



Healing Families & Communities After Tragedy

Investigating the Long-Term Impact of Bereavement Due to Terrorism: Factors That Contribute to Trauma, Grief, Growth and Resilience

A research collaboration between:

The Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime

The Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress at the Uniformed Services University

Voices of September 11th

Who May Participate in This Study

Family members who lost loved ones in the bombing of Air India Flight 182 on June 23, 1985, or the September 11, 2001 attacks at the World Trade Center, at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, PA may participate in this research project, including:

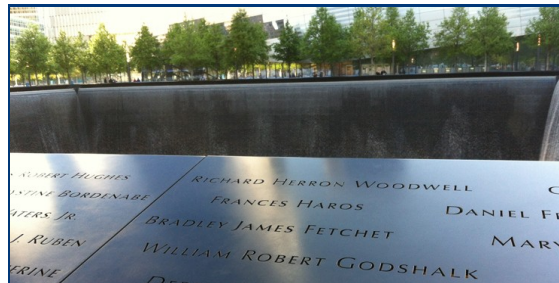
- Parents (adoptive, biological, custodial and step-parents)
- Spouses/Ex-spouses/Adult partners
- Children over 18/Adult children
- Siblings/Step-siblings
- Extended family members, such as aunts, uncles, grandparents and cousins
- Relatives of the victim related through marriage

As family members who suffered the loss of a loved one, your participation in the study will provide important insights into the needs of victims' families. In order to understand a variety of unique personal experiences, we would like as many members as possible from each family to participate in the study. Please share information about the study with your immediate and extended family members, as well as anyone else you know who lost a loved one in the event.

The study is an online questionnaire that may be accessed at www.voicesofsept11research.org, located on the Voices of September 11th website. The questionnaire is available online and will take approximately 40-50 minutes to complete.

The findings of the study will be released upon completion and available on the VOICES website.

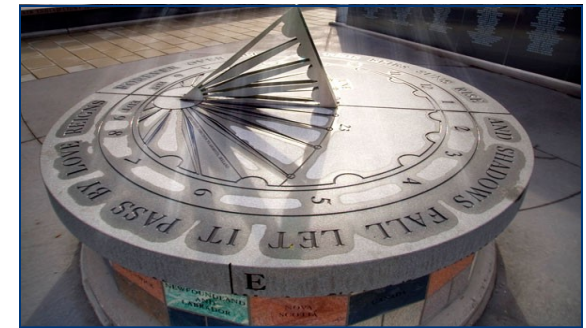
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The Kanishka Project

The Kanishka Project Contribution Program, an initiative funded by Public Safety Canada, sponsored this project. On June 23, 2011, the Government of Canada announced the Kanishka Project, a new five-year, ten million dollar initiative which will invest in research on pressing questions on terrorism and counter-terrorism.

The Kanishka Project is named after the Air India Flight 182 plane that was bombed on June 23, 1985, killing 329 innocent people, most of them Canadians, in the worst act of terrorism in Canadian history.



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The death of a family member, especially in a terrorist attack, is a life-changing event for the entire family. Today, there is limited research that has examined or identified the long-term needs of victims’ families.

We are pleased to announce an important research project, launched in June 2015. The study involves family members who lost loved ones in the bombing of Air India Flight 182 on June 23, 1985, or in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Shanksville, PA.

Understanding the long-term needs of victims’ families is crucial to helping bereaved family members heal after the death of a loved one in a terrorist attack. This research project will provide important insight into factors that contribute to trauma, grief, personal growth and resilience.

Your participation in this study will help individuals heal after other traumatic events by expanding the scientific advancement of research in the field that will guide communities in providing services to victims’ families.

This project is a collaboration between the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress at the Uniformed Services University, the Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime, and Voices of September 11th.

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Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime



Founded in 1992, the Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime (CRCVC) has provided advocacy, information, resources and support to persons impacted by serious crime. Since 2005, the CRCVC has supported Canadians impacted by terrorism, contributed to the Air India inquiry, coordinated research projects and developed a website to help Canadian communities better prepare to respond to the needs of victims in the aftermath of terrorism.

The Centre also advocates for victims’ rights by presenting the interests and perspectives of victims of crime to Government, at all levels, and provides resource materials to crime victims and service providers in Canada. www.crcvc.ca

Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

The Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress (CSTS) of the Uniformed Service University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) will conduct this research, with Stephen J. Cozza, M.D. serving as the principal investigator.



Dr. Cozza, Associate Director of the CSTS, specializes in clinical and community response to trauma and the impact of deployment and combat injury on military service members and their families. He was instrumental in executing the first mental health response to the 9/11/2001 attacks on the Pentagon and currently also works as a professor in the Department of Psychiatry at USUHS. www.cstsonline.org

Voices of September 11th



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Voices of September 11th (VOICES) was founded in 2001 to offer information and support services for those impacted by the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Since then, VOICES has provided over 100,000 hours of social services support and built longstanding, trusting relationships with victims’ families, responders, and survivors.

Over time, families wanted to commemorate and celebrate the lives of their loved ones. This led to one of VOICES most important accomplishments: The 9/11 Living Memorial Project, an extensive digital collection of over 70,000 photographs honoring the nearly 3,000 lives lost. Located on the VOICES website, the Living Memorial is also a core component of the *In Memoriam* Exhibit at the 9/11 Museum in New York City.

In 2014, the VOICES Center of Excellence for Community Resilience was created to share VOICES expertise and lessons learned to promote resiliency in the lives of families and communities. VOICES Resilience Center is a collaborative effort to work with public-private partnerships, such as subject matter experts, non-profit organizations, universities and federal agencies. Through these collaborations, the organization will advance research, discourse and dialogue on issues that impact the long-term recovery and promote resiliency in the lives of victims’ families and survivors.

VOICES looks forward to working collaboratively with the CRCVC and CSTS on this ground-breaking research. www.voicesofseptember11.org

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