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## Feb 2011 newsletter

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Dear Friends,

On February 27, 1997, Survivors of Torture, International, the first torture treatment center in San Diego, officially started. This month we will be celebrating our fourteenth year, and we are honored to have served over 1,250 clients from 70 different countries during this time.

*Donate today to support  
Survivors of Torture  
International!*

The past fourteen years have seen great advancements in torture treatment and advocacy, with the continuing passage of the [Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998](#), the formation of the [National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs](#), as well as the [California Consortium of Torture Treatment Centers](#). SURVIVORS has been privileged to have made contributions to these efforts and to have learned and benefited from our many partnerships.

We are grateful for the support of individuals and organizations in San Diego and beyond that have made our important work possible. With your continued support, we look forward to many more years of serving torture survivors.

Sincerely,  
Kathi Anderson  
Executive Director

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### Action Alert!

Tell Congress You Support Torture Treatment!

At Issue: Nationally, torture treatment programs like SURVIVORS enjoy strong, bipartisan support. However, federal funding for domestic torture treatment programs under the Torture Victims Relief Act (TVRA) is but a drop in the sea of discretionary federal spending that Congress is now talking about cutting back dramatically. To preserve the small, but vital support that torture treatment receives, it is critical that members of Congress hear that you care about torture treatment and the positive impact it has on some of our nation's most vulnerable newcomers.

Action to Take:

(1) Call key committee members that will have particular influence on this decision:

- Senator Feinstein: [\(202\) 224-3841](tel:2022243841)
- Representative Barbara Lee: [\(202\) 225-2661](tel:2022252661)
- Representative Lucile Roybal-Allard: [\(202\) 225-1766](tel:2022251766)
- Representative Jerry Lewis: [\(202\) 225-5861](tel:2022255861)

(2) Tell them why torture treatment programs matter to you.

(3) Ask them to:

Please avoid cuts to domestic torture treatment funding under the Torture Victims Relief Act. This account is administered by the Office of Refugee Resettlement within the Department of Health and Human Services.

If you need help or would like to become more involved, please contact SURVIVORS Government Affairs Director, Timothy Griffiths, at [\(916\) 492-6039](tel:9164926039) or [tgriffiths@notorture.org](mailto:tgriffiths@notorture.org).

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## Job Openings

Interested in using your energy and skills to support survivors of torture in San Diego County? We have several exciting job openings at SURVIVORS:

- [Clinical Director \(full-time staff position\)](#)
- [Senior Administrative Assistant \(full-time staff position\)](#)
- [Psychiatrist \(independent contractor\)](#)

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## Ongoing Opportunities

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

**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 for SURVIVORS:** You can give your used cell phones, ipods, and other small electronics directly to SURVIVORS to recycle or resell through our online thrift shop. Call us at [\(619\) 278-2400](tel:6192782400).

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## ***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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