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

(Tucson, Arizona) – Following the Tragedy in Tucson, members of the Tucson community may be wondering what they personally can do to help victims of crime like those who were affected by the events on January 8th.

Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall is pleased to announce that the **Victim Services Division of the Pima County Attorney's Office is now seeking dedicated people to become Volunteer Victim Advocates.** Training for the next group of volunteer advocates will begin on March 6, 2012.

Victim Advocates provide on-scene crisis intervention to crime victims and their families. Advocates also support victims through the court process. Volunteer Victim Advocates perform an important service to the community. Volunteering with the Victim Services Division also offers outstanding opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Come to an informational session and learn more about the Victim Services Division and the important work it does for the citizens of Pima County.

Attend one of the following sessions:

- Thursday, February 16, 2012, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Tucson Police Department Substation
1310 W. Miracle Mile
- Tuesday, February 21, 2012, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Juvenile Court Training Center
2225 E. Ajo Way

After attending one of the required informational sessions, anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to apply for the Victim Services Division's Crisis Intervention and Victimology Training. The course meets for six weeks, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., beginning on March 6, 2012.

To sign up for one of the informational sessions or for more information about volunteering, please call the Victim Services Division at 740-5525.

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