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**BECOME A VOLUNTEER VICTIM ADVOCATE:
HELP EMPOWER VICTIMS OF CRIME TO STRENGTHEN
AND REBUILD THEIR LIVES**

TUCSON, ARIZONA – Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, is pleased to announce the Victim Services Division is currently seeking dedicated community members to become advocates for victims of crime.

In 2011, staff and volunteer advocates from the Pima County Attorney's Office Victim Services Division worked with close to 9000 crime victims and witnesses, responding to the scene of the crime, to hospitals, and court rooms across Pima County, providing them with emotional support and resources.

"We wouldn't be able to provide 24-hour response and serve so many victims without an incredibly talented and dedicated pool of outstanding volunteers. Last year, these men and women provided more than 27,000 hours of volunteer service, saving residents of Pima County over \$495,000 through their donated labor," said Kent Burbank, Director of Victim Services Division.

Those interested are encouraged to come to an information session and learn more about the Victim Services Division and what it is doing to help the residents of Pima County. Attend one of the following information sessions:

- Thursday, August 23, 2012 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 28, 2012 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

The Crisis Intervention and Victimology Training is open to anyone in the community and is a requirement for those interested in volunteering. It will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for six weeks beginning September 11, 2012. If interested in volunteering you must first attend an information session. After attending an information session, there will be an application and interview process.

Please call 740-5525 for more information.

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