



## April—May 2009 Sexual Assault Awareness, Child Abuse Prevention and Victims' Rights Events

**Victims' Rights Week (April 26-May 2, 2009)** is commemorated every April. April is also **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** and **Child Abuse Prevention Month**. Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall encourages residents to participate in the community activities that support crime victims and promote violence prevention efforts. She hopes that community members will support the work of these nonprofit agencies that help victims rebuild their lives.

- **A Night for Children.** Throughout April, Casa de Los Niños invites people to host their own fundraising gatherings where guests are reminded that child abuse remains a serious problem and that Casa De Los Niños provides care and support for families seeking to avoid abuse and neglect. To host a Night for Children activity, call Michelle at 624-5600 Ext 305.
- Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:00am. Child & Family Resources' **Save A Child Online Auction**. Bid on more than 100 items including a weekend stay at Canyon Ranch Resort. Bidding begins at 8:00am on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and ends Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at noon. [www.cfr.cmarket.com](http://www.cfr.cmarket.com). All proceeds go to child abuse prevention programs.
- Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 10:30am-12:30pm. Su Voz Vale's **Bandana Decorating Event**, El Pueblo Center, 101 W. Irvington. Event raises awareness about sexual violence against farm workers and other immigrant women. Free and open to the public.
- Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm. **Take Back the Night**. The event honors victims and survivors and reaffirms our community's commitment to ending sexual and relationship violence. Armory Park (near 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Broadway). Free & open to the public.
- Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Casa de Los Niños' **Golf Classic XX Tournament** at the Arizona National Golf Club, 9777 E. Sabino Greens, Tucson. All proceeds go to child abuse prevention programs. Register before April 1, 2009. Call 624-5600 for info.
- Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Denim Day**. This all day event has been celebrated internationally since 1999 in protest of an Italian Supreme Court ruling that overturned a rape conviction because the victim was wearing jeans. To participate in this event to raise funds and awareness of sexual violence go to [www.sacasa.org](http://www.sacasa.org) to sign up your workplace.
- Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm. **MADD Candlelight Vigil** at La Placita Village downtown. A remembrance of victims of drunk drivers. Free and open to the public. Email [pima.az@madd.org](mailto:pima.az@madd.org) or call 322-5253 for more information
- Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2:30-4:30pm. Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center **Charity Bowling Tournament and Raffle**. Fiesta Lanes, 501 W. River Road. For raffle tickets call 243-6420. Register your team by April 10, 2009.
- Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 12:15-1:30pm. **Awards and Victim Panel Presentation** at the Law School hosted by **U of A Law School, Pima County Attorney's Office & the Attorney General's Office**. AG Terry Goddard will present. Call 740-5525.
- Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm. **Southwest Center for Law and Policy** will host a youth focused event for Victims' Rights Week at Desert View High School. For more information call Kelly Longale at 623-8192
- Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm. **Crime Victims' Rights Week Commemoration Event** at the Z Mansion, 288 N. Church Avenue. Hosted by Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney's Victim Witness Program and Homicide Survivors. Free parking across the street after 5:00pm. Call 740-5525 to RSVP by April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. **Dine Out for Safety**. All day event. Participating local restaurants will donate up to 20% of their sales on April 29<sup>th</sup> to support SACASA's mission. See [www.dineoutforsafety.com](http://www.dineoutforsafety.com) for list of restaurants or more information.
- Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11:45am. **Southwest Center for Law and Policy**. Elder Abuse focused event at Handmaker Services. 2221 N. Rosemont Boulevard. Panel Discussion.
- Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 6-8pm. Homicide Survivors' **Candlelight Vigil for National Crime Victim Rights' Week**. Children's Memorial Park, 4851 N 15<sup>th</sup> Place (near Oracle and River Roads). Free and open to the public. Come light a candle for victims of crime.
- Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 pm. **Voices for Children**, an all ages rock concert to benefit SACASA at The Rock in Tucson. \$8/person. Contact [bwilson@arizonaschildren.org](mailto:bwilson@arizonaschildren.org) for information.
- Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30-9:30pm. **Homicide Survivors' Fundraiser**. Delectable food, refreshing drinks and silent auction. St. Phillips Plaza, 4280 N. Campbell Avenue, Tucson. Proceeds go to help survivors of homicide. Entertainment provided by Juke Box Journey. Call 740-5729.

"April is an important time to reach out to survivors, educate ourselves about these crimes, learn more about what we can do to prevent them, and renew our commitment to making our county a safer place for everyone."  
**Pima County Attorney  
Barbara LaWall.**