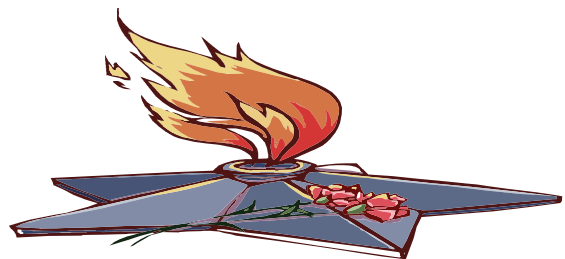
**Joseph Seara**, May 31, 1977



# In Memoriam

**Phillip Rose Jr**, April 1, 1992  
**Christopher Aragon**, April 2, 1994  
**Dylan Lee Newman**, April 3, 2007  
**Annamarie Villalobos**, April 6, 2011  
**Phillip Dearing**, April 9, 2002  
**Chelsea Santaguida**, April 9, 2010  
**Yvette Strong**, April 10, 1992  
**Jared Whitney**, April 11, 1997  
**Mitch Anderson**, April 11, 2001  
**Gerry Schwartzman**, April 13, 2011  
**Beth Haynes**, April 16, 1994  
**Paul Klein**, April 17, 1993  
**Terrance Mayo**, April 7, 1995  
**Carold Peoples III**, April 17  
**Douglas "Dougie" Charles**, April 19, 2000  
**Cynthia Mc Queen**, April 20, 1983  
**Cassie Bernall**, April 20, 1999  
**Corey DePooter**, April 20, 1999  
**Dan Rohrbough**, April 20, 1999  
**Daniel Mauser**, April 20, 1999  
**John Tomlin**, April 20, 1999  
**Matthew Kechter**, April 20, 1999  
**Rachel Scott**, April 20, 1999  
**Steven Robert Curnow**, April 20, 1999  
**Desiree Holland**, April 20, 2002  
**Jesse Field**, April 21, 1998  
**Ethan Wolf**, April 23, 1996  
**Jon-Paul Lewis**, April 24, 2010  
**Andrew Sheppard**, April 25, 2008  
**Gail Garcia-Hererral**, April 27, 1984  
**Nancy Begg Shoupp**, April 28, 1990  
**Dan Suazo**, April 28, 1995  
**Sgt Tim Mossbrucker**, April 28, 1995  
**Rob Stewart**, April 28, 2010  
**Jacine Gielinski**, April 29, 1997  
**Stoneham Farris**, April 30, 1996  
**Chandra Haak**, May 1, 1991  
**Tina Abbott**, May 1, 2003  
**Karla Winberg**, May 2, 1981

**Kyra Harris**, May 3, 1987  
**Christy Marie Brown**, May 4, 1995  
**Danny Stanazyk**, May 5, 2005  
**Eddie Hairston, Jr**, May 6, 1978  
**Kay Lyn Robinson**, May 8, 1979  
**Frankie Paul**, May 8, 1998  
**Rubon Wayne Norwood**, May 9, 1988  
**Anthony (Tony)Gonzales**, May 10, 1990  
**Lori Bases**, May 11, 2000  
**Heather Victoria Reyes**, May 15, 1998  
**Ronald Eugene Hinson Jr**, May 18, 1988  
**Alie Berrelez**, May 18, 1993  
**Jeffrey Smith**, May 18, 1993  
**Leslie Ann Russell**, May 20, 1991  
**Carlos Luna**, May 21, 1992  
**Christy Birmingham Barry**, May 23, 1989  
**Beth Gallegos**, May 23, 1998  
**Britt Mackay**, May 23, 2007  
**Shaniqua Coffman**, May 26, 1993  
**Jeremy Campton Craft**, May 26, 1995  
**Geney Crutchley**, May 26, 2002  
**Shaundra Schell**, May 28, 1990  
**John C. Abeyta**, May 29, 1993  
**Kaci Leann Orosco-Chenault**, May 29, 2008  
**Kevin**, May 29, 2011  
**Linnea Dick**, May 30, 2008  
**Ivory Mefford**, May 30, 2009  
**Brandy DuVall**, May 31, 1997

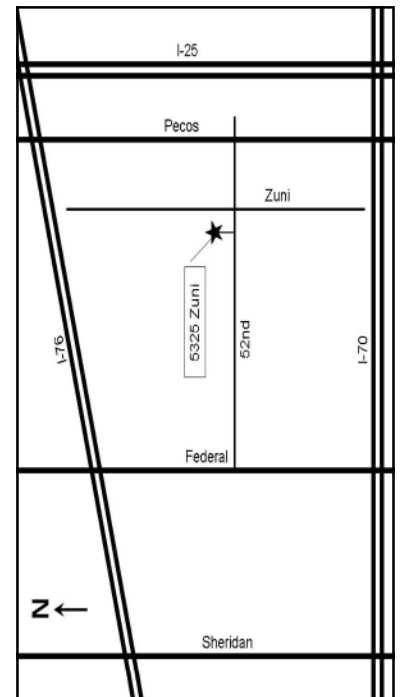


# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 9 - VOICE Forum  
(see Pg 1 for details)
- April 21 - Support Group at 7:30 PM
- April 22-28 - Crime Victims' Rights Week
- April 23 - Public Ceremony at Webb Bldg  
(see Pg 1 for details)

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We meet in the  
**cafe**ria of the  
**West Building**  
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the **3rd Saturday**