

Dear Survivors,

The Survivors of Homicide Support Group will sponsor its **25th Annual Candlelight Vigil and Service of Remembrance**, in partnership with the National Crime Victims Research & Treatment Center, the Charleston County Sheriff's Office of Victims Services, and the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy.

When: *Friday*, December 13, 2024, at 6:30PM

Where: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church,
712 Wappoo Rd. Charleston, SC 29407

Link to View Virtually:

<https://www.facebook.com/charlestoncountysheriff/live>

Each year our service is guided by a theme to call all survivors together with a direction during the holiday season. This year, we reflect on healing through the idea of "**Growth.**" Through the pain of loss, we find strength in our shared journey of growth, learning to honor our loved ones while navigating the complexities of grief. This candlelight vigil serves as a space for reflection and support, allowing us to cultivate resilience and deepen our connections as we heal together.

This year, we will be displaying the Tree of Remembrance during the event and reading the names of your loved ones during the ceremony. We encourage anyone who has lost a family member or friend to homicide to bring an **unframed, wallet-size photo** to the event to hang on the tree. If you are not able to bring one and need our staff to print a copy, please email it to mullenju@musc.edu by Monday, December 9, 2024.

We look forward to seeing each of you at the event this year! We leave you with these this poem to reflect on growth through your journey:

*Blossoms unfurl, colors bright
From buds of potential, born of light.
Each petal, a chapter of growth and grace
A dance with the wind, a delicate embrace.
In their blooming, a story told
Of change, of courage, bold and bold.*

In service,
Survivors of Homicide Support Group
National Crime Victims Research & Treatment Center
Charleston County Sheriff's Office of Victim Services
Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy

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