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Silent Angel Memorial - November 27, 2011

The Tenth Annual Silent Angel Memorial was held on November 27, 2011, at the Bay District Fire Hall in Lexington Park, Maryland. Approximately one hundred-twenty five (125) friends, family and supporters of the "Silent Angels" were in attendance to remember the lives of those lost their lives at the hands of another.

To honor the tenth anniversary, family and friends were asked to participate in developing a remembrance video about their Silent Angel and what the Silent Angel Ceremony has meant to them. The experience of developing the video and remembering their loved ones was well received by everyone and especially beneficial to those who participated.

This year's Silent Angel Special Guest Speaker was William Kellibrew of the William Kellibrew Foundation (<http://williamkellibrewfoundation.roundtablelive.org/>). William is an international advocate for peace and survivor of child abuse, domestic violence and family homicide. William Kellibrew was abused as a child. At ten years old, William witnessed his mother and older brother being murdered by his mother's estranged boyfriend. William's was held at gunpoint by the killer. William pled with the killer for his life and was eventually spared when the killer committed suicide. In 2008 William was invited to tell his story of "tragedy to triumph" on the Oprah Winfrey Show. In October of this year, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, William Kellibrew was honored by the White House as a 'Champion of Change' for working to reduce domestic violence and sexual assault.

The Silent Angel Memorial Foundation was established in 2002 by Eileen Bildman whose son Kevin was tragically murdered in St. Mary's County in November of 2001. Each year a special memorial ceremony is held in remembrance of the victims. During the ceremony an angel ornament is placed on a Christmas tree by the family members and the names of each homicide victim in St. Mary's County, Maryland are read aloud. The ornaments are inscribed with the name of a victim and the date they became a "Silent Angel". The Silent Angel Memorial Foundation's hope is to bring the community together to provide comfort and support to the survivors of homicide.

"Remembering those taken by the hand of another"; for more information about the Silent Angel Memorial visit there website at www.thesilentangels.org

