



# BALTIMORE CITY GRIEF MINISTRY

If you are troubled over the violence in Baltimore City and looking for a way to help, please consider joining the Archdiocese of Baltimore's Grief Ministry, an initiative to demonstrate as a community our care and concern for families who have lost a loved one to violence. In partnership with city agencies and other nonprofits throughout the City who serve families of homicide victims, the Grief Ministry has created a network of volunteers from churches, schools, universities and other organizations to provide care packages, sympathy notes and other support to surviving families.

Following is a menu of options for how members of the community can volunteer to support a family. Please feel free to suggest additional ways you can help in the space provided. We will provide periodic trainings to volunteers and will contact you regularly to keep you informed of volunteering opportunities.

Thank you in advance for offering your time to bringing peace and healing to our City.

Yes, I am interested in participating in the Grief Ministry, and have indicated below the ways I would like to volunteer (feel free to check more than one).

I am not able to participate at this time, but please add me to your email list so that I can remain informed.

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NAME

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ADDRESS

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PHONE

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EMAIL

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ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION (Agency, Place of Worship, University, etc., if applicable)

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AVAILABLE NUMBER OF HOURS/MONTH FOR VOLUNTEERING

I would like to volunteer by:

- Serving as a regional coordinator (you would be contacted by an agency or church when a family has a need and would then contact volunteers)
- Providing meals or groceries
- Providing clothing, baby supplies, children's books/toys or other material needs
- Sending sympathy notes at the time of the death, at holidays, birthdays, and anniversary of the death
- Visiting family members
- Organizing prayers for the deceased at your place of worship
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to:**

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*For more information or to sign up online, please visit [www.archbalt.org/grief-ministry](http://www.archbalt.org/grief-ministry)  
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