

# ...Our Children



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## Announcements!

### The MISS Foundation is looking for a marketing expert to chair Public Relations Committee

If you have experience in event planning, marketing, and public relations and you are interested in volunteering time to help the MISS Foundation (minimum commitment is one year), please contact [info@missfoundation.org](mailto:info@missfoundation.org) or call Joanne Cacciatore at 602-574-1000.

### Request for Interview Participants

Arizona State University, Master of Social Work student, in concert with the MISS Foundation, a nonprofit, international organization that provides support to bereaved parents, is interested in learning about the experiences of lesbians and gays as bereaved parents for the purpose of developing compassionate care intervention models. If you would like to give voice to your experience as a bereaved parent with the hope of helping other bereaved lesbian and gay parents, feel free to contact Wendy Richard at 602-717-1353.

MISS has a new Toll Free Number! 1-888-455-MISS

## National Children's Memorial Day December 10, 2006

AZ MISS Foundation Chapters welcome you to join us in a sacred night of remembrance.

Sunday, December 10, 2006  
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Unity of Phoenix Church  
16th St & Greenway, Phoenix, AZ

*In their memory*  
For more details please call (602) 978-3337  
[www.missfoundation.org](http://www.missfoundation.org)

## Heartfelts & Gratitude

On November 6th, the MISS Foundation held their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Memorial Golf Tournament at Arizona State University's Karsten Golf Course. This was an important event with regards to educating the public about the MISS Foundation and fundraising. The tournament included 76 golfers and over 15 corporate sponsors including: First National Bank of Arizona, Jiffy Lube, Adventures in Learning, ISEC, Cox Communication and APS.

A special thank you goes out to all the sponsors and volunteers who helped make this event a wonderful success!

## Safe Arrivals...

### We Celebrate our Rainbows

**Anthony Joseph Tamayo**  
Son of Julian Tamayo and  
Michelle Barajas  
Little brother of Joey  
Angel Barajas

**Colton Blake Wainwright**  
July 29, 2006  
Son of Lori & Jason  
Watched over by big  
sister, Charis

**Bryler James Beamer**  
September 13, 2006  
Son of Ed and Jaimie  
Little brother of Mallory  
and Korbin  
and watched over by big  
brother, Keegan

**Haven Marie Chapman**  
June 15, 2006  
Beloved child of  
Baxter and Gia

**Madylan Ava Richardson**  
Precious daughter of  
Devon and Brandy  
Watched over by big  
brother, Carter

# Letters From The MISS Mailbox...



Dear MISS,  
I got my new edition of MISSING Angels yesterday and saw that you included Susannah in recent losses. Thank you so much. I was wondering, How do I get Susannah's picture on those lovely picture memorial pages? And what about the letters and poems and such? Thank you so much for all you do. God Bless,  
Carie

*Dear Carie,  
Thank you for your email. Poetry, letters, pictures and articles can be submitted to [info@missfoundation.org](mailto:info@missfoundation.org).*

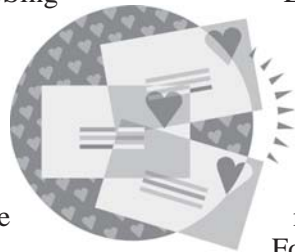
*We're here to support you and other families through the tragedy of a child's death.*

*In their memory,  
Joanne Cacciatore*

Dear MISS,  
Do you happen to know if the state of California issues Certificates of Birth resulting in Stillbirth? I am going to attempt to find out the answer to this from the Office of Vital Records in my county, but I thought your organization might have the answer. I know I will have to go through quite a bit of red tape with a county office to find the answer I am looking for. Thank you for your time and attention to my question.  
Kirsten Pert  
Bereaved parent of Emma

*Dear Kristen,  
Unfortunately, California does not offer the CBRS yet. We are currently working on legislation there. Our California representative, Kelly Gehris, will be in touch with you to let you know how you can help advance our efforts in your state. Her email is [Kelly\\_G@missfoundation.org](mailto:Kelly_G@missfoundation.org)*

*Thank you for your email. Please stay in touch. In their memory,  
Joanne Cacciatore, LMSW, FT*



Dear MISS Foundation,  
Enclosed is a check representing a portion of the royalty payments for Forgotten Grief: A Grandmother's Journey through Grief. I am so pleased to be sending this modest contribution. MISS Foundation is such a beacon in the dark, lonely night for so many bereaved families. This donation is made in memory of my precious granddaughter, Maddy, who will never be forgotten.  
Peace,  
Nina Bennett

Greetings!  
My name is Hausia Taufu'i. I am a chaplain at Middlemore Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand. I am currently working on my MA (Chaplaincy) project: What are culturally appropriate ways of supporting Tongan families at time of infant death...I think the work and research done by Dr. John DeFrain in the South Pacific would help me in my study. I am now seeking to read or be able to have a copy of his work in the South Pacific.

Your help is very much appreciated.  
Peace,  
Hausia Taufu'i

*Dear Hausia,  
Thank you for your email. We work a great deal in the field of culturally competent care to families. I'll forward you some information for review, and of course, we welcome your questions.*

*Thank you for all you do to help families.  
Sincerely,  
Joanne Cacciatore, LMSW, FT*

Dear MISS ,  
My name is Beth and I am a NICU nurse in Richmond Virginia. I wanted to

let you know that I made a copy of "Dearest Mommy" (including credits to the author and mention of the MISS Foundation). It was included with the card of sympathy sent to a very special mom of a child we had on our unit for 10 months. I am sorry I didn't ask permission first but I didn't think you would mind. That is one of the most beautiful poems I have ever read.

I also want to thank you for your work. It has been a very traumatic time for our unit. We have lost 5 babies in the last month and that is VERY unusual. I know the grief the staff feels. It's not something you can leave at work. I can't even imagine the grief of the parents. Stumbling across your website has helped me to attempt to provide comfort in what is seemingly a comfortless situation.

Do you have or have you considered putting together a pamphlet that we could give to parents in this unique situation? I am thinking of a sort of quick reference that consolidates the information we give them at a time when very little is being absorbed. Again, thank you for all you do.  
Beth B., RN  
NICU

*Dear Beth,  
We do indeed...in fact, we're working on production of an updated version right now...it's a wonderful little booklet.*

*You are welcome to purchase it from us or download it free from the website when it is ready. Please email me in about two weeks and I'll let you know the status!*

*Also, let us know how we can help you and your staff through your own grief experiences. The work you do is so very important and it is clear you have deep and sincere compassion for your families.  
Thank you,  
Joanne Cacciatore, LMSW, FT*





Dear Joshua,

It has been almost two years since I gave birth to you and your twin sister, Kayla. It has been almost two years, 32 weeks, and five days since I got pregnant; 1 year and 11 months since I found out something was wrong with your sister, BUT that you were perfect.

Many times, we as grieving parents choose to write to our Heavenly angels for their birthdays. I, on the other hand, thought that it would be better to write to you about both of my beautiful children. From the moment I found out I was pregnant with twins, I was determined to treat you equally. You both, and any subsequent children I may have, will always be number one in my heart. No matter how many times you see me cry for your sister because I miss her, do not forget that I love you just as much. Every time I complain that my arms ache to hold her again,

do not forget that my arms are healed - even if for a little while - by your warm, loving arms. Every time that I scream out to God, "Why did you take her away," do not forget that I also rejoice and say "Thank you God! Thank you for giving me a healthy, beautiful son!"

See, I am afraid that one day, you will be the one to hurt the most. You because you will not remember the touch of your twin sister. You will not remember that on your "picture day" in the NICU, after the nurse put you in Kayla's bed, that you immediately put your hand on her arm, as if to tell her you loved her. Your arms may ache, you may scream at God for not letting your sister be here physically with you, and you may feel like part of you is missing. Never forget that your sister will always be a part of your soul, your heart, and a part of every one of us.

So on your second birthday this year, please know that when I cry, it is because I love you and because I will never get to see the two of you physically together opening your presents and fighting over the first piece of birthday cake. I will never get to watch the two of you run after each other. I do know that every time we see a butterfly fly by, your sister is waving "hello" to us. Kayla is never too far away from our hearts. Whenever we need her, we will just close our eyes and picture her as we see her up in Heaven, playing in the clouds with all her angel friends.

Happy 2nd Birthday Joshua! I love you Bear!

Happy 2nd Birthday Kayla. We MISS and love you more than words could ever say.

Mommy



## **MISS Foundation Featured in People Magazine:**

*The Fight to Recognize Stillborn Infants Makes Mainstream Media*

The MISS Foundation is pleased to announce that our efforts in passing the MISSing Angels Bill are being featured in People Magazine's December 11th issue, which will hit newsstands on Friday, December 1, 2006. This means 18 million readers around the world will know about our state-by-state battle for stillborn infants and their families.

Several members of the MISS Foundation's legislative team, including CEO, Joanne Cacciatore and Washington State Leader, Liz Allen are featured

in an interview and photographic spread on this issue.

We hope that everyone will read the article and share your thoughts and stories with us, which will be posted on the MISS Foundation website ([www.missfoundation.org](http://www.missfoundation.org)) and/or our MISSing Angels Newsletter. Please email your feedback and stories to [mary@missfoundation.org](mailto:mary@missfoundation.org).

Thank you to People Magazine for bringing awareness to this important issue by telling millions of people about our children, and to all of our volunteers who have worked so hard to get this legislation introduced in their state.

# Donate Your Old Cell Phones to Help MISS!

## Inactive Cell Phone Fundraiser

I am collecting inactive cell phones (no chargers) as a way to raise funds for the MISS Foundation. Please collect old, inactive phones and bring them in to our MISS facilitators. Facilitators will collect the phones and send them to me. I will be sending them in bulk each time I collect 50 phones. The company will be paying us anywhere from \$2 to \$50 per phone, depending on the type of phones.

Please ask your friends, family, and neighbors for any cell phones they no longer use, and help the MISS Foundation to continue its good work!

Thank you,  
Sue Ann, Kylie's Nana  
For more info contact:  
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Time is too slow for those who wait,  
Too swift for those who fear,  
Too long for those who grieve,  
Too short for those who rejoice,  
But for those who love,  
Time is eternity.

~ Henry Van Dyke

*To the families of these children,  
our sympathies for your recent loss...*

Conner David Wolfe  
Taylen McComiskey  
Breckin Riis Hummel  
John Donald "J.D." Hakes  
Tiger Abigale White  
Maizee Booher  
Jakob Ochoa  
Isaac Lee Gipson  
Isabella Gondolfo  
Soraya Carolina Olazabal  
Luca Elio Troncoso  
Liana & Kaiel Campbell  
Nathan Cunningham



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Jordan Rader  
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Submitted in memory of Cheyenne Cacciatore, by her mother, Joanne

*ON VISITING THE GRAVE OF MY STILLBORN LITTLE GIRL*

I made a vow within my soul, O child,  
When thou wert laid beside my weary heart,  
With marks of Death on every tender part,  
That, if in time a living infant smiled,  
Winning my ear with gentle sounds of love  
In sunshine of such joy, I still would save  
A green rest for thy memory, O Dove!  
And oft times visit thy small, nameless grave.  
Thee have I not forgot, my firstborn, thou  
Whose eyes ne'er opened to my wistful gaze,  
Whose suff' rings stamped with pain thy little brow;  
I think of thee in these far happier days,  
And thou, my child, from thy bright heaven see  
How well I keep my faithful vow to thee.

~Elizabeth Gaskell  
July 4, 1836

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