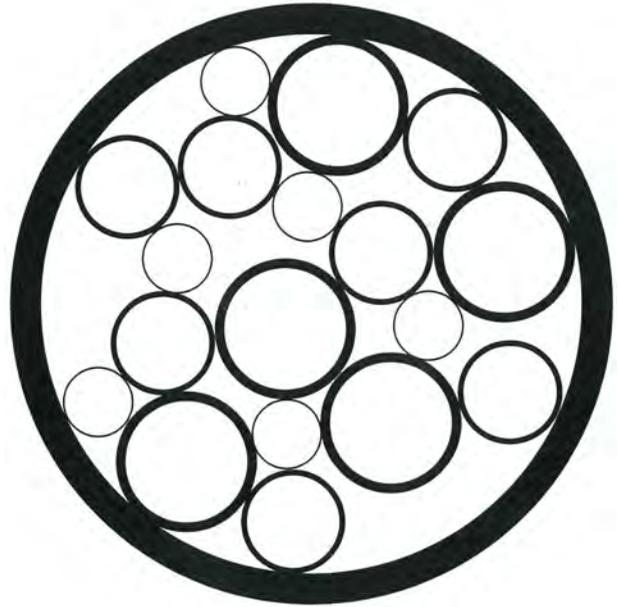


**L.I.N.C. believes in and is committed to the following principles:**

1. That every person within society has a fundamental right to be safe and secure,
2. That everyone is part of the reintegration process where all people have an inherent value and dignity,
3. That the positive contribution of every person can have a meaningful impact on the spirit of justice, and on the sense of well being within the community,
4. That hope for the future lies in the potential of every individual to change, and in the willingness of others to support and encourage that change.



# Outreach Worker For Survivors Of Serious Crime

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## Who is the Outreach Worker?

From the age of 16, **Misty Cockerill** has been a victims' rights advocate. It began with the trial and sentencing to life in prison of the man who not only attempted to take Misty's life, but also murdered her best friend. Since that time, Misty has been speaking to the public about the effects of crime and the impact on victims' lives. She volunteered with victim services for 2.5 years as an evening volunteer supervisor while attending the University of the Fraser Valley for her Social Services Diploma which she received in 2011. Misty has been facilitating peer support groups for survivors of homicide since 2012.

Misty's message to society has been to take care of victims of crime. "Strength is not just a word, it's the force that keeps you moving, breathing and laughing. There will always be violence and despair. We need to learn how to support and nurture victims of violence."

### L.I.N.C.'s Involvement with Victims

For over twenty years, L.I.N.C. has been involved with victim issues. It is the only offender driven organization in Canada that has had survivors of serious crime on its board of directors since its inception. L.I.N.C. believes that its influence within the criminal justice system must be used to assist in the healing of victims and give them a voice. Its victims' initiatives have included:

- A ground breaking feasibility study on a healing centre for Survivors of Homicide funded by the Department of Justice Canada.
- "The Human Impact of Murder" speaking engagements where offenders and victims speak together to educate people about the impact of murder.
- Peer Support Groups for survivors of homicide
- Emma's Acres, an urban agricultural social enterprise established in the District of Mission. Its purpose is to enhance food security & assist peer support initiatives for survivors of serious crime through the positive reintegration & contributions of long-term offenders.



The outreach worker is involved in.....

Building positive changes through:

### Direct Support for Victims of Serious Crime

- One to one guidance and mentoring
- Accompaniments to court and other appointments
- Creating safety plans
- Crisis intervention
- Weekly peer support groups
- Referrals to other services in the community
- Assistance in filling out applications for extra support

### Public Speaking Engagements

- Awareness campaigns
- Educational Presentations
- National Victims of Crime Awareness Week

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