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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

(Tucson, Arizona) – The Victim Services Division of the Pima County Attorney's Office is 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 on their road to recovery and healing by providing them with crisis intervention services, emotional support, and resources and referrals. We are currently seeking additional volunteers who can help do this type of important work within the community.

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

- Monday August 18, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Monday August 25, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

The Victim Services Division provides volunteers and interested community members with extensive training. The Crisis Intervention and Victimology Training, which is open to anyone in the community, will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings for six weeks beginning September 8, 2014. 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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