



National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect

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PRESS RELEASE

The Bexar County National Crime Victims' Rights Week Coalition

ANNOUNCE FOR 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.

“MOVIE NIGHT”

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 and the event is free of charge.

For questions or information on other events for National Crime Victims Rights Week or general 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

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