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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

(Tucson, Arizona) – The Victims Services Division of the Pima County Attorney's Office is seeking volunteers who can assist crime victims such as those who were affected by the tragic events of January 8th.

The division is hosting two information sessions later this month so prospective volunteers can learn more about how to provide emotional support to crime victims in Pima County.

"Our volunteers are a special group of people," said Kent Burbank, the division's director. "They come from all backgrounds and walks of life but share a deep desire to help our friends and neighbors in their hour of greatest need."

Burbank noted that the county's crime victim volunteers responded quickly after the Jan. 8 shooting.

"Our volunteers played a crucial role in comforting many of the victims of that horrible tragedy," he said. "We responded to the scene and to hospitals around the county to work with victims and witnesses of one of the worst crimes in nation's history. That day was a sad reminder of how important our volunteers can be."

Those interested in volunteering must first attend one of the information sessions. They will be held:

- Thursday, August 25, 2011 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Tucson Police Department Substation, 1310 W. Miracle Mile
- Tuesday, August 30, 2011 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Juvenile Court Training Center, 2225 E. Ajo Way

After attending an information session, there will be an application and interview process. Please call 740-5525 for more information about volunteering and to sign up for one of the information sessions.

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