



THE SURVIVOR

June is Torture Awareness Month

June 26 is the United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. In June we bring awareness to the fact that torture is systematically used in more than 100 countries in the world. We also honor the hundreds of thousands of people around the world who have survived or died from torture. Those who survive torture have a right to rehabilitation.

In 2012, the UN Committee Against Torture published a General Comment on Article 14 of the Convention Against Torture, which states:

Each State Party shall ensure in its legal system that the victim of an act of torture obtains redress and has an enforceable right to fair and adequate compensation, including the means for as full rehabilitation as possible.

Rehabilitation should be holistic and nations have an obligation to provide treatment as quickly as possible. We are proud at Survivors of Torture, International (SURVIVORS) to be part

of a worldwide effort to provide healing services to as many torture survivors in San Diego as we can.

SURVIVORS addresses psychological, medical, and social needs for torture survivors, helping them to heal from the trauma they experienced and rebuild their lives.

Help us commemorate the day and advocate for the right to rehabilitation:

- 1) Contact your member of congress to support the Torture Victims Relief Act (TVRA).
- 2) Make a donation to support rehabilitation of torture survivors.
- 3) Take a Journey to Healing tour at SURVIVORS to learn more about the services we provide to torture survivors.
- 4) Strive to create a welcoming community for torture survivors.

For more information, visit our website www.notorture.org



Save the Date: Helping Survivors Heal Fundraising Luncheon

On Tuesday, September 10, 2013, SURVIVORS will host a one-hour, inspiring fundraising luncheon at noon to raise unrestricted operating funds to continue SURVIVORS' healing services for torture survivors.

Please contact Suzanne at 619-278-2421 or survivors@notorture.org if you would like to sponsor this event, be involved or to attend.

SURVIVORS Partners with Mo'olelo Theater



SURVIVORS is pleased to be a partner organization for Mo'olelo's upcoming play written by David Wiener and directed by Seema Sueko. "Extraordinary Chambers" is the story of an American couple who travels to Cambodia for an innocent business trip, but becomes personally involved with Khmer Rouge survivors. The genocide, complicity, survival, greed and love collide in this play that shines a light on the Cambodian

experience and asks how far are we willing to go to survive?

SURVIVORS is assisting the theater staff by providing information about the effects of torture. The cast of the play will attend a Journey to Healing tour to help in the preparation of their roles.

On Sunday, June 9, SURVIVORS' executive director, Kathi Anderson, will speak after the 2 p.m. show.

Support SURVIVORS when you purchase your ticket for any performance. Enter the code SURVIVORS online or mention SURVIVORS over the phone, and \$5 of each ticket will be donated to SURVIVORS.

The play will be showing from June 6-30, 2013, at Mo'olelo at The 10th Avenue Theatre, 930 10th Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101. For tickets and information, please visit www.moolelo.net or call (619) 342-7395.

Mission Statement

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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SURVIVORS Makes Changes to Newsletter

Our paper newsletter is now fewer pages and will be issued only twice a year. The main reason for this change is that our funding has not kept pace with our increasing client needs. More torture survivors than ever are walking through our doors and what they need to heal has become even more complex. As a result, we came to the conclusion that we need to cut back on our newsletter, not client services.

If you haven't already, please let us know if you would like to remain on our mailing list. You can do this by going to our website www.notorture.org/newsletter_survey.php and completing the questionnaire, emailing the information to survivors@notorture.org, completing the brief questionnaire on page 4 and mailing it back to us in the enclosed envelope or by calling us at 619-278-2421.

Thank you for your support and for your ongoing words of encouragement and financial gifts.

SURVIVORS Partners with NRCAT on a Campaign Against Torture



SURVIVORS is joining with the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT), whose purpose is to

“mobilize people of faith to end torture in U.S. policy, practice and culture.” SURVIVORS will be participating in the efforts to urge Senator Dianne Feinstein to provide leadership to the Senate Intelligence Committee to release its 6,000-page report on CIA torture. By fully understanding what happened in the past, we can better prevent it from happening again in the future.

Many faith groups share common goals with SURVIVORS and support our work. **If your congregation would like to be involved** and work with SURVIVORS to show NRCAT's film “Ending U.S.-Sponsored Torture Forever” before June 30, 2013, contact SURVIVORS at (619) 278-2400 or email us at survivors@notorture.org.

SURVIVORS' Healing Club

In the last few months our Healing Club has been very active, visiting Cabrillo National Monument, Mission Trails, Sunset Cliffs beach, Torrey Pines State Park, and SeaWorld (thank you for the donation of tickets, SeaWorld!). For some of the participating clients it was their first time at the ocean, seeing a light house or exploring tide pools. One client, who became blind as a result of torture, even smelled the ocean well before the group arrived at the monument. These outings are a chance for our clients to meet other torture survivors, explore new places with the guidance of our staff and interns, have some fun and continue to heal from having been tortured.

The Healing Club always needs volunteer drivers to help bring clients on these outings, refreshments and tickets to fun excursions. Financial contributions to SURVIVORS help make these outings possible.



A young Healing Club member jumps for joy at Cabrillo National Monument. Photo by Cleveland Storrs.



Family Day at Sunset Cliffs beach. Photo by Cleveland Storrs.

About Us

Survivors of Torture, International was incorporated in 1997 in response to a need in our community to bring assistance to a segment of the population that struggles with the wounds of politically motivated torture. It is estimated that at least 11,000 survivors of torture live in San Diego County and 500,000 live in the United States. Torture survivors may be left with lifelong physical and mental health problems if not treated by trained professionals.

Since 1997, SURVIVORS has engaged a caring network of professionals — board members, interpreters, therapists, physicians, dentists — and all of you in the community who give support and encouragement in many ways. To date we have served more than 1,500 clients from over 70 different countries. Your support enables us to help torture survivors rebuild their lives. Treatment helps survivors heal, reconnect with their families, go back to school, and find employment.

Ninety cents of every dollar raised goes directly to SURVIVORS' programs.
Our Federal Tax ID Number is 33-0743869.

Healing Society Members

Healing Society Members make generous five-year pledges of at least \$1,000/year

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Thank you to all of our financial supporters!

Because of you, survivors are rebuilding their lives. We are grateful. **These lists cover the period from October 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013.** We apologize for any errors or omissions and extend our gratitude for support that may not have been recognized. (Please contact us at 619-278-2400 with corrections.)

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<i>California State Employees Charitable Campaign (CSECC)</i>	<i>Human & Civil Rights Organizations of America, a Federation in the Combined Federal Campaign</i>	<i>National Religious Campaign Against Torture</i>	<i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement</i>
<i>Change A Life Foundation</i>	<i>Intuit Foundation Donation Matching Program</i>	<i>Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest, Inc.</i>	
<i>Chula Vista Presbyterian Church</i>		<i>Price Family Charitable Fund</i>	
<i>County of San Diego, Health and</i>			

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New Client Demographics

76 new clients were served from October 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013*. Our clients were tortured due to their race, religion, nationality, social group, or political opinion.

*In addition to 109 ongoing clients

Geographic Origins

Africa	22
Middle East	31
Latin America	17
Asia	3
Eastern Europe	3

Ages

5-13	7
14-17	2
18-24	13
25-44	35
44-64	14
65+	5

Gender

Males	41
Females	35

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Ways to help SURVIVORS

Upcoming events

Book and film reviews

Other _____

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The Strength to Survive. The Power to Heal
 Join us on a Journey to Healing tour to learn how we are helping to rebuild torture survivors' lives.
 Upcoming Journey to Healing Dates:
 • Thursday, June 6 5:30-6:30 p.m. • Thursday, July 25 8:00-9:00 a.m.
 • Tuesday, June 18 5:30-6:30 p.m. • Tuesday, Aug. 6 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 • Wednesday, July 10 5:30-6:30 p.m. • Thursday, Aug. 22 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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