Losing a child can challenge the basic existential assumptions of a parent, as the death defies the expected order of life events. For Angela McClary, the leader of the Fort Myers-Lee County Parents of Murdered Children, she said it was heartbreaking to see so many families in southwest Florida undergo the same devastation that so drastically changed her life.

While McClary’s son was murdered over four years ago, the vigil at a local church observed the deaths from the recent Bell Tower Shops shooting. Whenever there is another shooting in Lee County, McClary will replay in her mind the day her son was shot and killed, multiple times.

“They’re trying to make sense of it,” Rickey Anderson, Sr., chair of the Fort Myers Police Clergy Community Partnership, said. “It’s hard to wrap your brains around it when it just happens over and over and over.”

McClary and Anderson helped organize a vigil the week of the Bell Tower shootings. The vigil is a moment of reflection to encourage the mourners to demand that the city finds a solution.

“I have experienced that they’re working behind the scenes and there’s some information that they won’t allow the public to know,” McClary said, “so it won’t intimidate anyone or dampen the case.”

McClary views these shootings as an opportunity to change the community’s culture around disclosing helpful information following crimes, such as murders.

She believes people need to come together and assist the police.

People shouldn’t be intimidated to speak up. But, it is term, “snitches,” which is her deepest source of resentment.

“The whole thing about no telling,” McClary said. “We have to really re-educate and reverse our mindset of our city with our children, starting with at home, in the churches, schools, that ‘no telling’ should not be allowed.”
A Message from the Board Room

With POMC National Board of Trustees
President Howard S. Klerk, Jr.

Hi Everybody,

Just a quick update on the POMC National Board of Trustees. Four Board Members have left the board, and three more have joined.

I wish to thank the former members for their hard work and dedication to all of our survivors. The former members are: Marvin Bryant, survivor and former leader of the Chapter he and his wife started in Columbia, South Carolina. Marvin has stayed on as the South Carolina State Coordinator. Evelyn McGann, survivor and Chapter Leader of the Contra Costa County/East Bay Chapter. Terrie Jacoby, former National Board of Trustees Vice President and founder and former Chapter Leader of the DuPage County and Beyond Chapter of POMC and Rachel Sedlacek, former Board Member and electronic guru. Once again, thank you on behalf of everyone at POMC.

The new members of the National Board of Trustees are: Cathy Familathe, Colleen Fernald-Peterson and Margaret Kerouac. Welcome to the POMC National Board and thank you for volunteering to serve.

The new Vice President of the National Board of Trustees is Beckie Miller who was voted in at the November Board meeting.

I also wish to thank our fabulous National POMC Staff. Without a doubt, they are the most dedicated people in the world. While few in number our staff is huge in their accomplishments. Thanks again for all you do.

We hope to see all of you at our annual National POMC Conference in Denver. Stop by and say hi, we would love to see you.

Howard S. Klerk Jr.
President POMC National Board of Trustees

Thank you for your time on the National Board of Trustees

It is a bittersweet moment as we say a heartfelt goodbye and thank you to Marvin Bryant, Sr., Terrie Jacoby, Evelyn McGann & Rachel Sedlacek for their guidance, dedication, and service over the years to the National Board of Trustees. While their official service has ended, their efforts will always be appreciated as the organization continues to grow and move forward.
Hello,

It’s finally spring and thank goodness for some nicer, warmer weather. The winter was a rough one here in Cincinnati with freezing temperatures, snow and lots of ice but it’s over now so we don’t have to talk about or even think about it again until next year. For all of you that live in sunny, warmer temperatures, be thankful that you don’t have to experience what the northern part of the country does.

The National Staff is getting ready to host our 3rd Grief Retreat Weekend on April 26-28, 2019. If anyone is interested in coming we have openings so please contact us at 513-721-5683. There is also a Grief Retreat Weekend in Pine, Arizona the same weekend, which may be closer to you.

I am very excited to talk about our Conference this year. It is in a beautiful area of Denver, Colorado from August 8-11, 2019. We have a lot of different workshops this year and great keynote speakers. The hotel is close to so many beautiful areas of nature and I hope you can take an extra day or two and do a little sightseeing. The Rocky Mountains surround the hotel and are easily drivable from there. I think you will find some peace and comfort in the beauty of those mountains along with attending the conference. This year is 20 years since the tragedy of the Columbine High School and the beautiful memorial for the students and adults that were murdered is about 20 minutes from the hotel.

I would like to thank the resigning National Board Members for their dedicated service – Marvin, Evelyn, Terrie and Rachel, thank you.

I would also like to welcome our new members of the National Board of Trustees and thank you for your commitment and dedication to POMC. The National Board of Trustees and the National Staff work very well together on changing and updating policies and programs and working for the future of POMC. The new Board Members are not totally new to POMC. Cathy Familathe helped form the Los Angeles Chapter and Margaret (Peg) Kerouac was involved and helped with the New Hampshire Chapter and the Upper Chesapeake Bay Chapter in Maryland. Now she is a Contact Person for the state of New Hampshire and also has done workshops at the National Conference for many years. Colleen Fernald-Peterson is on the Chapter Board for the Albany Chapter in New York.

I want to thank everyone who has taken the opportunity to create and host a Facebook fundraiser benefiting POMC. If you gave created or donated to a Facebook fundraiser, thank you. We have had so many people create fundraisers on Facebook for their birthday or other events and it is such a special thing to do. POMC greatly appreciates your thoughtfulness and generosity. We also have a GoFundMe account that has received donations, so if you have donated to the GoFundMe account, we appreciate your donation(s).

We have some sad news from the National Office. Kayla McCarthy, who has been with us for about six years is leaving for a new adventure in the medical field. She started with POMC as a college intern and has been such a big help taking over the Newsletter from the former editor, Bob Hullinger, and she has also maintained the Facebook page for National and created the Facebook support group page. She also did the Conference Memorial Book and video as well as many of our programs. Kayla also helped with SOS and the Murder Wall. We are going to miss her very much and thank her for all of her dedication and hard work for POMC. It will only be Sherry and myself in the office during the day for the month of March as Ratna is making a trip to India for a month to spend time with her parents.

Take care
Bev
Cathy Familathe

In 1988 I received the phone call that no family member or friend wants to get. The call was telling me that my nephew Anthony had been shot and that I needed to get to the hospital. My mind told me and my heart hoped – “ok he’s been shot, the doctors will fix him and he’ll be okay”. That wasn’t the case. The doctors didn’t know that I was in the room and I heard them talking and they were saying that there was nothing they could do. That was Friday night and on Sunday, February 21, 1988 we took him off life support. He was just a little over 18 years old and he had all of his life ahead him. Of course, all of you know what this does to you and as for me I had no husband and no children at the time. All my nieces and nephews felt like they were mine since I baby sat them, fed them, clothed them, and attended all their school and sports events. My sister in law, Anthony’s mother needed some support to deal with the loss of her son. We searched and we found a group who met in Rancho Palos Verdes and provided support to survivors of homicide victims. It was Parents Of Murdered Children and we went for a couple of years. The ability to be in a room with others who lost someone they loved to homicide was such a help and comfort to my sister in law and me. After a while the Chapter closed and we didn’t know of any other support groups at the time.

Then in May of 2010 my family lost another member, my cousin and if that wasn’t enough in February, 2011, one more cousin was murdered. They were both young and should have been given their chance to go through life, find wives, and have children and grandchildren. But three murderers decided that it was their right to take their lives. Fortunately, all three were arrested and convicted and will most likely spend the rest of their lives behind bars. In the case of my nephew, we have been to several parole hearings in different parts of the state and we have another one coming up this March of 2019.

After the murder of my two cousins and nephew and going through the court system, trials, and paroles, my family realized that there was such a need for support for families like ours. In March of 2012 we were approved by National Parents of Murdered Children to start the Los Angeles Chapter of Parents of Murdered Children. We have been providing support to many families from all over Los Angeles County. Once the Chapter Board was formed, we realized that we had four (4) aunts who lost nephews to homicide. Four aunts who were willing to step up and help others just like us. The chapter has been going strong since March 2012. We have a policy of making sure the door is open every month whether there is one person there or 20 because you just never know when that someone needs to talk, cry or just be in an environment of support that we provide. The Chapter has held National Day of Remembrance and Christmas events, Car Shows and Casino bus trips for fundraising. Our families are very grateful for the LA Chapter but also for National for the support it provides.

As time went on, I thought about the contacts I had with our elected officials in my state and Washington, DC and how I could use them to advocate for victims and survivors. I thought that joining the National Board of Trustees would be just another step in helping not only survivors in my state, but hopefully I can help more survivors who come to Parents of Murdered Children for support. I wish that none of us had to have this type of group, but we do and as long as I am physically and mentally able to participate I will. I pray that God keeps me healthy and strong so that I and others can continue this work.
Welcome to the National Board

Colleen Fernald Peterson

My name is Colleen Fernald Peterson. I became involved with POMC when my sister, Amber Lynne Fernald, was murdered on June 10, 2014. Amber was murdered by an ex-boyfriend in the middle of the night, in her home. Her murderer broke in and stabbed her to death in front of her 3 young children. I am currently the Treasurer of the Albany New York Chapter of POMC and truly believe that without the support of these wonderful people in my group, I would not be where I am today. POMC and its supportive nature has helped me so much with my grief and loss. It has helped keep me grounded and given me support that only other Homicide survivors could understand. I am a better Mother, Aunt, and Person because of this support.

Peg (Margaret) Kerouac

My earliest childhood memory was the murder of President John F. Kennedy. Even at three, I sensed horror and profound grief in our house. I remember my Irish Catholic mother, born and raised in a staunchly politically active home, in Massachusetts, generational supporters and distant relative of Kennedy, had suddenly become inconsolable and the saddest I ever knew. Additionally, Kennedy’s murder was the only event broadcasted in the US, day in and out, for days at a time (9/11 was quite comparable to graphic exposure and emotional flooding, in every home). A new word entered my vocabulary “killed” and a new emotion in my psyche “traumatic grief.” Perhaps the imprinting facilitated the development of empathy, evolving into a 35 year career (and counting) in counseling and education. Another impact may have been the lure for special expertise, research, and research awards for work with traumatized populations. Peg earned her BS, at Norwich University, as an educator. Her first year teaching exposed her to the brutal rape and murder of a 9th grade student, by a repeat offender recently paroled, as she was fundraising for our school. Noting Peg’s affinity for working with the youth, her colleagues suggested a move to counseling. She started in mental health, then substance abuse counseling.

Peg eventually went to SUNY, Oswego, for her advance degrees (MS) and Certificate of Advance Study (CAS) in Counseling. Her groups and research with adult children of sex abuse and incest survivors was recognized with the Lucy Wing Research and Honors Award. Peg continued traumatic research during her PhD coursework. Several papers received highest recognition by Capella faculty, and were honored with campus library publication. Although, she has not finished her degree, Peg contributed substantially to a classmate’s dissertation and completion of PhD, for counseling murder victim survivors. Co-incidentally, Peg’s trauma work in the mid 1990’s was cause to meet Carrie Frietag. A few years after meeting, Carrie’s brother was murdered (1998) by a lifelong friend. As life events brought the two women closer than ever, they sought resources, materials, and supports. The two first worked online, there they met random members of Parents Of Murdered Children, including Dan Levey. We became long-distance family, and eventually became Chapter Leaders (MD, NH). The contacts evolved into a compilation of common topics, issues, and needs for this special population. They wrote the book: Aftermath: In the Wake of Murder, from many survivors’ perspectives, that was published by Chevron Publishing (2003). Ever since, the book and the women have been regular participants and contributors to Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc., and other victim organizations. Most of us know them for hosting a variety of workshops at the annual conferences. Peg’s goals are to foster healing, post traumatic growth in our population, and promotion of our great organization, as a new trustee member.
As surely as death follows life, grief is a universal experience, yet each experience of grief is unique. Even when the death of a loved one comes peacefully after many years of a full and active life, survivors may experience profound sadness and a deep sense of loss. When death occurs as the result of a traumatic injury – such as an accident, fire, or suicide, for example – the suddenness and tragedy of the event may intensify, complicate or prolong the grieving process. But when a life is ended in an act of violent crime, the senselessness and brutality of the death may leave survivors reeling with unspeakable horror and extreme grief.

Over 45,000 homicides occur in the United States every year, the result of everything from child abuse and domestic violence to robbery, arson, or the deranged fury of a psychopath. Everyone sees the stories in the news or on TV, but few consider that someone they know or love could fall victim to murder or any violent crime. When a violent death occurs, survivors often experience a range and depth of painful emotion unlike anything they've ever known. Some describe feeling like they are "going crazy," while others describe being virtually paralyzed by their feelings.

**Typical reactions to a death by violent crime**

When death occurs as the result of a violent crime, survivors face not only the devastating loss of a loved one, but also the torture that comes from knowing the senseless cruelty of the circumstances.

Typical reactions include:

- **Shock.** Death by violent crime is unnatural and unexpected. In some cases, the shock will give rise to such disbelief and denial that the survivor is unaware and appears devoid of any emotions.

- **Sadness.** When a loved one dies a violent death, survivors' sadness is compounded by the senselessness and brutality of the violence.

- **Disturbing thoughts and images.** Recurring, troubling thoughts and disturbing images of the death, whether the recollection of a witness or the product of the imagination, may plague survivors for long after the tragedy.

- **Guilt.** Even more than survivors who have lost loved ones through "natural" death, those who survive victims may feel guilty, thinking they could have done or not done something to prevent the death. In almost all cases such guilt, although troubling, is irrational.

- **Anger.** Anger is one of the five stages of grief that one typically experiences following a loss. When death comes as the result of violence, even words like rage, fury, wrath, and outrage are woefully inadequate to describe the extreme anger experienced by many survivors.

- **Anxiety and worry.** When someone dies in an act of violent crime, surviving loved ones may feel anxious and worried as their own sense of safety and security has been shattered.

**Surviving the unthinkable**

The victims of death by violent crime include not only the deceased, but also the survivors, whose lives have been changed forever. Like anyone who has survived the death of loved one, surviving victims of violent crime will heal with time, but the tragic loss leaves an indelible scar.

If you've lost someone you love in a violent death, you've endured an incredible blow, capable of impacting your physical, emotional, and spiritual health. The uncommon circumstances surrounding your loss may make leave you feeling extremely isolated and alone – and understandably so. Although all of us will experience the death of a loved one at some point, few will suffer the kind of terrible, senseless tragedy you've suffered.

The support of other surviving victims is an important part of your healing. When you're ready to talk about your experience and unburden your heart and soul, these people will listen with a unique empathy and understanding. The opportunity to give and receive compassion and caring with others who have suffered similar losses will help to see you through the most difficult time in your life.

If you find that your grief has become unbearable or all-encompassing, don't hesitate to take your concerns to a professional counselor, social worker, or pastor. They can help you through the roughest spots and identify additional support resources if you need them.
SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR  
2019 POMC NATIONAL CONFERENCE!

The POMC National Conference Committee members are excited to invite you to join us for the 2019 National POMC Conference in Denver, Colorado!

What:  33rd Annual POMC National Conference
Where: Denver Marriott Tech Center  
4900 S. Syracuse Street  
Denver, Colorado 80237-2725
When:  August 8-11, 2019

For more information, contact Bev Warnock at bwarnock@pomc.org or by phone at (513) 721-5683

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR  
2019 GRIEF RETREAT WEEKEND!

What:  The Courage To Grieve - A Weekend Retreat of Hope and Healing
Where:  Transfiguration Spirituality Center - 495 Albion Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246
When:  April 26-28, 2019

The National Office of Parents Of Murdered Children is hosting our 3rd self-help weekend on April 26-28, 2019 in Cincinnati, Ohio. It is a self-help weekend to face the many overwhelming and difficult emotions that are the aftermath of murder, often compounded by the intrusion and frustration of the judicial process. Beneath the explosive emotions of rage, hate and revenge lay the more primary feelings of pain, fear and helplessness.

The weekend begins with dinner on Friday night. Those attending will meet at the Beth Anna House at the Transfiguration Spirituality Center.

The cost is $154.00 for the whole weekend which includes 6 meals. We do have scholarships available if you cannot afford this. There is a deposit of $25 cash, check or money order only (non-refundable for cancellations).

If you have any questions, please contact Bev Warnock at (513) 721-5683 or by E-mail at bwarnock@pomc.org
The Greater Portland Area Chapter is honored to be able to offer their support to a new bill called “Kaylee’s Law.” Kaylee’s father and stepmother, Jamie and Crystal Sawyer have been working to get a bill passed into law in their daughters name. They have spent two years finding a way to see that this does not happen to any other college student who might look for help from college security. Kaylee was held in the back of a security guard’s car that was built with a cage for transporting people. He drove her to a secluded parking lot where she was raped and killed after struggling with the murderer. We are not mentioning the murderer’s name out of respect for this beautiful young woman and her family. The reason she got into his car was because she needed a ride to get home and was walking when the guard picked her up. The vehicle belonged to the college and like many of us, she would have felt safe in a vehicle that represented security and a safe place to go for help.

Jamie and Crystal Sawyer presented a bill in Salem, Oregon to a legislative committee called “Kaylee’s Law” on December 14, 2018. This new legislation will help save the lives of other people. The murderer, a security guard, worked for Central Community College in Bend. He was given a life sentence without the possibility of parole. The murder was so brutal that Kaylee was not able to be viewed by her family. The evidence showed she had defensive wounds on her body and had fought for her life. With this bill, the Sawyer family hopes to keep others from the same fate.

As fellow co-victims, we want to promote laws and pass bills that help prevent this type of murder. We will keep everyone informed of how we all can help. With the passing of this type of legislation, we give Kaylee a chance to help others as well. Nothing will ever change what this heinous murderer did. What can happen though is that we will know Kaylee will not be forgotten and we can prevent it from happening to anyone else.

In the Greater Portland Area Chapter’s Newsletter last month, there was an article that talked about helping others. This bill may be the first bill that you personally will get to help pass. It will save lives because colleges will have rules to follow for protecting students. To be murdered by someone who is suppose to be helping you is unconceivable.

The public needs to know the reality of a homicide. Simon Wiesenthal, a holocaust survivor, said, “If we forget it will happen again.” Standing by one another is a sure way of helping all of us. Please know that we will all be able to help make a difference in Kaylee’s case. It also will prevent new homicides from happening. Preventing homicides is part of what POMC groups do as well as supporting each other.

Everyday had no purpose; it was a struggle to walk, breath, and get through one day and just to get to the next. We had to take sleeping pills just to sleep so we could function the next day. I could not pray, could not attend church for months. Everything around us turned into a trigger of the loss we felt. Kaylee’s murder has caused enormous turmoil and dysfunction in our family trying to make sense of this senseless act. It had strained our family structure as each individual copes differently. I realize we will spend the rest of our lives learning to live differently. This has definitely changed our trust and faith in humanity. I feel there is less of me to give to my wife and sons and now wonder if I will ever be able to be the husband and father they need me to be. It is only with extensive help from dedicated people around us and the tools they have given us that we have been able to fight back against this darkness. I am immensely grateful for the victims advocates that are tirelessly at our disposal; our therapists that help us make sense of the senseless; and for the advocates and supporters that have traveled to be with us speaking in Salem. I am grateful for all the prayers from so many people and our friends and pastors at church. I am thankful for the hundreds of people that came out of the woodwork to help with our search party, to bring us meals, to send words of encouragement. To all of the law enforcement officers that worked this case, thank you for finding my daughter with great efficiency. There are no words to express how grateful I am for your services. When I look into your eyes, I see you help share our pain and burden.

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“KAYLEE’S LAW”
WILL NEED OUR SUPPORT  
Continued

Please do not be discouraged by this case. You have a job that is of the utmost importance and many people still need you. (In the words of Joshua 1:9: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you, wherever you may be.”) This system does not do my daughter justice and the only satisfaction, as a man and a father that would bring my daughter the slightest amount of justice are things I cannot describe in this courtroom. Therefore, my choice is to live now as my daughter would want and honor her memory by doing just that. Kaylee loved us for exactly who we are. She never asked me to change or be any different than I am. I feel I failed her as a father sometimes but she would never tell me that. She was just proud of me and I am so grateful for that. Now I get the opportunity to use her name for our story to encourage awareness and safety for others, hopefully affecting thousands of lives. I hope to not let my girl down, run this race, beat all the odds and look forward to seeing her again in splendid, unexplainable glory. The defendant thinks he silenced my daughter’s voice. On the contrary, her voice is now being heard through thousands of people and every time I hear it, brings me great joy.

-Written by Joshua Sawyer (Kaylee’s Father)

CRYSTAL SAWYER, KAYLEE’S STEPMOTHER, TELLS HER STORY TO HELP OTHERS

My name is Crystal Sawyer. I am Kaylee Sawyer’s stepmom. I am here today to speak about “Kaylee’s Law.” I have known Kaylee for 16 years of her life, and was her stepmom for 14 of those years. Not just her stepmom, but she was in our home full time. I spent a lot of time with this beautiful young lady. I have supported her and loved her for 16 years.

I want to share a bit about Kaylee’s personality. She was bold and fierce with strong opinions; she would have made an amazing lawyer. She was kind and loving; she adored her father, who took amazing care of her. She loved her silly brothers, who now are 12 and 15. She loved her family with all the dynamic personalities and flaws; she had a way to look through them and see who you really were.

She was very determined in what she wanted to do. From a young age, she wanted to become a brain surgeon. When her uncles would tell her how many years of school she had to have, she would reply, “What! You do not think I could do it. Watch me!” It is that kind of personality, strong and bold, that gave her drive to be successful in whatever she decided to do in life.

I share this with you because since I can remember, Kaylee always wanted to go to college to better herself and become successful. Her downfall, she trusted too many people and thought nobody would hurt this 5 foot 2 inch 100 pound beautiful young lady. And who of all people not only hurt her, but ultimately murdered her was none other than a college campus security guard, who was supposed to keep her safe. I will touch on some key facts that played a huge role in Kaylee losing her fighting chance.

At the age of 23, Kaylee was walking down the poorly lit sidewalk on the college campus as a college employee forced her into his college issued patrol SUV, which had a cage, like the ones used to restrain criminals, and internal locks so Kaylee could not escape.

Once he had her in his control, he started to proposition her for sex. Kaylee began to scream for help, and kept on screaming for anyone to step in and be her hero.

Here is my strong willed girl fighting for her life in this instant in a patrol car locked in a caged car with nobody to hear her. She was alone with an employee of the college. The security guard of this college got a position guarding our most precious valuables/lives of our precious children.

Without specific protocols of a simple psychological exam, or the ability to share a test should be an absolute protocol. It will help a person who could potentially be a psychopath and not be allowed to “protect” our children.

The murderer who committed this crime was not on a specific route and was not being watched or monitored. This allowed him to commit this horrendous crime.

I believe that with some simple changes to patrolling vehicles, their patrol attire, cameras, and a GPS on the cars themselves, and knowing what routes to take allows us to know if an employee is taking too long or has no reason to go there. There are many protocols listed in this proposed bill, that we truly believe would have kept Kaylee safe. I also believe that when these changes do happen, it will keep future generations safer than they are today, and quite possibly see crime rates go down on Oregon college campuses.

I will continue to support Kaylee even in her death with the changes in campus security programs and laws until there are no changes to be made. I do this in memory of my Kaylee girl and all students who need to be protected.
Donations to Maintain the Beauty of the Murder Wall... Honoring Their Memories
Thank you for your donation to maintain the Murder Wall:
- Lesia Kennedy & Family
  in memory of Krystal Rose Cook
- Denise Coleman
  in memory of Timothy Staunton
- Carolee Hildebrandt
  in memory of David Pottinger
- Terry & Lee Nichols-Freeman
  In memory of Peter Dodd Nichols
- Susie & Rodney Chrisman
  in memory of Jarrod Chrisman
- Dorothy & Albert Chubb
  in memory of Dwayne Chubb
- Howard & Ann Klerk
  in memory of Lisa Marie Weaver
- LC & Sherry Nolan
  in memory of Shannon Marie & Alexandra Jordan Nolan-Broe

WALL BOOKLETS HONOR THEIR MEMORIES
POMC’s Murder Wall...Honoring their Memories is a beautiful memorial to the more than 4,000 murder victims whose names appear on the Wall. Behind each name there is a face and a story of a person whose life was taken prematurely. It is time to tell those stories.

Memorial booklets, which travel with the Wall, are compiled as an ongoing project of National POMC. Cost is $20.00 to include one page, front and back without a photo, or $30.00 if you wish to have a photo included. The photos are non-returnable and must be no larger than 2 1/2 by 3 1/2 inches.

Forms are available on the POMC Web Site at: www.pomc.org or by calling National at (513) 721-5683.

Maintaining the Beauty of the MURDER WALL...Honoring Their Memories
Time and much travel have put stress on the many panels of the Murder Wall... Honoring Their Memories, and scratches, nicks, and dents need to be repaired. Many of the cases that are used to transport the Wall have split or broken, handles have fallen off, and the protective material inside each case needs to be replaced.

Currently, the Wall is made up of 33 panels, displaying over 4,000 victims’ names, dates of birth and dates of death.

In order to maintain the beauty of the Wall, POMC continues to seek donations to help make some of the repairs. To help, please use the form below.

Donations made in memory/honor of, will be in the next issue of Survivors.

POMC-Wall Repair
(Please Print)

Name:______________________________________
In memory/honor of:__________________________
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Amount enclosed: $_________  Check:____
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Card Number:________________________________
Expiration date:____________________________
Security Code (back of card):________________

Return to:
Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.
635 W. 7th Street, Suite 104
Cincinnati, Ohio 45203
The names that appear in this issue of Survivors are those that have been submitted to the National Organization of POMC, Inc., with full or partial payment before March 1, 2019. Names after this date will appear in the next issue.

The Wall consists of solid walnut panels with each holding 120 brass plates inscribed with the name of the victim, along with the date of birth and the date of death. A donation of $75 is required before a name will be inscribed on a plate and permanently mounted on a panel. (See order form inside this edition.) Not only is this donation a tribute to the memory of your loved one, but it is a tribute that will guarantee that the memory of those we miss so deeply will survive forever. The Wall is a powerful statement of the violence in our society and of the numbers of loved ones senselessly killed by others. Not only does it give comfort, but also hope, because every name on it cries out silently for awareness, prevention and justice.

Ericka Delia 3/29/80 - 4/23/07
JaWuan Davon Collins 2/28/93 - 7/22/12
Jeffrey Adam Phillips 6/19/78 - 7/24/09
Joseph Shinners 9/25/89—1/5/19
Isaac Ryan Keels 8/01/90 - 5/31/14

Murder Wall...Honoring Their Memories Order Form
Anyone interested in having their loved one’s name inscribed and permanently mounted on the Wall should fill out the order form below. Make checks payable to “POMC Wall,” or for your convenience, Discover, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express are accepted.
Send to: Parents Of Murdered Children, 635 W. 7th Street, Suite 104, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203

LOVED ONES INFORMATION

Loved ones name ____________________________________________________________
Date of Birth________________________________________ Date of Death________________

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Choice of payment (check one): ______ Pay in full for $75.00  OR  ______ 3 payments of $25.00 each
Payment type: ______ MC  ______ Visa  ______ Am. Express  ______ Discover  ______ Check
Card Number_________________________________ Exp. Date _________ Security Code________

SUBMITTERS INFORMATION

Name____________________________________________________________
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City, State, Zip_________________________________________________
Phone Number_______________________________________________
Relationship to victim______________________________________________

The name will be added to the panel upon payment in full. Once your plate has been permanently mounted on the panel, you will be notified. New panels join the Wall as they are completed.
Parole Block™ is a program of the National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.

Parole Block Program

With Bev Warnock

1684 Convicted murderers have been denied parole through POMC's Parole Block Program!

Support for the Parole Block Program

In memory of:
- Jarrod Chrisman from Susie & Rodney Chrisman
- Dwayne Chubb from Albert & Dorothy Chubb
- Krystal Rose Cook from Lesia Kennedy & Family
- Shannon Marie & Alexandra Jordan Nolan-Broe from LC & Sherry Nolan
- Timothy Staunton from Denise Coleman
- Lisa Marie Weaver from Howard & Ann Klerk

Hearing Results:

Parole Denied:
- Ronald Branham
- Horatio Gene Brown
- Ronald Dancey
- Michael Deane
- Spyro Germenis

Parole Denied:
- Shawn Jensen
- Duane Lewis
- Mary Elizabeth
- Cigainero Monte
- Arthur Rios

Parole Denied:
- Henry Rockwell
- John Salyers
- Fred Stanley
- Paul Velarde
- Michael York

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Released:
- Bret Alan Arbuckle
- Creston Austin
- Jose Javier Gomez
- Brian Prichard

Letters from The Parole Block Program

Bev,

November 23, 2018

The Missouri Department of Corrections called me the day before Thanksgiving and said Arbuckle has been given a release date for August 23, 2020. MOVANS said upon release, the remainder of his sentence will be served under parole supervision.

Thank you all at POMC for helping keep him in prison as long as we did. Your help in getting the Parole Block Petition to so many people for signatures was definitely a factor in blocking his release all these years. The Probation and Parole Office mentioned receiving so many petitions from across the country. We fought a good fight and there is nothing further that can be done. Apparently, the offender has "served his life sentence for Second Degree Murder, plus 30 years for armed criminal action" and was considered a "model prisoner."

There were five fairly recent, or newly appointed, Parole Board members, with two vacant slots remaining to be filled on the seven-member Board. We were also told the Board is using "risk assessment tools," which focuses on the conduct of the prisoner, and apparently less on the opposition correspondence from victims, friends, and anyone else not wanting a murderer released. The victim advocates were very helpful and complimentary on the good job done by victims in trying to keep the offender from being released. We continue to oppose his release because of fears for the safety of some victims, but my statement to the P&P Office remains, "he's your problem now."

Bev, we appreciate the support you have provided all these years, and it's been a pleasure working with you.

Shirley Fortner Hollingsworth
This is to let you know that the Governor of Arkansas finally ruled on Mary Elizabeth Cigainero Monte’s clemency petition. He denied clemency, thank God. Unfortunately, she can re-apply in March, 2021, four years from the date of her original application in March, 2017. I apologize for this taking so long but this is the way the clemency process works in Arkansas. Fortunately, we won this round and she will remain in prison for at least a few more years. Thank you so much for sending out the petitions and thank you to everyone who signed them. Our family is eternally grateful for all the support from POMC. We could not have made it through all these battles without our POMC family. Thank you so very much.
- The Family of Christopher Cigainero

PAROLE HEARINGS TO BE HELD

Hearing Date: July, 2019
Eddie Belton
ID#: A219563

On September 23, 1989, Eddie Belton decided he wanted to rape someone. He chose Mary Eileen Hughes Cornwell (23), a teacher at the Southern Ohio Business College. He followed her to her office, after she had started a test under the guise of asking a question. He brutally raped her, then realized he would not get away with it and strangled her with her own belt. She fought back, breaking 7 of her beautiful long nails. He then proceeded to steal her jewelry – her wedding ring, engagement ring, bracelets and necklaces. He fled the scene but was identified by one of Mary’s co-workers as a former student as he exited Mary’s office after locking the door. Mary was only married for 18 months before her rape and murder.

Eddie Belton was originally charged with a capital offense and in order to avoid the death penalty he pled guilty and was sentenced to 30 years to life for Aggravated Murder, Rape and Aggravated Robbery. He will have served only 29 years when he is considered for parole.

To protest, please write to:
Ohio Parole Board
Office of Victim Section-Dated Material
770 West Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43222

Hearing Date: September, 2019
Michael Deane
ID#: A306599

On June 5th, 1994, Michael Deane used a metal object to brutally beat James (Jay) Joseph Hitt while he was sleeping. The injuries inflicted upon Jay were so severe that his skull was fractured and there were multiple contusions of the brain which caused his death. Deane left the scene of the crime and was on the run for almost two months after the brutal murder when he finally turned himself in to the authorities.

Deane pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to 15 years to life. He has served only 25 years when he will be considered for parole.

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Ohio Parole Board
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Marie “Mimi” Mrakitsch Beal
from Pameal Mrakitsch

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from Charles Hanlon

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from Janet Smith

Tyrone Brown
from Eleanor Brown

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from Rodney & Susie Chrisman

Dwayne Chubb
from Albert & Dorothy Chubb

Keith Ciszewski
from Jacqueline Ciszewski

Ashton “Diamond” Renard Coggins
from Arlene & Charles Coggins

Krystal Rose Cook
from Lesia Kennedy & Family

Micahel E. Cook
from Nancy Smith

Chris Coombs
from Robert Coombs

Chad Jeremy “CJ” Davis
from Dale & Diana Davis Hehn

Dalton Dobkins
from Claire Forde

Carol Ann Donnelly
from Ruth Donnelly

Deborah Sarah Dorian
from Sara Loven

Mark Richard “Atwood” Evans
from Richard & Patti Evans

Mark Joseph Foss
from Richard & Hedie Foss

Elizabeth Foster
from Helen Foster

Michael Louis Friedman
from Janet Friedman

Isaiah, MaKayla, Christian Ganis
from Donald Ganis

Brian Glick
from Barbara Glick

Mary Gordon
from Julie Dubey, Candace Pickering, Shari Dewan

Ben Harvey
from Susan Webb

Brian Higgins
from Jo Ann Starkey

Lisa Hullinger
from Robert & Charlotte Hullinger

Don Jones
from Susie & Rodney Chrisman

Dan King
from the 11th Annual Dan King Memorial Poker Run, family & friends

Jessica Lange
from Gay Hynds BEH Corporation

Scott Lewis
from Steve Lewis

Lamar Lindsey
from Menelik Lodge 3 Inc, Nancy Lindsey

Michele Matteucci
from Gwen & Dante Matteucci

Ruby May
from Jeanne Mays

Peter Dodd Nichols
from Terry & Lee Nichols-Freeman

Shannon Marie & Alexandra Jordan Nolan-Broe
from LC & Sherry Nolan

Bradley Norwood & Michael Grasa
from Michael & Lazella Grasa

Anthony Joseph Pesta
from Ralph & Mildred Pesta

Claudia Wallace Place
from Robert Crow, Beverly Luppino & Susie & Rodney Chrisman
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from CL Powell

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from Traci Rose

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from Bonnie Gay

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from James & Barbara Sedgwick

Stephen Eric Senator
from Stewart & Joan Senator

Craig Howard & Craig Herman Shults
from Philip & Cynthia Shults

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from Barbara Smith

Jeff Spurgin
from Daniel & Helen Spurgin

Timothy Staunton
from Denise Coleman

David Terrizzi and Michael Durst
from Sandy Halperin

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from Richard Waldman

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from Howard & Ann Klerk

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from Anne & Jeffrey Spielman

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from Ruth Woodruff

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from Andrea Gix

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from Jason Ferens and Family

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Have you made a Facebook Fundraiser for POMC? Did you donate to a fundraiser on social media that benefits POMC? If so, THANK YOU!

After the donation link was set on our Facebook page we have received a heartwarming amount of donations. Every donation counts and we appreciate you taking our cause to Social Media for awareness!
We want to take this opportunity to thank the following volunteers for the valuable services that they provide to other survivors on behalf of POMC, Inc. If you would like more information about our volunteer opportunities, please contact Sherry Nolan, National Volunteer Coordinator/Chapter Development at: 513-721-5683 or snolan@pomc.org.

There are hundreds of survivors across the U.S. who volunteers for the National Organization of POMC as Chapter Leaders, Co-Leaders, State Coordinators and Contact Persons. If you feel that you are at a point in your life where you are ready to reach out to others who have suffered the loss of a loved one due to violence, please contact me. The following states are in need of someone to offer support services through phone and email support, support group meetings, court accompaniment, etc.

- Alabama
- District of Columbia
- Hawaii
- Mississippi
- Montana
- Nebraska
- New Jersey
- North Dakota
- Oklahoma
- Rhode Island
- Tennessee
- Utah
- Vermont
- Wyoming

Thank you to the following Chapters for dedication, compassion, and selflessness shown through their continued efforts to provide on-going emotional support to others through phone calls, email, support group meetings, court accompaniment, local events bringing about awareness, education, and advocacy to victims of crime, and remembrance programs for the surviving family members who’s loved ones lives were taken from them.

IN THIS 2019 ANNIVERSARY, POMC ACKNOWLEDGES THOSE CHAPTERS WITH ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION THAT WERE SIGNED BETWEEN JANUARY 1ST AND APRIL 30TH OF THE YEAR THEY BECAME A PROBATIONARY CHAPTER

- Metro Detroit Chapter/MI - 37 years
- Los Angeles Chapter /CA - 7 years
- Valley of the Sun Chapter/AZ - 33 years
- Central Minnesota Chapter/MN-19 years
- Greater Cincinnati Area Chapter/OH-18 years
- DuPage County (and Beyond) Chapter/IL-14 years
- Queens Chapter/NY - 16 years
- Sumter Chapter/SC - 5 years
- Southeast Minnesota Chapter/MN-21 years
- Sacramento California Area Chapter/CA- 11 years
- Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter/MA-11 years
- Maine Chapter/ME-29 years
- St. Louis Area Wide Chapter/IL&MO-34 years
- Delaware County Chapter/PA - 24 years
- Durham North Carolina Chapter/NC - 22 years
- Southwest Florida Chapter/FL-20 years
- Miami-Dade Chapter/FL-36 years
- Kansas City Area Wide Chapter/ MO&KS-29 years
- Greater Portland Area Chapter/OR-37 years
- Central Ohio Chapter/OH - 29 years
- Central Missouri Area Wide Chapter/MO-11 years

CP/SC/CL UPDATES

If you have a message of interest, a great fundraising idea, upcoming Chapter events, special awards or recognitions received or ideas that you would like to share with our “POMC family”, please mail them to my attention: Sherry Nolan at National POMC or email them to snolan@pomc.org. The deadline for receipt of the next newsletter articles is March 1, 2019. Please note: due to deadlines or overflow of articles, etc., we may not be able to include all of those received in the next SNL, but may keep them for future newsletters.
We would also like to extend our thanks to the many Contact Persons and State Coordinators throughout the U.S. who also offer valuable services to those survivors in their state who reach out to them for additional support, especially when there is not a POMC Chapter nearby. These volunteers are willing to spend time talking, and especially listening, to others about their loss. Let us recognize some of our Contact Persons who have offered continuous supportive services to others for more than 20-30 years.

We Honor...

**Joyce Danelius - Contact Person Since 1994/MA**
In Loving Memory of Her Daughter
[Photo of Joyce Danelius]
Jill Ann Drenas
Age: 24 Years

**Jo Ann Starkey - Contact Person Since 1996/TX**
In Loving Memory of Her Son
[Photo of Jo Ann Starkey]
Brian D. Higgins
Age: 20 Years

**Corinne Radke & Susan Leiker Kelley - CL and/or Contact Person since 1988/KS**
In Loving Memory of Their Son & Brother
[Photo of Corinne Radke & Susan Leiker Kelley]
Tom Eugene Kelley
Age: 27 Years

**Richard Wilus - Contact Person Since 1993/IL**
In Loving Memory of His Son
[Photo of Richard Wilus]
Kenneth Andrew Wilus
Age: 22 Years

**The Sampson County Chapter of POMC**
Chapter Leader: Edith Williams (Parent-Survivor)
Clinton, North Carolina
910-604-1828
[Email: ewms@embarqmail.com]
Co-Leader: Teyaka Beatty Pickett (Parent-Survivor)
Harrells, North Carolina
910-990-5463
[Email: teyakab@gmail.com]
Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month, 6:00-8:00 PM
Tim’s Gift
108 NE Blvd.
Clinton, NC 28328

**The Kentuckiana Chapter of POMC**
Chapter Leader: Jerome Garrison (Parent-Survivor)
Louisville, Kentucky
502-930-3853
[Email: ewms@embarqmail.com]
Co-Leader: Debora F. McGill (Aunt who raised victim)
Louisville, Kentucky
502-930-2005
[Email: debora.mcgill@att.net]
Meetings: last Monday or Tuesday of each month, 6:00—7:30PM (check website for meetings after April)
The Louisville Free Public Library, Main Library
Meeting Room 1
301 York Street, Louisville, KY 40203

**1 new Contact Person has joined the National POMC family since our last Survivors Newsletter:**

Crystal Heath (Parent-Survivor)
Magnolia, Delaware
(302) 332-9050 cel
serenity313@gmail.com

2 new Chapters have joined the National POMC family since our last Survivors Newsletter and have opened their door to offer support:

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ATTENTION:
NEW ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP THROUGH FACEBOOK.

Are you on Facebook? If so make sure to join our Facebook support group which is being used as a topic forum to talk among one another, share stories of your loved one and lean on one another for support. You can join the group at www.facebook.com/groups/POMCOFFICIAL

Please note, this is the ONLY official online POMC support group. If you belong to other groups claiming to be POMC please be aware that they are not affiliated with or representatives of POMC.

We still have our National page on Facebook as well which is used for updates within the organization and National Office as well as other important information. Again, this is the ONLY official page for POMC (besides Chapter pages) so please be aware if you are linked with other pages claiming to be a POMC Facebook account. You can access our National Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/National-Organization-of-Parents-Of-Murdered-Children-Inc-145164118873865/

*REMINDER*
Has something changed? Please, let POMC know if your name, address, email or phone number have changed. Call us at 513-721-5683 or email us at natlpomc@pomc.org

POMC Catalog Available

POMC’s “Journey Through Grief” catalog is available by contacting POMC at: (888) 818-POMC. The catalog can also be downloaded from our website at www.pomc.org.

The catalog provides color photos and a listing for all POMC items: books, bumper stickers, brochures, clothing, magnets, music, etc.

Information on items for POMC’s National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims, special gifts, memorials, and tributes are also included in the catalog.

Contact POMC today for your free copy.

Our future depends on you!

Please remember the National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children in your will and estate planning.

Thank you for keeping us in mind.

Dedication Page Information

Dedication Pages are included in each publication of the Survivors Newsletters. Not only is this a way to memorialize our loved ones, it also helps to defray the cost of publishing the newsletter. We offer this opportunity to pay tribute with poems, photos (black and white only), letters/loving thoughts or special requests.

The prices for dedication pages are as follows: $35.00 for a quarter page, $65.00 for a half page or $125.00 for a full page.

Send item and appropriate donation to “Dedication Page,” POMC, 635 W. 7th Street, Suite 104, Cincinnati, OH 45203. Please include your name and daytime phone number in case we have to contact you for clarification.

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name, address, city, state, and zip code.

Return to:
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