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) 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

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.NOV A (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 your 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](http://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](http://www.restorejustice.com/contact.php)

**Save the Children**: [www.savethechildren.org](http://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](http://www.1800victims.org)

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**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Including Bay Area

**Alameda County**

**1,000 Mothers to Prevent Violence**: [www.1000mothers.org](http://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](http://www.restorejustice.com/contact.php)

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](http://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](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)
Chapter Name: TCF of Amador County Chapter
Chapter Number: 2213
Contact Person: Lynne / [amadorwoods@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm)
North Valley Chapter
PMB 133 236 W. East Ave., Chico, CA 95926
[pgusalot@aol.com](mailto:pgusalot@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](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)
[www.tcfccc.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)
[www.tcfmarin.org](http://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"
Meet 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_dorisr@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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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
Los Angeles County

Comfort Zone Camp: [www.comfortzonecamp.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)
[www.tcfla.org](http://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](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)
Chapter Name: Brentwood Santa Monica TCF Chapter
Chapter Number: 1950
Contact: jprbp@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

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 / luzhruiz@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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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

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](http://www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm)  
_Inland Empire Chapter_  
P.O. Box 9413, Alta Loma, CA 91701  
[iecpomc@aol.com](mailto:iecpomc@aol.com) / [iepomc06@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org)  
_San Diego North Inland Chapter_  
15385 Crestview Ct, Poway CA 92064  
Chapter Leader: Kathleen Stark / [bereavedparentsusa@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)  
Chapter Name: TCF of Southeast San Diego  
Chapter Number: 2365  
Contact Person: Marchell / [marchell.crain@hanson.com](mailto: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](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)  
[www.sdtcf.org](http://www.sdtcf.org)  
Chapter Name: San Diego County Chapter – La Jolla  
Chapter Number: 1027  
Contact: [leaders@sdtcf.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:info@crimevictimsfund.org) / 619.702.8725
Parents of Murdered Children (POMC): [www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm](http://www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm)
San Diego Chapter
PO Box 17161, San Diego CA 92177
Chapter Leader: Bonnie Howell / [sandiegoPOMC@aol.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:info@tkf.org)

Ventura County

The Compassionate Friends: [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)
[www.michael-short.com/vcctcf](http://www.michael-short.com/vcctcf)
Chapter Name: TCF of Ventura County CA Chapter
Chapter Number: 2191
Contact Person: Marvin / [marvinshort@roadrunner.com](mailto:marvinshort@roadrunner.com) / 805.981.1573
Lynn / 805.443.1905
Janice / 805.579.7065
[janetrn@msn.com](mailto: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](http://www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm)
Ventura County Chapter
P.O. Box 1875, Oxnard, CA 93032-1875
[vc.pomc@yahoo.com](mailto: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
**Second Tuesday** East County Support Group Meeting, City of Thousand Oaks, Sheriff’s Dept. Community Room, 2101 E. Olsen Rd., Thousand Oaks 91360

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**STORIES BY FAMILY MEMBERS OF MURDER VICTIMS**

**Azim Khamisa’s Website:** [www.azimkhamisa.com](http://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](http://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](http://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.