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**Homicide Survivors
Cemetery
Plot Donor
Program**

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Helping families find peace after tragedy



**A Program of
Homicide Survivors, Inc**



Crime Victims Need Help



“We were devastated, we didn’t have money for her funeral, we didn’t know what we were going to do. Then we found help through the Homicide Survivors program. They gave us a cemetery plot. At least now we have a place to go to visit our little angel.”

Over 20,000 men, women and children are victims of homicide in the United States each year. Losing a loved one through homicide is one of the most traumatic experiences that anyone can face; a tragedy no one can adequately prepare for. Murder involves more than a death. For most victims, it cuts short a healthy, young life, and for all victims, it is committed through a senseless act of violence. Families are left emotionally and often financially devastated.

There may be a significant loss of income in the family, especially if the victim was the primary "breadwinner." If the victim survived briefly before dying, extraordinary medical bills may have been incurred.

Families that do not have the financial resources to pay for funerals face added stress that compounds the crisis and trauma.



Donations Are Tax-Deductible

"We paid \$300 for the plot many years ago, we received a \$1550 tax deduction for our donation!"

"We purchased the plots in California, but moved to Oregon many years ago. We were glad we could help someone in need. The large tax-deduction really helped us."

Reach Out To People In Need

"We plan on being cremated and having our ashes scattered where our son's ashes are scattered, so we had no need for the plot. We could have sold it and got a few dollars, but we felt it would be put to better use to donate it to Homicide Survivors."

"My heart goes out to these people. Not having the funds to provide even a simple funeral service is tragic, these victims have suffered enough tragedy already. I'm so glad to be able to help."

Settle Estates Or Disputes

"We tried to sell the plots so we could settle the estate, it was the only thing holding it up. We were so relieved to be able to donate them. The tax-deduction was a welcome bonus."

"We had adjoining plots. My ex-husband wanted to buy my plot for his new wife. Over my dead body will she get that plot! I donated it instead."

Homicide Survivors, Inc. is a nonprofit (501-C-3) organization. For more information call or write:
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Six Easy Steps To Donate

- 1.** The donor contacts the cemetery where property is located to explain their desire to donate property to Homicide Survivors. Request their assistance to transfer the property to the organization. Request that they waive the transfer fee.
- 2.** The cemetery will prepare the title transfer forms. The cemetery requires the owner sign a quit claim deed transferring the property to Homicide Survivors, Inc. This can be done in person, or by mail.
- 3.** The cemetery will send the documents to Homicide Survivors for signature. Homicide Survivors will return the signed documents to the cemetery.
- 4.** The cemetery will file the documents, record the new deed, and send Homicide Survivors, Inc. the current valuation and recorded deed to the property.
- 5.** Homicide Survivors will send the donor a letter acknowledging the contribution, including *current market value* of the property and our IRS non-profit tax ID number for tax deduction purposes.
- 6.** Homicide Survivors provides the donated cemetery plots to needy families of innocent victims of crime. This is a free service.



How You Can Make A Difference

Individuals can help crime victims by donating unwanted cemetery plots or niches. Cemeteries will provide assistance to transfer the property. Most cemeteries waive the transfer fee as their contribution to this worthy cause.

Homicide Survivors is a non-profit organization. Cemetery property donations are tax-deductible at ***current market value***.

Homicide Survivors, Inc. provides the donated cemetery plots at no cost to needy families of innocent victims of crime.

Your donation will help reduce the financial burden of crime victimization. Your gift will bring lasting peace and comfort to the families tragically bereaved by the senseless murder of a loved one.

“Many families do not have life insurance, especially if the victim was a child. Parents do not expect to have to bury their children.”

