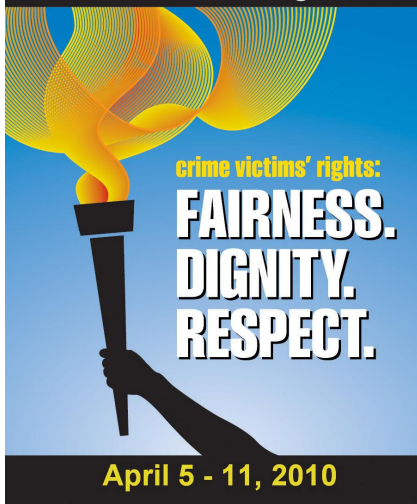


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April 5 – 11, 2010

Attn: News and Assignment Editors

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PRESS RELEASE

BEXAR COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY SUSAN REED ANNOUNCES THE CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

Thirty-four agencies have joined together to plan events for National Crime Victims' Rights week which will be celebrated from April 5 – 11, 2010. This year's theme, "*Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect.*" captures the ideals that launched the victims' rights movement and inspired decades-long progress for victims of crime. By heeding its message we chart a course for stronger rights and better services in the decades ahead.

A list of events for National Crime Victims' Rights week is attached. Events include a Victims' March and Wreath Laying Ceremony; a Picnic for Children and several workshops and inspiring movies. Please check the attached events calendar for specific dates and times.

Help us instill values within our community where rights and services for victims and survivors of crime are not just observed *annually*, but practiced *daily*.

For questions or more information on these events or other victim issues, please contact Ms. Cyndi Jahn, Bexar County District Attorney's Office Victim Services Coordinator at 335-2733.

"A 'just' society is measured by how its citizens are treated by the justice system. No one chooses to be a victim of a crime, but when a crime occurs and a victim or victim's family is thrust into the system, they trust and deserve to be treated by agents of the state with dignity, respect and fairness during all phases of the criminal justice process. When all else fails, that may be the only 'justice' they receive ... it is the closest thing to doing what is right."

Roberta Roper, Victim Advocate

Agency Sponsors

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Bexar County Commissioners Court
Bexar County Community Supervision
and Corrections Department
Bexar County Criminal District Attorney
Bexar County Family Justice Center
Bexar County Juvenile Board
Bexar County Juvenile Probation
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Parents of Murdered Children & Other Vics
The Rape Crisis Center for Children & Adlts
San Antonio City Attorney's Office
San Antonio Police Department
Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
Texas Attorney General's Office
Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice –
Victim Services
Texas Dept. of Family & Protective Services
Texas Dept. of Public Safety
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid
United States Attorney's Office
UTHSC, Center for Violence Prevention

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MONDAY, APRIL 5TH

VICTIM CALL-IN HOTLINE

Victims may call **351-1363** at KSAT-TV from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. for information concerning the criminal justice system and referrals for victim services.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH

PROCLAMATION OF NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK BY BEXAR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

The public, crime victims and victim service organizations are invited to attend Commissioners Court meeting during which National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be proclaimed. The proclamation will be held in the Bexar County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom at 11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7TH - Go Blue Day in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month!

VICTIMS' TRIBUTE

The public, crime victims and victim service organizations are invited to attend a special service dedicated to victims of crime which will include a memorial wreath blessing and laying ceremony and lighting of our victims' flame. The event will be held at the San Antonio Police Academy, 12200 SE Loop 410 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Free parking is available.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH

MOVIE NIGHT

Anti-Trafficking Program, Catholic Charities and Texas RioGrande Legal Aid will join forces to host a special screening of "Svetlana's Journey" which focuses on issues surrounding human trafficking. The movie will show at 7:00 p.m. at The Esperanza Center, located at 922 San Pedro. These agencies will be joined by the Bexar County Sheriff's Dept. Human Trafficking Task Force. Following the movie, issues and questions will be addressed. This event is offered free of charge.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH

CHILDREN'S PICNIC

A picnic honoring victims of crime, particularly children, will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in Milam Park. Everyone is invited to join the festivities, which will include games, clowns, face painting, pony rides, petting zoo, a visit from the Spurs Coyote, McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog, BACA, and others. Lunch will be served.

MOVIE NIGHT

SWACT (Social Workers Advocating for Change Together) will host the screening of the film "Searching for Angela Shelton" at the Guadalupe Street Coffee House, located at 1320 Guadalupe Street. The film will begin at 6:00 pm. For more info please contact Leah Smith at the RCC at 210-521-7273 x4758. This film is shown in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH

KIDS DAY IN THE PARK

This picnic held for families and children age 10 and under to heighten the awareness of the prevention of child abuse, is sponsored by the United Way, the Blue Ribbon Task Force, and the San Antonio Association for Education of Young Children and will be held in San Pedro Park from 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

WOMEN'S ONLY SELF DEFENSE SEMINAR

From 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm the Rape Crisis Center will host a women's self defense training class at the Krav Maga Center located at 100 Crossroads Blvd. The cost to participate is \$20 and proceeds will benefit "Voices Against Sexual Assault". Please register on-line at <http://krav-maga-san-antonio.com> or call (210) 348-6127.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

ChildSafe will present the Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children training program to educate adults to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program will be held from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm at ChildSafe, located at 7130 W. US Hwy 90 and is free of charge. Seating is limited so please contact Patricia Kittle at (210) 208-5794 to register. For more information on the curriculum, please visit www.d2L.org

THURSDAY, APRIL 29TH

CONTINUING EDUCATION

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month, The Rape Crisis Center, in conjunction with the Texas Advocacy Project is hosting a Continuing Education Event. **Legal Rights of Minors in Texas** will be presented by Senior Attorney Bronwyn Blake of the Texas Advocacy Project's Teen Justice Initiative. The seminar will be held from **9:00am to 12:00pm** at San Antonio Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, 7500 US 90 W, Bldg 1, Suite 100, San Antonio, Texas 78227 (**AT& T Building next to The Rape Crisis Center**). Seminar fee is \$35.00. To register, go to www.rapecrisis.com, choose EVENTS/CEU. For additional information about this event please contact Debbi Walker, dwalker@rapecrisis.com. 3 CEUs for Therapists-LPC and LCDC, Social Workers and Psychologists-LP, PLP. LPA and LSSP will be provided.

SATURDAY, MAY 22ND

PICNIC IN THE PARK

A community picnic will be held at the campus of Texas A&M San Antonio from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The picnic will be hosted by Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.). All are invited to attend the picnic and enjoy live music, delicious food and a day of family fun in the park.