National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.

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

2020 Annual Report

Dedicated to the aftermath and prevention of murder.
From the Executive Director

Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc. (POMC) is the only nationwide organization dedicated to helping survivors of homicide victims cope with the devastation and grief caused by the murder of their loved ones. POMC strives to develop programs and services that support, and assist survivors of homicide victims. In addition, these programs and services help keep murderers behind bars, assist in solving unsolved cases, and educate, train and inform society of the problems faced in the aftermath of murder.

Over the past 40 years, POMC has worked hard to expand its outreach throughout the United States and abroad. POMC continues to strive to meet the ever-growing needs of survivors of homicide victims and honor our mission to make a difference through on-going emotional support, education, prevention, advocacy and awareness.

When a loved one is murdered, surviving family members suffer an unimaginable loss, and require significant support in their interactions with the criminal justice system. Their tragic loss is compounded by trying to make sense of such a senseless act, and trying to seek justice and accountability on behalf of their murdered loved ones.

We at POMC respond daily to the most profound violent tragedy of all, that of murder. As we approach another year of service to survivors of this tragedy, we pause and give thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers and staff. Together they provide the leadership and support that make POMC a successful nationwide organization. Together we do make the difference.

2020 has been a very difficult and challenging year with the COVID 19 pandemic and the civil unrest with the tragic murders by the police. POMC hopes that 2021 will be a better year with the violence stopping, the COVID ending so we can hold our National Conference, Grief Retreat and the Effective Leadership Training.

“The purpose of human life is to serve and show compassion and the will to help others.” Albert Schweitzer

Sincerely,

Beverly J. Warnock
Executive Director
POMC Website Continues To Grow

The National Organization of POMC’s website at www.pomc.org was recently updated and continues to grow. Major changes made to the Website, from the way it looks to the way you navigate through it, has made it easier and more “user friendly.”

Some of the highlights of the website include:

- **Tips For Professionals** - a guide for professionals in assisting survivors;
- **Parole Block Program** - allow survivors to participate in the parole process by keeping murderers behind bars.
- **Legal Terminology** - listing terminology and phrases;
- **VINE** - a national program whose purpose is to assist crime victims and other concerned persons by providing continual access to inmate custody and case information via the telephone;
- **Updated Information** - POMC’s website allows members and others to get information on current events or topics of interest involving POMC.

The **Ask The Expert** section has over 12 experts available to answer questions from survivors regarding topics such as Forensics, DUI, Investigation, pharmaceutical, grief, crime scene evidence, crime victims’ rights, and court procedures, etc.

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Second Opinion Services Provides Answers

Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc. (POMC) offers a unique program that gives the families and friends of murder victims (or suspected victims of murder) an opportunity to review the evidence surrounding the death of their loved one.

Since the official inception of Second Opinion Services (S.O.S.) in 1994, hundreds of cases have been submitted for review.

The purpose of S.O.S. is to provide answers to survivors. Sometimes these cases are unsolved or complicated; many were ruled suicides or accidents. In other instances, families simply have questions regarding their loved one’s death.

Medical, law enforcement, and investigative S.O.S. experts review materials submitted by survivors. They look for evidence that needs to be followed up, findings that may have been misinterpreted, areas that need further investigation, and conflicting information or inconsistencies. S.O.S. is not an investigative service; however, results of S.O.S. reviews have provided direction for investigators, and led to cases being reopened and solved.

Because of the success of S.O.S., many law enforcement agencies have requested assistance, direction, training/education, and information on establishing “Cold Case” programs in their area.

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2020 Second Opinion Program

The S.O.S. experts 2020 findings:

- 4 cases—S.O.S. agreed with ruling
- 4 cases—S.O.S disagreed with ruling, suggested perusing further investigation
- 1 case— S.O.S still reviewing
- 1 case— Insufficient evidence submitted for S.O.S. to form an opinion
2020 National POMC Conference
The 34th Annual National POMC Conference was a virtual online conference and was a huge success.

- Previous Conference Sites:
  - 2020 Virtual Conference
  - 2019 Denver, Colorado
  - 2018 Arlington, Virginia
  - 2017 Irvine, California
  - 2016 Orlando, Florida
  - 2015 Las Vegas, Nevada
  - 2014 Rochester, Minnesota
  - 2013 Cincinnati, Ohio
  - 2012 Phoenix, Arizona
  - 2011 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
  - 2010 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
  - 2009 Cincinnati, Ohio
  - 2008 Irvine, California
  - 2007 Houston, Texas
  - 2006 Phoenix, Arizona
  - 2005 Kansas City, Missouri
  - 2004 Peoria, Illinois
  - 2003 Wichita, Kansas
  - 2002 Cincinnati, Ohio
  - 2001 Fort Worth, Texas
  - 2000 Scottsdale, Arizona
  - 1999 Tulsa, Oklahoma
  - 1998 Wichita, Kansas
  - 1997 Melville, New York
  - 1996 Cincinnati, Ohio
  - 1995 Dearborn, Michigan
  - 1994 Bloomington, Minnesota
  - 1993 Concord, California
  - 1992 Portland, Oregon
  - 1991 Corpus Christi, Texas
  - 1990 East Elmhurst, New York
  - 1989 Miami, Florida
  - 1988 Chicago, Illinois
  - 1987 Cincinnati, Ohio

Murder Wall...
Honoring Their Memories

The Murder Wall...Honoring Their Memories is a lasting tribute to those who have been murdered. Created in 1987, the Wall serves as a constant reminder of our need to help stop the violence.

Over the past year the Wall has traveled throughout the United States to our National Conference.

The Wall is comprised of many separate walnut panels. Each panel holds 120 names, dates of birth and dates of death engraved on brass plates. By the end of 2020, the Wall had grown to 33 panels. New panels join the Wall as they are completed.

Memorial Books accompany the Wall and list those on each panel. In addition, the books provide a page of information on each victim, along with their photo.

"We always know the name of the offender, but we seldom ever see or know the name of the victim. The Murder Wall is a strong and loving reminder, not only of my husband Monte, but of all those who die by violence in our country." - Sharon Tewksbury, West Chester, Ohio.
2020 Chapter Statistics

Throughout 2020, thousands of survivors of homicide victims received support and assistance from local Chapters and Contact Persons across the country.

In total, POMC Chapters distributed over 50,000 copies of local newsletters in 2020, which provided critical information to both survivors and professionals in the fields of law enforcement, mental health, medicine, education, and religion.

By providing more than 104 presentations to various groups, interviews for TV, radio, newspapers, and magazine articles, Chapter members have awakened the public’s eyes to the horror and injustice suffered by those left behind after a murder.

Through their own Court Accompaniment programs, Chapter members lent their support and expertise to provide assistance for over 167 court cases.

More than 250 survivors from POMC Chapters across the U.S. attended the 34th Virtual National POMC Conference.

POMC State Coordinators, Chapter Leaders, and Contact People volunteered thousands of hours to assist others who have survived the murder of a loved one. In addition, members took on the difficult task of raising the funds necessary to provide these vital services.

The Big Turn-Off Makes Statement

POMC members have the opportunity to make a powerful statement about television violence during the annual Big Turn-Off.

Held the second Wednesday of January each year, the Big Turn-Off is an awareness campaign which emphasizes that viewers have control over their television.

Many of the television shows on TV today contain a great deal of violence and set poor examples for children because youngsters do not have the knowledge or skills to distinguish between appropriate and inappropriate behavior.

During the Big Turn-Off, everyone is encouraged to protest violence on television by turning off their TVs during the prime time evening hours.

National’s Parole Block Program (PBP)

Keeping Murderers Behind Bars

For survivors of homicide victims, the early release or parole of convicted murderers is seen as a denigration of their loved one, and results in extremely intensified emotions. POMC’s Parole Block Program (PBP) strives to give survivors a sense of control, as well as a positive outlet for the anger, frustration, and disillusionment with the criminal justice system. PBP allows them to participate in the parole process by attempting to keep murderers behind bars for their minimum sentences, thus protecting society from potential repeat offenders.

By the end of 2020, PBP had prevented the early release/parole of over 1717 convicted murderers.
Effective Leadership Development Training
In 2020, POMC had to cancel the Effective Leadership Training because of the COVID 19. Our hope is that we can schedule the training in 2021. The Effective Leadership Training is held for Chapter Leaders/Contact Persons who wish to become a POMC representative and get the certification. Among the topics covered during the three-day session are: working with the bereaved, chapter development, public speaking, conflict resolution, burnout/relaxation techniques, and an overview of national programs. Those who attended are eligible to become certified POMC representatives. The National Board of Trustees requires that there be at least two certified members on each Chapter’s Board of Directors to maintain its affiliation with POMC.

Annual National Day Of Remembrance
Survivors and supporters across the country joined together by virtual computers on September 25, 2020, for POMC’s 13th Annual National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims. The National POMC website, for 24 hours, scrolled the names of victims from across the country. On September 25th, we as a nation, state and community recognize the devastating impact of homicide on our families, friends and nation as a whole.

History: Following the Oklahoma City bombing, a National Day of Mourning was declared, a day on which to contemplate the tragedy and remember those whose lives were violently taken.

For survivors of homicide victims, having their loved ones remembered is vital. Though survivors may individually and formally “remember them” on their anniversary dates or on other special occasions, it was felt that it would be appropriate and beneficial for all survivors to have a special day to remember together. Therefore, with the approval of POMC founders, Robert and Charlotte Hullinger, and the National Board of Trustees, an annual POMC National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims was approved in April 1999.

The National Day of Remembrance is held each year on September 25th, the anniversary date of Lisa Hullinger’s death. Lisa was the 19-year-old daughter of Robert and Charlotte Hullinger, POMC founders.

House Resolution 223 was introduced in an effort to get POMC’s National Day of Remembrance proclaimed by Congress. The Resolution passed the House in May of 2007 and passed the Senate in October 2007.
Please note: Any Chapter listed in red was open but closed at some point in 2020

**POMC STATE COORDINATORS:**
Wisconsin - Carol Leonhardt
California - Bonnie Rhea Tomeoni

**POMC CHAPTERS**

**ARIZONA:**
- Valley of the Sun Chapter

**ARKANSAS:**
- Central Arkansas Chapter

**CALIFORNIA:**
- Contra Costa County/East Bay Chapter
- Greater Orange County Chapter
- Greater San Bernardino/Riverside Area Chapter
- Greater Ventura County Chapter
- Los Angeles Chapter
- Monterey County Chapter
- Peninsula/South Bay Chapter
- Sacramento Chapter
- San Diego Chapter

**COLORADO:**
- Colorado Front Range Chapter

**FLORIDA:**
- Miami/Dade County Chapter
- Southwest Florida Chapter
- Tri County Chapter
- The Fort Myers Florida—Lee County Chapter

**ILLINOIS:**
- Central Illinois Chapter
- Chicago Area Chapter
- Dupage County and Beyond Chapter
- St. Louis Area Wide Chapter

**KANSAS:**
- Wichita Kansas Chapter
- Kansas City Area Wide Chapter

**KENTUCKY:**
- Kentuckiana Chapter

**MAINE:**
- Maine Chapter

**MASSACHUSETTS:**
- Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter

**MICHIGAN:**
- Metro Detroit Chapter
- Saginaw County Chapter

**MINNESOTA:**
- Central Minnesota Chapter
- Minnesota Hope Chapter
- Southeast Minnesota Chapter

**MISSOURI:**
- Kansas City Area Wide Chapter
- Central Missouri Area Wide Chapter
- St. Louis Area Wide Chapter

**NEVADA:**
- Desert of Hope Chapter

**NEW YORK:**
- Albany New York (Capital District) Chapter
- North Bronx/Westchester Chapter
- Queens Chapter

**NORTH CAROLINA:**
- Sampson County Chapter

**OHIO:**
- Central Ohio Chapter
- Greater Cincinnati Area Chapter
- Trumbull-Mercer County Chapter

**OREGON:**
- Greater Portland Area Chapter

**PENNSYLVANIA:**
- Delaware County Chapter
- Trumbull-Mercer County Chapter

**SOUTH CAROLINA:**
- South Carolina Chapter
- Sumter Chapter

**TENNESSEE:**
- The Greater Memphis Chapter

**TEXAS:**
- Houston Chapter
- San Antonio Chapter

**VIRGINIA:**
- Hampton Roads Chapter

**WASHINGTON:**
- Greater Portland Area Chapter

**POMC CONTACT PEOPLE:**

**ALASKA:**
- Anchorage

**ARIZONA:**
- Bullhead City
- Glendale
- Goodyear
- Scottsdale
- Sierra Vista

**ARKANSAS:**
- Little Rock
- North Little Rock
- Texarkana

**CALIFORNIA:**
- Alhambra
- Antelope
- Citrus Heights
- Fillmore
- Harbor City
- Oceano
- Oxnard
- Placentia
- Redlands
- Sacramento
- Salinas
- San Diego
- Sanger
- San Juan Capistrano
- San Pablo
- San Pedro
- Santa Clara
- Santee
- Tustin
- Ventura

**COLORADO:**
- Denver
- Littleton

**CONNECTICUT:**
- Westport

**POMC Contact People**
Provide much the same level of support as Chapters in areas where there are not enough members to sustain a Chapter. They do not offer support group meetings.
CONTACT PERSONS CONTINUED

DELWARE:
- Magnolia

FLORIDA:
- Boynton Beach
- Cape Coral
- Coconut Creek
- Fort Pierce
- Hollywood
- Lake Placid
- Lehigh Acres
- Naples
- North Miami Beach
- Punta Gorda
- Sarasota
- Tampa

GEORGIA:
- Atlanta
- Port Wentworth
- Riverdale

IDAHO:
- Troy

ILLINOIS:
- Chicago
- Lincoln
- Matteson
- Palos Hills
- Worden

INDIANA
- Ft Wayne
- MERRILLVILLE

IOWA:
- Des Moines

KANSAS:
- Holden
- Kansas City
- Leavenworth
- Wichita

KENTUCKY:
- Elizabethtown
- Louisville

LOUISIANA:
- Alexandria
- Sulphur

MAINE:
- Cambridge

MARYLAND:
- Finksburg
- Reisterstown

MASSACHUSETTS:
- Buzzards Bay
- Fairhaven
- Holliston
- Lowell
- Mattapan
- Yarmouth Port

MICHIGAN:
- Central Lake
- Detroit
- Saginaw

MINNESOTA:
- Brooklyn Park
- New Brighton
- Oronoco
- Rochester
- St. Cloud
- St. Paul

MISSOURI:
- Columbia
- Holden
- Kansas City
- St. Louis
- Worden

NEVADA:
- Las Vegas

NEW HAMPSHIRE:
- Franklin
- Woodsville

NEW JERSEY:
- Hackensack
- Freehold

NEW MEXICO:
- Taos

NEW YORK:
- Bronx

NORTH CAROLINA:
- Charlotte
- Clinton
- Durham
- Greensboro
- Harrells

OHIO:
- Bellbrook
- Chagrin Falls
- Cincinnati
- Columbus
- Euclid
- Grove City
- Mason
- Milford
- Walhonding
- Worthington

OREGON:
- Happy Valley
- Oregon City
- Sisters

PENNSYLVANIA:
- Erie
- Farrell
- Glenolden
- Landsdowne
- Murrysville
- Sharon

SOUTH CAROLINA:
- Camden
- Columbia
- Gadsden
- Rembert
- Sumter

SOUTH DAKOTA:
- Mina

TENNESSEE:
- Arlington
- Corrdova

TEXAS:
- Austin

- Boerne
- Conroe
- Duncanville
- Edinburg
- Highlands
- Houston
- Killeen
- Pasadena
- Pharr
- San Antonio

VERMONT:
- Graniteville

VIRGINIA:
- Newport News
- Troutville
- Virginia Beach

WASHINGTON:
- Kelso

WISCONSIN:
- Menomonee Falls
- Middleton
- Sun Prairie

POMC State Coordinators
Assist national headquarters in the coordination of POMC services within their state, work with area professionals, and provide individual advocacy and support.

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.
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- Beverly Warnock, Executive Director
- Sherry Nolan, National Volunteer Coordinator
- Danielle Rooney, Program Coordinator
- Sandy Barlion, Administrative Assistant
- Ratna Pati, Webmaster

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