



August 8, 2007

Tim Miller
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Dear Mr. Miller;

Thank you for joining us on National Night Out for our Hate Crimes Candlelight Vigil, remembering David Ritcheson, Kenneth Cummings, Jr., and all the countless other people whose lives have been lost or forever changed because of hatred and intolerance. We are grateful for your attendance, especially on such short notice, as well as sharing your experiences, your obvious passion for what you do, and letting us know how much you and all the others at Texas Equusearch respect our community.

Houston has an extremely diverse population. As an agency that primarily serves the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender [GLBT] communities, when it comes to hate, we join hands with all who live in fear that they may be targeted because of their race, color, disability, religion, national origin or ancestry.

As you know, MCC provides services to survivors of hate crimes – regardless of whether or not the crime has been reported – regardless of whether the crime was anti-GLBT or motivated by another bias – and regardless of immigration status. We may provide counseling as well as advocacy to survivors who want someone to be with them when they seek medical treatment or go to file a police report. Services may be accessed around the clock through Gay & Lesbian Switchboard at 713.529.3211.

We appreciate your lighting a candle with us to foster tolerance, understanding and acceptance, and hope that our wish comes true for an end to violence resulting from ignorance and hate comes to pass.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann J. Robison".

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