

The Paths We Take

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Dear Friends,

Recently, a frequent news story and topic of conversation has been the increase in travel delays and cancellations. I've heard about friends and family members waiting hours in airports because of delayed flights, sometimes spending all night napping in uncomfortable chairs or cots. With multiple stops, a flight that is expected to take six hours can end up taking a full day. In airport terminals, it is easy to see the frustration, anxiety, and helplessness that fill the faces of travelers.

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When I think about these experiences, I also think about the experiences of our clients. Some of them have fled torture and other abuses only to wait in refugee camps for years before being resettled. Others have traveled thousands of miles, across deserts and oceans, to seek asylum in the United States. Then they wait months or years to have their cases decided. Refugees and asylum seekers must be patient because they have no other choice; if they return to their country then they may be tortured again or killed.

I also know that many torture survivors do not finish this long journey with a good night's sleep in a warm bed. Instead, they are often alone, in a new city, without a place to call home.

Part of the goal of SURVIVORS, achieved through the continuous help of supporters like you, is to help provide that new sense of home. To help a survivor of torture learn to cook a hot meal, have the resources to find a warm bed, and to heal both physically and psychologically so he or she can finally be safe and get that good night's sleep.



Kathi Anderson
Executive Director

News

[American Purgatory: Political Asylum in the Age of Terrorism](#)

An audio documentary that includes interviews with asylees, lawyers, professors, asylum officers, and policy analysts.

[Karadzic en route to The Hague](#) (CNN: July 29, 2008)

[War crimes trial begins for Guantánamo detainee](#) (International Herald Tribune: July 22, 2008)

[Rare glimpse inside Guantanamo Bay](#) (BBC News: July 15, 2008)

[Sudan Leader To Be Charged With Genocide](#) (The Washington Post: July 11, 2008)

[Torture survivors need more help from California](#) (The Sacramento Bee: June 26, 2008)

Read more news about torture on our del.icio.us social bookmarking page.

Events

M*A*S*H Actor and Human Rights Activist Mike Farrell Speaks

Hosted by Amnesty International's Ocean Beach Chapter

When: Saturday, August 9 at 11a.m.

Where: Point Loma Library

3701 Voltaire Street
San Diego, CA 92107

Details: [Amnesty International's Ocean Beach site](#)

The Visitor

This fall we will be hosting several community screenings of the feature-length film [The Visitor](#) in partnership with the San Diego County Immigrant Rights Consortium and Active Voice, a nonprofit organization that puts together film-based campaigns focusing on social issues. Please [email us](#) or call (619) 278-2400 if you would like to be part of a publicity team to promote these events.

Job & Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Dentists

SURVIVORS is looking for dentists who would like to use their professional skills to help survivors of torture. Dental care is an essential component of our holistic healing program, as it not only alleviates pain but also helps survivors of torture to gain self esteem, interview for jobs, and integrate into the community with more ease. Please contact [Ramsey](#), (619) 278-2412, if you would like to know more about this opportunity.

Internships

SURVIVORS is recruiting students who would like to intern this fall for at least 8 hours per week. Detailed information about the internship positions will be posted on the web site in mid-August. Please contact [Maren](#), (619) 278-2422, if you are interested.

Ongoing Opportunities

Social Networks: Connect with SURVIVORS on [Facebook](#), [Myspace](#), [YouTube](#), and [Delicious](#).

Goodsearch: Support SURVIVORS by searching or shopping online through [Goodsearch.com](#).

Ralphs & Food 4 Less: Support SURVIVORS by linking your grocery store cards. Go to the [Ralphs](#) or [Food 4 Less](#) sites, select "Participant," and enter # 84761.

Vehicle Donations: Donate your car, truck, or RV to benefit SURVIVORS through the [V-DAC program](#).

Recycle used Cell Phones and Ink Cartridges: Do you have old cell phones, laser or ink cartridges? SURVIVORS collects these items to raise money for our programs. For more information contact [Charlene](#) at (619) 278-2425.

Survivors of Torture, International:

- *Facilitates the healing of torture survivors and their families;*
- *Educates professionals and the public about torture and its consequences;*
- *Advocates for the abolition of torture.*



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