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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

**TUCSON, ARIZONA** – The Pima County Attorney's Office Victim Services Division is currently 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 as they recover and heal by providing them with crisis intervention services, emotional support, resources, and referrals.

Anyone interested in hearing more about volunteer opportunities in the Victim Services Division and learning what Victim Services is doing to help the residents of Pima County should attend one of two information sessions:

- **Thursday, February 7, 2013 from 6:00-8:00 pm**
- **Tuesday, February 12, 2013 from 6:00-8:00 pm**

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

This opportunity is open to anyone in the community. The Victim Services Division provides volunteers and interested community members with extensive training. The Crisis Intervention and Victimology Training will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for six weeks beginning February 26, 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 740-5525 for more information about volunteering and to sign up for one of the information sessions.

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