

...Our Children



Hailey Lynn



Harley Michael
D'Argenio



Hope Elizabeth Gale



Jacob Thomas DeAngelo



Hope Christine Barker



Jenna Marie Zanger



Lydell Epps, Jr.



Makenzie Trinity Bennett



Maxwell Herman



Megan Rowley



Melody Joy Munsen



Nola n James Halligan



Robert J. Harris



Shawn W. Scaturro



Trey Brayden Roper



Riley Oharra



Sarah & Grace Susie Bain



Announcements!

**The Silent Auction at the MISS Foundation/
EKR Foundation Conference was a huge
success !!**

**We wish to thank our generous donors for
their auction prizes and gift baskets:**

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New H.O.P.E. Project

The MISS Foundation announces the launching of its Helping Other Parents Endure "H.O.P.E." Project. This project connects newly bereaved parents with another parent who has lost a child to death for friendship, peer counseling, and support. It is a restructuring of our current peer contacts program.

It requires a bereaved parent who is one year down the road of grief and who is willing to commit to helping others and walking with others who are newly bereaved. You would need to be willing to provide contact numbers and an email address. You would also need to commit to returning calls from your assigned HOPE parents within 24 hours. The HOPE Project will include local support in various states and online HOPE Mentors. If you are interested in becoming a HOPE Leader online or in your local area, please contact info@missfoundation.org or call 623.979.1000.

Safe Arrivals... We Celebrate our Rainbows

Davoud Mansour Brame

December 27, 2005

Proud parents Heather and David
Brother of Donnalee Naral Nelson Brame

Giselle Gabriella Sanchez Wilson

March 15, 2006

Daughter of Andra and Roberto
We remember with love her big brother Dominick

MISS Music CD Single

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Peterson. Get your personal copy today of this beautiful song by visiting www.missfoundation.org and clicking on the "The Miss Store"!

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Letters From The MISS Mailbox...



Dear Dana,

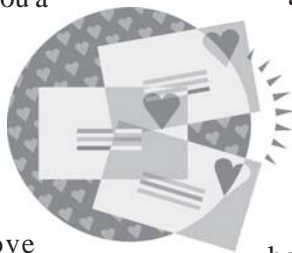
I just returned from visiting Kylie this morning and I wanted to drop you a note to thank you once again for allowing me to be a part of your sweet angel's life.

I was once again reminded this morning as I sat next to Kylie's graveside of how important it is to love unconditionally and to always pass happiness on to others. I am also reminded that it is my purpose here on earth to work with special needs children because no matter how tough it may be on hard days like today, the rewards I receive outweigh those hard days. Kylie has been one of those biggest rewards in my career Dana..She has taught me so much....The love she spread throughout my agency, amongst my staff, the things she has taught us, are unexplainable, Dana. We will never forget Kylie. Thank you so much for sharing Kylie with us and may God Bless you and your family today and everyday.

Sincerely,
Carmen Clemente
Providers Who Care

Dear MISS Foundation,
Thank you for remembering Kody! God bless you for remembering our little son, Kody Stevens Rye, on his birthday and honoring his memory. This gesture was so very meaningful to our entire family. Please accept this donation in memory of Kody and in honor of the wonderful work of the MISS Foundation.

With Gratitude and Love,
Brooke Rye



Dear MISS,

My name is Andrea. I have a beautiful and strong mother named Sheila.

When my brother and I were younger, on Mother's Day, my mom would always remind us of how much she appreciated being our mom, how grateful she was to be our mother. She would give us a single carnation, and a handmade card.

This Mother's Day, as for the past few years, my mother will leave a single carnation on the grave of her only son.

On June 8th, my mom and I will have a few of our/his close friends join us for a Mass in memory of my brother, Evan, who was taken from us in the rain, on June 8th, 2003.

Every time it rains, every time it's sunny out, every happy time, and every sad, every get-together, every moment of solitude....we think of Evan, and miss him, love him, cry to him, cry for him. The pain is not one that can be expressed in words.

In his short 17 years, Evan accomplished so many things, cared for and loved so many people, grew such charisma, such zest, such a sense of humour and such an incredible, generous heart. He built so many strong friendships, including a never ending devotion to God. In his 17 short years, Evan soared.

ONE WHO SOARS would certainly fit my brother. He has always soared and he always will.



On June 8th, when we gather to remember my brother, I would love to be able to give each of his friends a white ONE WHO SOARS wristband. I would like to send one to each of our family members as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

God Bless,
Andrea
Edmonton AB
Canada

Dear MISS,

Thanks so much for your article "Am I Losing My Mind?". I just happened to be thinking that ... I have had symptoms of anxiety, but I'd been thinking that the anxiety was a separate response to the extremely stressful situation, I had not been seeing it as a part of the grieving process. It makes me feel a lot better and in control to see this as a part of a normal response to loss than to see myself as having had a very out of control anxiety experience.

Thanks again and take care,
B .A.





Community Heroes of Compassion; Professionals Who Serve with Care

May/June Spotlight:
Kim Parrish



Kim Parrish received her BSN from ASU in 1993. Prior to graduating she was a nurse extern on the medical-oncology floor of Maricopa Medical Center. Her first position as an RN was at Good Samaritan Medical Center on the medical-pulmonary unit, with floating shifts to the transplant unit, surgical unit, and the neurology unit. After one and a half years and invaluable learning experiences, she received an opportunity to work in the area that most interested her, labor and delivery.

In July of 1995 she started at St. Joseph's Hospital in the high and low risk delivery areas. Her first experience with infant death was a baby born too early to survive. The mom was Hispanic, and though communication on the verbal level was difficult, a bond was formed through non-verbal communication, and a lasting impression was made. She quickly became the nurse others looked to when tragedy came to the unit.

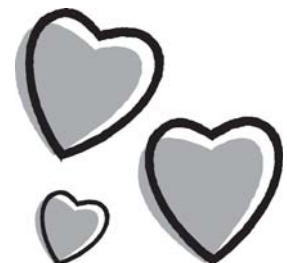
After one year, Kim took a second job at an OB/GYN physician's office. Through phone triage, much was learned about the emotional aspects of pregnancy and the struggles of some patients. It was very rewarding for Kim to be a source of support and good listener. She continued her work at St. Joseph's on a part-time basis.

After the birth of her first daughter, Kim gave up her positions downtown for closer to home and fewer hours. She took a position at John C. Lincoln Hospital-Deer Valley on the labor and delivery unit. The small, low census unit allowed for time to work on improving the literature and bereavement materials for their bereavement program. Just as before, it was quickly

apparent that Kim had a heart for working with families during their most heartbreaking time. Two years later saw the closing of this small unit and another move for Kim, not too far, to the John C. Lincoln Birthing Center at the North Mountain Campus. Shortly after the move she had her second daughter and her work scheduled decreased again.

Once back to work on a regular basis she was approached to be the bereavement coordinator for the unit, which she eagerly accepted. She first went through the Gunderson Lutheran RTS training and began a long process of updating the bereavement program and developing a memory book for the hospital. She has had so much wonderful help and met so many beautiful souls along the way that the experience could not be any more rewarding. The program is still in construction phase, the birth of her son slowed her down again. She knows that even when things are more put together there will always be room for growth and improvement and tailoring to fit each family's needs.

Kim feels the loss of her first baby at only 10 weeks gestation gave her a deeper appreciation of motherhood and of her 3 living children. When Kim talks about her work she very often hears "how can you do that, isn't it hard?" and she thinks "how can I not?"



“So which individual is truly the strong and courageous one? It must be the one who faces the painful force- the one who has the courage to tell others the truth about their sorrow- the one who, instead of running, stands and faces the inconceivable challenges of grief- the one who isn’t afraid to share the raw emotions of grief with others, to encourage understanding and compassion- the one who will reach out to others in grief and help carry another. Those are the defining attributes of true and indisputable courage and strength.”

By Joanne Cacciatore

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

*Emma Addison Simpkins
Melissa Ross
Ricardo Villa
Ty Hintze
Timothy Austin Eager
Alejandro Franco*



*Chance Thomas Dubell
James Armstrong
Ava Gioconda Barquist
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I tried to imagine what your grief is like...I imagined a storm and you showed me a flood. I imagined emptiness and you showed me endless expanses of the universe. I tried to imagine but could not understand until you showed me.

~Lt. Aaron Espy

Newsletter Articles

If you would like to submit an article or photo to be published in the MISSING Angels Newsletter, you may do so by emailing it to info@missfoundation.org.

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~ Joanne Cacciatore