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## Third Annual Grief Lecture

presented by

### Judith Lazarus

Chief Executive Officer

The Victorian Association for The Care  
and Resettlement of Offenders

**Thursday 12 June 2003**

**7 – 8 pm**  
**doors open 6.30 pm**

**Theatrette**  
**State Library of Victoria**  
**Door 3, 179 La Trobe St**  
**Melbourne**

**Cost**  
**\$10**  
**CGE members FREE**

**Bookings essential**  
**Registration closes**  
**Friday 6 June 2003**

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For the past 10 years Judith Lazarus has been the Chief Executive Officer of The Victorian Association for The Care and Resettlement of Offenders (VACRO), and has worked with the organisation for the past 17 years. She has qualifications in Social Sciences and Human Service Administration and started her work with VACRO in a Family Liaison position in D Division, Pentridge.

In this lecture, Judith will share her observations and insights into the loss and grief issues faced by prisoners and their families. Drawing upon *Doing It Hard: A Study Of The Needs Of Children And Families Of Prisoners In Victoria*, published by VACRO in 2000, she will discuss the difficulties faced by children who have a parent in jail. Judith Lazarus brings a unique perspective from which to reflect upon and examine losses resulting from a term of imprisonment.

Following her work in Pentridge, Judith moved to the then new Melbourne Remand Centre (now the Melbourne Assessment Prison), where she again represented VACRO in a Family Liaison role. She remained working in the prison for four years prior to commencing in the CEO's position. Judith's work has taken her into many prisons where she has worked directly with prisoners and in the community with ex-prisoners and their families.

In 1998 Judith's work in the prison system was formally acknowledged and she was awarded a Churchill Fellowship. She travelled to the United States, Canada and England to research and participate in programs relating to prisoners and their children. The focus of her Churchill study was to investigate and participate in programs that encouraged pro-social behaviour both with prisoners and their families.

Since returning to Melbourne, Judith has directed energy into having prisoners' families, particularly the children, recognised as often invisible victims of crime and having services resourced appropriately to address their needs.