



## CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS THREE DAY EVENT

The Texas observance of Crime Victims' Rights Week is being organized by the Austin area victim service agencies coalition in cooperation with the Texas Victim Service Association (TVSA). They are planning a three day event to involve victims' of all crimes as well as victim service providers across the state that will begin on Thursday night, April 22, 2010, through Saturday, April 24, 2010.

On **Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 6:00 pm the week's events will begin with Opening Ceremonies that will be held in the Town Lake Ballroom of the Radisson Hotel & Suites, 111 East Cesar Chavez Street, Austin. This program is entitled "*Achieving Fairness*" which will focus on recognizing victims of crime, the agencies who serve them and a candle lighting to remember them. A reception will follow the program.

On **Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup>** beginning at 8:30 am TVSA will be hosting a breakfast in the Radisson Hotels TGI Friday restaurant, which is open to all members and potential members.

Also on Friday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm there will be a Texas Victim Rights Workshop that includes an awards lunch entitled "*Achieving Dignity*". The cost of the work shop is \$35.00 per person and will be worth CEU credits. It will be held in the Austin Room at the Radisson Hotel & Suites at Town Lake in Austin. There will be two sessions to the workshop, one titled "Ethics & Victims' Rights and the other titled "Victim Impact Statements" which includes a discussion of the recent changes and how we can increase participation in this vital program by victims. These two sessions will be very informative and beneficial for those who work direct victim services. The lunch is included in the cost of the registration. For registration information visit the TVSA website at [www.txvsa.org](http://www.txvsa.org) or email Reita Hill at [reita.hill@madd.org](mailto:reita.hill@madd.org) .

On **Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 am to 11:30 am you are invited to attend the Walk/Run sponsored by Mother's Against Drunk Driving. The agencies coalition will participate in this event, which they have titled for their purposes "*Achieving Respect – Walking for a Cause*", as a walking team as well as providing agency information tables in the Health & Safety Fair area. If you are interested in participating please let us know or for more information on this event visit [www.walklikemadd.org](http://www.walklikemadd.org) .

For those needing overnight accommodations we have blocked off some rooms for the designated dates where the event is being held at the government rate of \$115. For room reservations please call the Radisson Hotel at 512-478-9611. When making reservations please indicate you are attending the National Crime Victim Rights Week Event.

We are very excited about this year's events and look forward to you joining us for all three days.