CHAPTER UPDATES

Albuquerque Chapter:

Tammi Lambert, representative of the Governor’s office attended a meeting to present to Albuquerque Chapter information about victim rights in the criminal justice system – twenty-five/thirty persons attended that meeting. Three families followed up directly with Tammi Lambert as a result of that meeting.

Our new advocate, Patsy Vega had the opportunity to meet with chapter leaders in Hobbs, Roswell and Los Lunas.

We conducted a fundraising activity which raised $750.00 in ticket sales for the auction of an art piece. Thanks to our anonymous donor for the signed art print “Coat of Many Colors” by Thomas Blackshear. We are currently working on another fundraiser with Coro- nado Festival of Giving.

Update from our Dona Ana County Chapter

Chapter - The Dona Ana County Chapter meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Mesilla Valley Hospice Conference Room, 5:30 p.m. We are working in cooperation with the DWI Resource Center to put forth legislation to increases the penalty for vehicular homicide in DWI cases. This has been a changing process and we are receiving input from a number of people to effectively submit legislation that will make a difference.

NOVA - Donna Richmond, Chapter Coordinator was granted a scholarship to cover registration to the National Organization for Victim Assistance Conference on August 20th - 25th. She gave a successful presentation entitled, “The Family’s Over There: A Victim Advocate’s Response When Someone’s Been Murdered.” Approximately 140 people attended her presentation and materials were distributed to advocates from around the US and Canada.

Donna attended several presentations by speakers that she found to be full of valuable information!

Bygone
by James Bowie
When I touched she passed between as I knelt in the grass my breath passing the memories

head against cold stone
HAPPY 30TH CRIMESTOPPERS

Crime Stoppers started locally in Albuquerque, New Mexico when Albuquerque Police Department Detective Greg MacAleese asked local station channel 7 to air a re-enactment of the robbery and brutal murder of a UNM student Michael Carmen. He was gunned down during a robbery.

The airing, in fact, did generate a lead that solved the murder of Michael Carmen.

The program offers cash rewards to anonymous ‘tipsters’ who call in about a fugitive or other information pertaining to unsolved crime.

Today Crime Stoppers International has programs in all 50 states and 18 countries. It has helped to clear over one million cases and led to over 600,000 arrests. Albuquerque should be proud of its involvement in this major success story that really makes a difference to our communities.

The Albuquerque Chapter of Crime Stoppers International (CSI) hosted the annual International Training Conference to the city. The convention was held at the Hyatt Regency hotel Oct. 1—6.

NMSOH and the NM Chapter of The Compassionate Friends Lighting New Mexico Candle Lighting on December 10, 2006.

This year’s event will be held at Milne Stadium in Albuquerque and will start at 6:15 pm.

Contact the NMSOH office for a copy of 2006 Candle lighting Flyer and registration form. If you have any questions you can also call for more information at 505-232-4099.

Offenders:
President: Patti March
Vice President: Michael Roach
Secretary: Lenora Tsinijinnie
Treasurer: Clara Maberry

Members at Large:
Ray Padilla, Donna Richmond & Ernestine Roach

Patsy Vega Tells Us About Herself!

Patsy Vega, Statewide Victim Advocate/Volunteer Coordinator,

This is the first time I am speaking to the members since I came on board in April 2006. I’d like to say hello to all and tell you about myself. My background is as a victim’s advocate and that is where my heart is. I feel privileged to be here because I am a survivor too.

Since April I have met with Chapter leaders in Hobbs, Roswell, Los Lunas, I facilitate the support group meetings in Albuquerque and I attended some meetings with the Los Lunas Chapter. I am working on a support group for Navajo families in Gallup. I put together two floats representing NMSOH families in parades in Belen, and I have initiated a fundraising activity with churches in Prelate and Tome. I attend court sessions with families and have invited a representative of the Governor’s office to present to Albuquerque Chapter information about victim’s rights in the criminal justice system. Since April, I have met with more than twenty new families seeking help for the loss of their loved one.

My goals are to help families get what they deserve – their rights, provide emotional and information support as they deal with their loss, to help families sadly stuck by homicide to know they are not alone. I am looking forward to being successful in my work for New Mexico Survivors of Homicide.

Thank you for trusting me with this important job. I am available to each of you by phone and perhaps even in person.

Patsy Vega
LOVE GIFTS

Love Gifts from 04/2006—08/2006

Donor                        In Memory of
Marcella Luna                Carolyn Sanchez
                                 1/13/62 - 5/17/05
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Requiem by Jerikoh
Your passing holds no interest
for again I carry on
empty on the inside
I await another dawn.
Endless searching for another,
a substitute at best,
someone I pretend is you
in hopes that I may rest.
Their arms offer no comfort
no solace in their touch
I pretend they all are you

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NMSOH LOCAL CHAPTERS

Contact Person: Clara Maberry
505-877-6385

Las Cruces
6-8 wk Grief Study
299 E. Montana
6-8PM
Contact Person: Donna Richmond
505-526-3437

Las Vegas
3rd Wednesday of every month
6pm
Las Vegas Justice and Peace Center
719 6th St.
Contact Person: Helen Trujillo
505-425-6325 fax. 505-454-2588

Hobbs
2ND Tuesday of each month
200 E Park, Hobbs, NM
(Agnes Head Community Ctr)
Contact Person: Patsy Hodges
505-392-4541 (wk) / 505-392-7161
Alternate Contacts;
Wanda Kelton 505-392-7649
Janene Sanders 505-391-7340

Roswell
2nd Tuesday of every month
305 W. Tilden
5-7pm
Contact Person: Krystal Deason
505-317-5845 or 505-627-9239

Rio Rancho
Call for meeting schedule
Jan…Mar…May, July, Sept, and Nov.
Gurley Hall, Unm Campus 6-8 pm
Contact Person: Gloria Vigil
505-272-5040

Gallup
3rd Tuesday of every month
305 W. Tilden
5-7pm
Contact Person: Jan Horgan
505-891-0214

Taos
Call for meeting schedule
Jan…Mar…May, July, Sept, and Nov.
Gurley Hall, Unm Campus 6-8 pm
Contact Person: Valarie Martinez
505-751-3992 or 770-8107

Tularosa
3rd Wednesday of every month
3445 Lambros Loop
6:30-8:30pm
Contact Person: Cheryl Lowery
505-585-6450

NMSOH is a support group for anyone who has had a loved one murdered.
REFLECTIONS

To One In Sorrow

Let me come in where you are weeping, friend,
And let me take your hand.
I, who have known a sorrow such as yours, can understand.
Let me come in—I would be very still beside you in your grief;
I would not bid you cease your weeping, friend,
Tears bring relief. Let me come in—and hold your hand,
For I have known a sorrow such as yours, And understand.

-Grace Noll Crowell

“GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN”

NMSOH LOVE GIFTS

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IN MEMORY OF ________________________________

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DATE OF DEATH _______________________

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Are you ready to help out? We need volunteers. Contact Patsy Vega for details @ 505-232-4099 or call your local chapter!