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**HELP CRIME VICTIMS BEGIN TO HEAL BY
BECOMING A VOLUNTEER VICTIM ADVOCATE**

(Tucson, Arizona) – The Victim Services Division of the Pima County Attorney's Office is recruiting community volunteers to serve as advocates for crime victims. Victim Advocates support victims after a crime or other trauma has occurred, responding both to individual crime scenes as well as large scale incidents like the January 8, 2011 Tucson Tragedy.

Victim Advocates help survivors of trauma and victimization to recover and heal by providing them with crisis intervention services, emotional support, and resources and referrals. Victim Services is seeking volunteers who can help do this type of important work within the community.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with the Victim Services Division and what Victim Services is doing to help the residents of Pima County, you are invited to attend one of two information sessions:

- Tuesday, August 20, 2013 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 27, 2013 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Both sessions will be held at the Tucson Police Department Substation, 1310 W. Miracle Mile.

The Victim Services Division provides volunteers and interested community members with extensive training. The Crisis Intervention and Victimology Training, which is open to anyone in the community, will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for six weeks beginning September 12, 2013. Those interested in attending the training or volunteering must first attend one of the information sessions. After attending an information session, there will be an application and interview process for prospective volunteers.

Please call (520) 740-5525 for more information about volunteering and to sign up for one of the information sessions.

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