

The Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation

...forever in our hearts

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Statement from Francis and Carole Carrington

This last year has been a time for us to rest and to remember all the loving support, hugs, and friendship we have been so fortunate to experience. So many people have given us the strength to get through the ordeal. We can't begin to express how grateful we feel to everyone, including Attorney General John Ashcroft, the District Attorneys on our case, as well as the waitresses and residence workers who were concerned for our comfort and well being. We have been able to experience first hand the generous and loving nature of people that counteracts the brutal nature of a few.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the California District Attorney's Association, People Magazine, America's Most Wanted, San Joaquin County Bar Association, and the Modesto Chamber of Commerce for helping us



The Carringtons and
Attorney General John Ashcroft

spread the word that people faced with the injustice of losing a loved one through violence, need public awareness. To that end, the Foundation was set up to offer rewards that encourage people with information to come forward. It requires a teamwork approach that involves law enforcement, the victim's family, the media, the public, and organizations such as the Foundation all working together to get the word out. The Board and the staff of the Foundation have been an outstanding support not only to us, but also to families faced with the worst possible moment in their lives. We thank everyone for his or her dedication and loving support. By working together, we can and are making a difference.

Our summer was spent experiencing the real things in life; enjoying a new puppy, raising a garden, and spending time with our grandchildren. While this may not sound exciting to some, it has been great for us. The summer truly has been a time for healing.

Thank you one and all.

Sincerely,
Francis and Carole Carrington

Upcoming Events

INTERNATIONAL CASINO NIGHT

Friday, January 30, 2004

\$100 per person - Black tie event

International foods, gaming, jazz ensemble, incredible raffle prizes and auction items including tickets to AT&T Pro-Am at Pebble Beach

DoubleTree Hotel
Modesto, California

SIXTH ANNUAL VIGIL OF HOPE

Saturday, March 13, 2004

Free Community Event focused on the issue of missing persons and safety

Graceada Park
Modesto, California

SECOND ANNUAL WINE AND CHOCOLATE GALA

A Fantasy in Chocolate

Friday, May 7, 2004

\$75 per person - Formal event
Wine tasting, amazing food & desserts, dancing. Incredible raffle & auction items including free airline tickets from Jet Blue, Vlade Divac autographed basketball jersey and many more.

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Message from Executive Director, Kim Petersen

It's hard to believe a year has gone by since our last newsletter. So much has happened in this past year that I'm not sure where to begin. At this time last year, the Foundation had posted rewards in 146 cases in 30 states totaling \$1,087,000. We now have posted rewards in over 210 cases in 35 states totaling over \$1,700,000. (That's 64 approved cases in one year, compared to 146 rewards in just over three years.) These victims range in age from 12 hours old to 89 years old. To date these rewards have assisted in the apprehension of 18 murder suspects and one attempted murder suspect. During this year five of the murder suspects in custody were convicted, one plead guilty. While it is often a long process, it is all worth it when you hear that guilty verdict. The Foundation paid out rewards on four of these cases totaling over \$20,000 and we anticipate paying out another \$15,000 in the next couple months. It's unfortunate that there is such a need for this reward money as there are so many unresolved difficult cases nationwide.

Each time we are involved in a case whether high profile or not, we learn more about victims, law enforcement, the media and the public. Missing Modesto resident, Laci Peterson's case was a tremendous example of teamwork between multiple law enforcement agencies, the victim's family, the media and the very caring public. I never cease to be amazed at the incredible "goodness" of people. Certainly we have a lot of violence that occurs in our society and unfortunately that's often what we see and hear on the news. But when it comes to a tragedy such as Laci's disappearance, Heather Carpenter's disappearance, the discovery a young Jane Doe murder victim in Castro Valley or other tragedies we've heard about, it is truly amazing

and heart-warming to see so many complete strangers give of their time to help search, answer phones, pass out fliers, bring food, donate funds or just give a hug. I know that many of us think "What can I do? I'm only one person." Well, there's a lot that you can do. Don't ever feel that you can't make a difference. You can make a difference by choosing to get involved and give of yourself. It's that generosity that means so much to these families in need and lets them know they're not alone. Our goal is that by working together we WILL return these missing persons home safely to their loved ones and put these violent predators behind bars so they can't ever hurt anyone again.

Chairperson, Kenni Friedman

The Carole Sund/Carrington Foundation is the vision of Francis and Carole Carrington. Through their tragedy they decided to create an organization to help the families of innocent victims of crime. Many of these families are without the means to post a reward and few families are trained to get information out to the public so that their case can be solved.

The Carringtons created the Foundation to offer rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons involved in crimes against innocent victims. They did not want to allow these criminals a second chance.

They chose to locate the Foundation in Modesto because the Modesto community came to their aid in their time of need. They were overwhelmed by the willingness of citizen volunteers to help them in their search, assist them in the Volunteer Center, distribute fliers, provide hugs and much needed support.

The Carringtons saw in Modesto something that is taken for granted in communities throughout the United States; our concern for others. We often do not realize the fabric that

makes-up our communities. Those who come from other countries notice the uniqueness. Families of innocent victims are surprised at the concern strangers have for them and their willingness to help them in their time of need.

In our country, we view everyone as our neighbor and reach out to help them. When the Carrington's family was missing in Yosemite, they were just like our neighbors and volunteers came forth to help them. Recently, a young woman was found in Castro Valley. Although she was unidentified, the community of Hayward raised money and gave her the burial she deserved.

The most welcomed help we can give is to support these families in need. The signs of those missing loved ones never disappear in their hearts. The prayers and well-wishes sent to these grieving families give them the hope they need to make a future life.

Communities that experience these tragedies go through more in a few weeks than most communities experience in a lifetime. Even when one of these tragedies occurs in our community, we still are made up of the same fabric - we value every one and believe in them until something makes us believe otherwise. We want to keep the public informed about missing loved ones. We want to make sure that those who commit these crimes do not get away with it.

We have family members who have not found their missing loved ones. We hope their plea will bring forth the information the police need to solve their case. They are our neighbors and need our help no matter where they live.

Our organization continues to be overwhelmed with families whose loved ones are innocent victims of crime. We continue to be the life support for families and have recently been recognized for our work. Nationally the Carringtons were selected this year by Attorney General John Ashcroft to receive the

National Crime Victim Service Award. This is the highest honor for any person or organization that works with crime victims. The award presentation was held in Washington, D. C. during National Crime Victim's Week.

On November 10th, *People Magazine* honored Carole and Francis as one of six "Heroes of the Year." The award was presented to them by Michael J. Fox. The May 26, 2003 issue of *People Magazine* included an article "Turning Grief to Good" about the Carole Sund/Carrington Foundation. Due to their achievements with the Foundation, the Carringtons received this honor.

Locally the Foundation was voted "Non-Profit of the Year" by the Modesto Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Executive Director Kim Petersen received the 12th Senate District "Woman of the Year" Award from State Senator Jeff Denham.

Our Board of Directors recently completed a strategic plan. This provided us an opportunity to take a closer look at what we do and how we can do it better. Our mission is to provide hope and support to the families of innocent victims during their most critical time of need.

From Tavia Williams & Joe McNabney

In December 2001 we thought our father's birthday party was canceled because he was sick. No one had seen or talked to him personally since late summer. His wife kept reassuring my brother that everything was fine with Dad though he wasn't at home whenever Joe called. Later, the shocking truth began to unfold when

Dad's body was found in a shallow grave, just miles from his home.

In February, the Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation stepped into help us when they heard about our dad's murder. First, by offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension of the suspects. It was this reward and the guidance from the Foundation's personnel that brought our case into the *National News* and resulted in the capture of the people responsible. The rights and needs of the victims is the focus of the Foundation. Next, Kim Petersen contacted us.

They gave us the compassion and understanding we desperately needed, at a time when we were overwhelmed by the circumstances in which we found ourselves. The Foundation, through Kim, became our lifeline. We had someone to answer our questions and point us in the right direction to take advantage of the programs in place for victims.

When one becomes involved in the American legal system, one realizes it is all about the criminal's rights, not the victim's rights. The system focuses on the accused. We understand that the laws were developed to protect the innocent. When there is an arrest, the defendant is advised of his/her rights along with guidance through each step of the process. Although the law enforcement people kept us abreast of the legal process, it was Kim and the Carole Sund/Carrington Foundation who understood the chaos and focused on our rights and needs as a family. The victims receive a packet of forms in the mail. Without the direct involvement of Kim and the Foundation, we would have been too overwhelmed to even know where to start in order to get



Larry McNabney

the help we needed. When the media deluged us, the Foundation offered support and advice, as well as some protection when it became too much for us emotionally.

We found we lost our trust in people. It seemed as though everyone had something to gain or lose... a vested interest. Who could we believe? The Foundation has only the victim's rights and needs at heart so we felt we had somewhere to turn. While we waited for the trial date to come, we continued to have the network of support provided by the Carole Sund/Carrington Foundation. No words can express the deep gratitude that my brother, Joe, and I feel toward those involved in the Carole Sund/Carrington Foundation.

"How I Started" By Synthia Lofton

As a mother of four sons, my heart was touched in early 1999 as I listened to the news of a mother, daughter and close friend who were missing. I had to stop what I was doing, sit down and pay close attention to what was being said. I couldn't believe it! A mom spending quality time with her daughter and her close friend had just disappeared. "No way," I said to myself. "Impossible!" My heart was so touched it longed to know more. What? How? What could I do? How could I help? The announcement came that they needed volunteers to come down to the Holiday Inn. There was no question I was going. Someway, somehow I needed to make myself available to this family. Here I am almost five years later grateful for the opportunity to share the story of how I became a volunteer.

Upon arriving at the hotel an employee led me to a room filled with people busy answering phones, making ribbons, getting flyers ready. From the looks of it all, they were glad to be there. I stood there looking around the room with tears in my eyes as they had been since I heard the news. There were pictures of

Carole, Juli and Silvina posted around the room. A photo album lay on the back table there for you to see their life, to see the things they loved to do and times spent together. I could hear a voice in the background. "May I help you?" My heart was saying, "May I help you?" I turned around and said, "I'm here to volunteer." I was immediately put to work and have been working ever since. What keeps me here? Well, the Foundation is busy making a difference in the lives of families and communities. I support that, and love being a part of such a great organization. The Vigil of Hope, fundraisers, press conferences, whatever it takes to get the word out and to make funds available to families in need, the Foundation is there.

I can vividly remember the first time I met Carole and Francis Carrington. WHAT A JOY! I was standing there thinking to myself, "what can I say as a word of encouragement to this family?" Carole and Francis greeted me with a smile. I had to say what was on my heart. "I'm praying for you," I told them. They smiled and were glad to know that people were praying. They were so thankful that people had come willing to volunteer their time. Carole and Francis always took time to find out who the volunteers were personally. They asked about your family and what was going on in your life. WOW! What wonderful people! In my reading about Carole, Juli and Silvina something stuck with me. Carole Sund volunteered for an organization called CASA of Humboldt County as an advocate for abused and neglected children in the dependency system. Having a love for children myself I had to find out more. With prior education in criminal justice, work experience in social service this was very interesting to me. I missed being able to make a difference in the life of a child, outside of my own of course. Being a voice for a child was right up my alley! Why not? I decided I would make that commitment in honor of

Carole Sund's memory. Last year CASA arrived in Stanislaus County and I signed up. As of April 3, 2003 I successfully completed my training and was sworn in as an officer of the court by Judge Marie Silveira, Presiding Juvenile Judge. I am officially a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) thanks to Carole. I feel so blessed to be a part of the Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation I wouldn't have it any other way! Love guided me here and love keeps me here!



Jacqui Flint

In Honor of Danice Day

Jacqui Flint, the sister of Danice Day who has been missing from Monte Vista, Colorado since January 9, 2002, ran the New York Marathon November 2nd in Danice's name and to raise money for our Foundation. Jacqui placed 4,306 out of 34,462 runners with a time of 3:43 and raised over \$1,000 for the Foundation. Congratulations, Jacqui, on a job well done!

Danice has two young children, a four year old son and a two year old daughter who need to know what has happened to their mother. If you have any information regarding Danice's disappearance, please contact the 12th Judicial District Attorney's Office at (719) 589-2734. You may be entitled to the \$5,000 reward.



Danice Day & children

Have You Seen These Missing Persons?

If so, please contact the Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation at 1-888-813-8389



April Geyer
23 years old
08/01/98
Milaca, MN



Jeanne Sanchez-Harms
42 years old
7/30/01
Los Gatos, CA



Dorothy Pitcher
47 years old
05/23/93
Sierra Vista, AZ



Randi Mebruer
26 years old
4/19/98
Zachary, LA



Vanessa Smith
15 years old
07/04/99
Merced, CA



Stephanie Condon
14 years old
12/14/99
Roseburg, OR



Dorien Deon Thomas
9 years old
11/30/99
Amarillo, TX



Dena Raley
36 years old
10/15/99
Modesto, CA



Karen Mitchell
17 years old
03/01/00
Eureka, CA



Tot Tran Harriman
57 years old
7/23/01
League City, TX



Tina Sinclair
36 years old
02/03/01
Keene, NH



Bethany Sinclair
15 years old
02/03/01
Keene, NH



Marilyn McCown
28 years old
07/22/01
Richmond, IN



Gayle Marks
18 years old
10/18/88
Stockton, CA



Robby Floyd
33 years old
1/7/97
Fayetteville, NC



Karen Jo Smith
36 years old
12/27/00
Indianapolis, IN



Glenn "Lenny" Hustin
31 years old
02/05/01
Ithaca, MI



Ricky Lee Cloyd
18 years old
6/07/99
San Diego, CA



Amber Hoopes
20 years old
9/14/01
Idaho Falls, ID



Sandra Kirby
52 years old
7/11/99
Fresno, CA



Hannah Zaccaglini
15 years old
6/4/97
McCloud, CA



Lynsie Ekelund
20 years old
02/16/01
Placentia, CA



Karen Knechtel-Mero
27 years old
2/15/97
Mt. Shasta, CA



Kathy Barrett
46 years old
06/21/00
Baldy Mesa, CA



Christine Marie Eastin
19 years old
progressed to 47 years old
01/18/71
Hayward, CA



Jacqueline Vasquez
3 months old
5/06/01
Avondale, AZ



Danielle Zacot
25 years old
02/25/99
Ft. Lauderdale, FL



Kent Jacobs
42 years old
3/10/02
Fayetteville, N.C.



Tristen "Buddy" Myers
6 years old
10/05/00
Roseboro, NC



Kenny Strickland
29 years old
01/29/92
Yazoo City, MS



Diane Clinton
36 years old
9/21/00
Silver Springs, NV



Latoya Thomas
25 years old
9/30/00
Hayward, CA



Diane Scott
40 years old
05/25/01
Harrisburg, PA



Agnes Bross
83 years old
4/03/01
Daly City, CA



Jan Scharf
45 years old
5/18/02
Cameron Park, CA



Kaelin Glazier
15 years old
11/06/96
Medford, OR



Danielle Pitcher
14 years old
05/23/93
Sierra Vista, AZ



Pamela Dunn
38 years old
12/09/01
Watertown, SD



Jason Knapp
20 years old
04/12/98
Clemson, SC



Veronica Martinez
14 years old
03/29/01
Tracy, CA

If you have any information regarding these missing persons, please contact the Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation at 1-888-813-8389

Have You Seen These Suspects?

If so, please contact the Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation at 1-888-813-8389



Composite drawing of suspect in the murder of Hue Nguyen and Loi Ngo in Sacramento, CA on 07/25/03. If you have any information contact Det. Garverick at the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, 916-874-6881 or Crime Alert at 443-HELP. Caller can remain anonymous if they desire.



Manuel Quiroz is wanted for questioning in the 03/29/01 disappearance of Veronica Martinez in Tracy, CA. If you have any information contact Det. Steinkamp of the Tracy Police Department at 209-831-4552



Vehicle driven by suspect involved in the murder of Hue Nguyen and Loi Ngo in Sacramento, CA on 07/25/03. If you have any information contact Det. Garverick at 916-874-6881 or Crime Alert at 443-HELP.



Alejandro Santana Suspect in the murder of Thomas Theodore Buchholz in Sacramento, CA on 8/22/00. \$50,000 reward offered by Gov. Gray Davis.



Suspect in the homicide of Larry Dale Collum in Atwater, CA on 09/01/00



Jose Jesus Ortega Alias: Fat Boy Wanted for the murder of Gary Brunetti in Modesto, CA on May 6, 1995.



Composite drawing of suspect in the murder of Angelo Ravella in San Lorenzo, CA on March 28, 2003. \$5,000 reward from The Carole Sund/Carrington Foundation and \$30,000 from the family and friends of Angelo Ravella



Antonio Morales Zamora Wanted for the murder of Edward Perez in Earlimart, CA on July 10, 1995.



Javier Zurita Vasquez Height: 5'9" Weight: 200 Wanted by the Fresno Police Department for murder.



Carlos Garcia Berdeja A.K.A Carlos Berdeja Garcia Wanted for the murder of a female in the city of Westminster, CA on July 17, 1994.



Isaac Perez Contreras DOB: 06/03/1958 Height: 5'5" Weight: 140 Wanted for the attempted murder of his wife and the murder of his step-daughter Veronica Zuniga.



This black male is wanted for questioning concerning the December 4, 1999 disappearance of Tiffany Wilson in North Augusta, South Carolina. If you have any information, contact the Aiken County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division at (803)642-1790.



Felipe Solorio Suspect in the homicide of Robert Ybarra in Grayson on 3/7/99.

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Rebecca Sutton
19 years old
03/20/03
Hollister, MO



Heather Carpenter
22 years old
08/04/03
Redding, CA



Karen Cornelison
54 years old
04/03/03
Madera County, CA



Tabitha Tuders
13 years old
04/29/03
Nashville, TN



Brookley Louks
19 years old
06/24/02
Greenwood, IN



Audrey May Herron
32 years old
08/29/02
South Cairo, NY



Brenda Heist
42 years old
02/08/02
Lititz, PA



Gary Alan Ledford
46 years old
01/25/03
Toccoa, GA

Help us Turn Tragedy Into Triumph

Join us in our fight to return missing persons to their loved ones and attain the apprehension and conviction of violent criminals. You can do your part by sending a tax-deductible donation to:

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