National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.

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

2021 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.

In 2021, there were over 15,000 homicides in the United States. 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.

"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 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.

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.

2021 Second Opinion Program

The purpose of Second Opinion Services (S.O.S.)SM is to provide answers to questions and concerns regarding a death and subsequent investigation(s). A volunteer board of medical, law enforcement and investigative experts provide an independent objective viewpoint based on existing evidence and/or records submitted to POMC for review. These experts evaluate materials, looking for evidence that needs to be followed up, findings that may have been misinterpreted, areas that need further investigation and inconsistencies or conflicting information. Although S.O.S. is not an investigative agency, its findings have caused many cases to be reopened, provided valuable information and have solved several cold cases.
National POMC Awards Presented At 2021 Conference

Lisa Hullinger Memorial Award

Howard S. Klerk Jr. of Richmond, Maine and Port St. Lucie, Florida were the 2021 recipient of the Lisa Hullinger Memorial Award. This award is presented to an outstanding individual(s) for their exemplary contributions to all survivors of homicide victims, for their acts of compassion that have contributed to the recovery of survivors, and for their dedication in supporting full rights for victims/survivors.

Extra Mile Award

Kathy Hernandez of Phoenix, Arizona was awarded the 2021 Extra Mile Award. This award is given to an extraordinary professional/survivor for their dedication, devotion and outstanding service to National POMC for supporting several Conferences and “hands on” help with the Conference and for going the extra mile.

Making A Difference Award

Joy Estes of Phoenix, Arizona was awarded this year’s Making A Difference Award. This award is presented to an outstanding individual in recognition of their contributions to the memory of those who have died by violence. It is only given to someone who has done something very special or is very dedicated to POMC.

The Courage Award

Paul Paulsen of California was awarded the Courage Award which is given to an extraordinary individual who has shown outstanding courage on behalf of victims/survivors. The award is in recognition of an individual who shows courage, spirit, and determination to persevere against all odds and to see that justice is served.

John W. Gillis Leadership Award

Dan Levey of Phoenix, Arizona was awarded The John W. Gillis Leadership Award. This award is given to a professional who fights for the rights and dignity of crime victims and survivors of homicide victims.
**2021 National POMC Conference**
The 35th Annual National POMC Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona, 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 2021, the Wall had grown to 34 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.

**CCPOA Continues To Support POMC**
At the 35th Annual National POMC Conference, the California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) showed their support by making a very generous $10,000 donation. CCPOA has supported POMC for many years.
2021 Chapter Statistics

Throughout 2021, 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 2021, 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 88 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 156 court cases.

More than 250 survivors from POMC Chapters across the U.S. attended the 33rd Annual 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 2021, PBP had prevented the early release/parole of over 1771 convicted murderers.
Effective Leadership Development Training

In 2021, POMC started by virtually holding the Effective Leadership Training. The Effective Leadership Training is held for Chapter Leaders/Contact Persons who wish to become a POMC representative and receive 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 virtually on September 25, 2021 for POMC’s 14th 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.
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ARIZONA:
- Southern Arizona Chapter
- Valley of the Sun Chapter

ARKANSAS:
- Central Arkansas Chapter

CALIFORNIA:
- 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
- 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

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
- Central Philadelphia Chapter

SOUTH CAROLINA:
- Sumter Chapter

TEXAS:
- Houston Chapter
- San Antonio Chapter

VIRGINIA:
- Hampton Roads Chapter

WASHINGTON:
- Greater Portland Area Chapter

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ALASKA:
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- Benson
- Bullhead City
- Glendale
- Goodyear
- Mesa
- Phoenix
- Scottsdale
- Sierra Vista
- Tucson

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- North Little Rock
- Texarkana

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- Fillmore
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- Saginaw

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- Holden
- Kansas City
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- Flushing
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- Camden
- Columbia
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- Conroe
- Edinburg
- Highlands
- Killeen
- Lake Jackson
- Pasadena
- Pharr
- San Antonio

VIRGINIA:
- Front Royal

WASHINGTON:
- Kelso

WISCONSIN:
- Menomonee Falls
- 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.

**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.
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