GROUP PURPOSE

Why are we here:

To support persons who survive the violent death of someone close as they seek to recover;

To provide contact with similarly bereaved persons and establish self-help groups that meet regularly;

To provide information about the grieving process and the criminal justice system as they pertain to survivors of a homicide;

To communicate with professionals in the helping fields, about the problems faced by those surviving a homicide and to increase society's awareness of these issues.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 7th, 2015 @ 6:30 pm
Sacramento District Attorney’s Office
901 G Street, Sacramento CA

Please park in the jury lot on 8th & G, or behind the building and enter through the back door.
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December Dates of Loss cont’d

Arnold Devonne Butler, Jr.  12/29/2006
Anthony Lee Torrez Fuller  12/30/2006
Dwayne Jerome Harvey   12/12/2004
Patrick Moore          12/23/2006
Doug Cline            12/28/2005
James R. Lowe           12/26/2006
Manuel Castillo        12/09/2007
Otis Edward Passmore  12/27/2000
Leo Fletcher III     12/11/2008

Can you see our candles
   Burning in the night?
   Lights of love we send you
      Rays of purest white

   Children we remember
   Though missing from our sight
   In honor and remembrance
   We light candles in the night

   All across the big blue marble
    Spinning out in space
   Can you see the candles burning
      From this human place?

   Oh, angels gone before us
   Who taught us perfect love
   This night the world lights candles
    That you may see them from above

   Tonight the globe is lit by love
    Of those who know great sorrow,
    But as we remember our yesterdays
    Let’s light one candle for tomorrow

   We will not forget,
    And every year in deep
    December On Earth we will light candles
        As...............we remember

Written by Jacqueline Brown For National Children’s Memorial Day
ALVIN SAIVON VALEN'TINE  
My First

You were my first son...  
You were my first experience as a mother...  
  You were my first love...  
  You were my first bestfriend..  
  You were my first heartbreak....  
  You were my first unforgettable...  
  You were my first ANGEL...  
"ALVIN SAIVON VALEN'TINE"  
HAPPY 21st Birthday Son!!!

Love Your Madre'

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:34
Dedications to your loved ones can be featured in the newsletter. Please submit them to Michelle Husbands at husbandsm@sacda.org by the 10th of the previous month you would like the dedication to appear. Eg. Dedications for the May's newsletter should be submitted by April 10th.

Memorial Quilts: If you are interested in having a picture of your lost loved one placed on a quilt, please contact your victim advocate for directions on how to complete that process.

Meeting Dates & Time: Upcoming meetings January 7th, 2015 @6:30 pm  
February 4th, 2015 @6:30 pm  
March 4th, 2015 @6:30 pm

Children’s Support Groups:
Sutter Memorial Children Bereavement Art group for ages 4-16 contact Peggy Gulshen @ 916-454-6555 for various locations in Sacramento County. www.sutterchildrens.org/childbereavement

UC Davis Hospice young adult group for ages 17-24. Please contact Don Lewis @ 916-734-1139. Closed group which meets once a week for 8 sessions. Please call for more information.

REMEMBER ME BEARS: Anyone interested in having a bear made from an article of clothing, blanket etc that holds special memories of your loved one, may contact Ms. Sharon Bell at 707-678-3738. The cost is $30 and she is willing to work with those who may have financial difficulty. The materials should be mailed to her at 1380 West F street, Dixon CA 95620.
Grief Support and Resources

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC) is a national self-help organization designed solely to offer emotional support and information for anyone (not just parents) about surviving the loss of a loved one to murder. Meetings are the 4th Monday of each month from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm at 5770 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento CA 95822. For additional info. call (916) 879-4541

Crime Victim's United of California sponsors a victim's support group the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 pm at St. Teresa of Avila's Church in the preschool buildings at 11600 Atwood Road, Auburn CA. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, please call and confirm time and place at 530-885-9544.

Sacramento Valley Compassionate Friends meets every third Friday of each month 7:30-10:00 pm at the St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, Sacramento CA 95864. Please contact Pamela Amo @ 916-955-3180 for questions pertaining to the group.

VIVA—Volunteers in Victim Assistance is a full service center for victims of violent crime and trauma. It is located at 2020 Hurley Way, Suite 265 Sacramento CA 95825. Tel # 916-570-1690. They serve victims primarily in Sacramento County, but they can also serve victims in El Dorado, Placer and Yolo counties. Please contact them for additional information.

SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES: DO NOT TRY TO DEAL WITH IT ON YOUR OWN
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline @ 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK) or 1-800 784-2433 (1-800 suicide); Sacramento Suicide Crisis Prevention line @ 916-368-3111;
National Organization for People of Color Against Suicide: http://www.nopcass.org

The following members of the support group are willing to lend a listening ear during your time of grief.
Vijay Butler: 916-837-0066; Grace Beren: 916-730-5640
Earline Harris: 916-204-3399

www.thecompassionatefriends.com
www.groww.com—Online grief support group
www.1800victims.org
www.crimevictimsunited.com
www.cvactionalliance.org Crime Victims Action Alliance
www.pomc.org
www.pomc.org/sacramento