

...Our Children



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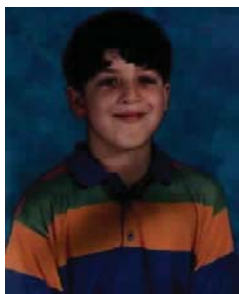
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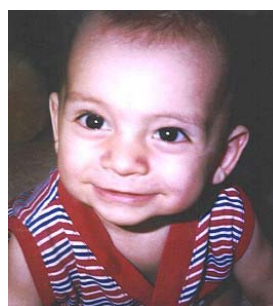
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*Without our volunteers,
we could not do what we do !!*

Safe Arrivals... We Celebrate our Rainbows

Xiomara Rachelle Diaz
April 14, 2006 at 7:05 a.m.

Baby sister to Nate, Raider Dezire and our angel Gabriella. She was 7 lbs. 5.4 oz. She has brought so much joy to our family, and has reminded us how precious life and family really is.

Levy-Anne Stiffler
August 5, 2006 at 9:36 p.m.

She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 inches long Proud parents Angela and Nathan, and big brothers Christian, Brandon and her brother in heaven, Cody Elijah Iverson.

Announcements!

6th Annual
Children's
Memorial Golf
Tournament



Date: Monday, November 6th

**Location: ASU Karsten Golf Course
1125 E. Rio Salado Pkwy.
Tempe, AZ 85281**

**Registration: 11:30 a.m.
Shotgun Start: 12:30 p.m.**

**Entry Fee: \$150 per player includes
includes buffet dinner
or \$100 per player for MISS Families**

**Join us for a great day of golf!
Ping Tournament Prizes, Raffle Prizes,
Silent Auction, Prize Holes, and MORE!**

**Register on-line today at:
www.missfoundation.org
For more info call: 480-513-2222**

**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

Letters From The MISS Mailbox...



Dear MISS,

Thank you for sending me the information about your organization. You cannot imagine how much you have helped me and my family.

I look forward to receiving the newsletters every month now and you've given me and my family hope that one day the pain will not be as bad.

God bless you and all the wonderful people who help you do your work. You saved us at a time of terrible pain and sorrow.

Thank you is not enough.

Jennifer M.
Mother of Isaac John

Dear MISS,

I am a student at The University of Alabama taking a Loss and Bereavement class. I have read your website and find that it has been very helpful. If you have any brochures dealing with death, grief or children I would very much appreciate the opportunity to purchase them.

Thank you,

Elizabeth M.

Dear MISS,

We are a small group of people that has been asked to make a little booklet for sick-visiting ladies from local parishes.



The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada has formed a Pastoral Council which has asked two of us Sisters to assemble a little booklet of perhaps 50 pages that can be used by people visiting the sick in hospitals and homes.

May we have permission to (use) all or part of the article on your website? "The Do's and Don'ts of Grief Support"? Our booklet will have tips about how to visit different people — children, elderly, those with dementia, deaf, etc. About 200 copies of this booklet would be printed, and it will be distributed for free principally to ladies' organizations of our parishes.

Thank you!

Sister Michaila, SSJ
Sick Visiting Booklet Committee,
Archeparchial Pastoral Council
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dear Sister Michaila,

We are honored to grant you permission to reprint and use our educational materials for your good work.

Please let us know how else we may be of service.

Sincerely,
Joanne Cacciatore, LMSW, FT

Dear MISS,

I was truly moved on all levels and anticipate with excitement the new opportunities made available to me for having attended the (MISS and EKR Foundation) conference.

I am a college student in Omaha, Nebraska... and plan to speak with the Psychology Department to share my experience with them in hopes that other students may have the opportunity to experience this conference. Words cannot begin to express my gratitude!!

Sincerely,

Tracy Rouse

Dear MISS,

The conference was so very inspirational for me. I enjoyed meeting you and appreciate the gifts you give those who have lost a child..

May God bless you!
Juanita Miller

Dear MISS,

What an amazing conference!
Outstanding presenters, well orchestrated, fantastic volunteers!
Overall outstanding job!

Thank you,
Bob and Sharon Cottor
Ryan House



Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Project Linus was honored to give blankets to the children at the 2006 MISS Conference held at the Radisson Resort in Fountain Hills. Our mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

Project Linus began on Christmas Eve in 1995. It all started when Karen Loucks saw an article in Parade Magazine entitled 'Joy to the World' by Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist, Eddie Adams. Part of the article featured a petite, downy haired child. She had been going through intensive chemotherapy and stated that her security blanket helped her get through the treatments. Karen was understandably touched, and decided to do something about it. She made the decision to provide homemade security blankets to Denver's Rocky Mountain Children's Cancer Center. With love and compassion, **Project Linus** was born.

Originally the project targeted pediatric cancer patients but its focus has broadened to include seriously ill or traumatized children ... children in need of a big hug. Since its start **Project Linus** has delivered over 1.5 million security blankets to children who need a "blanket hug".

Project Linus is always looking for volunteers. So, how can you help? This is the heartwarming part. You make the blanket. Your love and hard work go into creating a blanket that will be clutched in a child's arms when he or she is in pain or looking for comfort. After you knit, crochet, sew or quilt a blanket contact the nearest **Project Linus** chapter. They will make sure it is delivered to a child in need.

Project Linus gratefully accepts donations of fabric (cotton, fleece and flannel), acrylic yarn and batting as well as monetary donations. Contact your nearest chapter for specific blanket sizes and needs.

For more information on the Phoenix metro chapters call Judie Agee, 480-837-6323 or log on to www.PhoenixPL.org

To locate **Project Linus** chapters in the United States, log on to www.projectlinus.org

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same wind, and slowly, without our knowing, Oliver created a certain power around us that changed all of our lives. I cannot explain Oliver's influence except to say that the powerless in our world do hold great power. The weak do confound the mighty.

When I was in my early twenties, I met a girl and fell in love. After a few months, I brought her home for dinner to meet my family. After the introductions, the small talk, my mother went to the kitchen to check the meal, and I asked the girl, "Would you like to see Oliver?" for I had, of course, told her about my brother. "No," she answered. She did not want to see him.

It was as if she slapped me in the face. Yet, I just said something polite and walked to the dining room.

Soon after, I met Roe, Rosemary, a dark-haired, dark-eyed, lovely girl. She asked me the names of my brothers and sisters. She bought me a copy of *The Little Prince*. She loved children. I thought she was wonderful. I brought her home after a few months to meet my family. The introductions. The small talk. We ate dinner; then it was time for me to feed Oliver.

I walked into the kitchen, reached for the red bowl and the egg and the cereal and the milk and the banana, and prepared Oliver's meal. Then, I remember, I sheepishly asked Roe if

she'd like to come upstairs and see Oliver. "Sure," she said, and up the stairs we went.

I sat at Oliver's bedside as Roe stood and watched over my shoulder. I gave him his first spoonful, his second. "Can I do that?" Roe asked. "Can I do that?" she asked with ease, with freedom, with compassion. So I gave her the bowl, and she fed Oliver one spoonful at a time.

The power of the powerless. Which girl would you marry? Today, Roe and I have three children.

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The MISS Foundation cordially invites all children to attend a Holiday Workshop in Arizona!

Who: Children ages 5 and older who have lost a sibling

What: A Holiday Workshop where we will be hosting activities to help children face the upcoming holiday season.

Where: Arizona State University, West Campus, Room 261 UCB

When: November 11, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

RSVP: Please RSVP by November 1, 2006 to either Laura Stradley at (480) 636-1725 or Robin Kennedy at (602) 547-1244 (please feel free to leave voice messages).

Stay tuned to www.missfoundation.org for more information



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My Little Angel

My little angel's gone from this place.
God replaced her with His mercy and grace.
Doesn't seem fair, doesn't feel right,
That I can't even kiss my angel good night.

But God Himself has brought me to this place,
Not just to my knees, but flat on my face.
Bowing to Him, as He's wanted all along,
Praising my Father through prayer and song.

So just for the moment, just for a little while,
I'll have to close my eyes to see her precious smile.
But when I open them at Heaven's gate,
I'll know then that it was worth the wait!

- For Michelle Stanton Turner by Kristy Turner (Mommy),
March 15, 2006

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



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Holding You

By Jenn Widener

I close my eyes and I can still see you.
I can almost feel you in my arms.
The weight of your head nestled in my arms.
The feel of your silky hair brushing my arm.

Your long legs are stretched out across my lap.
Your soft bum rests on my legs.
You've grown so much, my little girl, my little Angel.

I can almost feel you in my arms.
I stroke your soft, round cheeks,
Look at your beautiful, deep brown eyes.
You see more than what is in front of you.

I hold your tight-fisted hands,
Working your fingers open,
Stroking the smooth, warm skin,
Smelling the baby-soft scent of you.

You have been released.
You now soar with the angels.
I hold these memories, and, in my dreams, I hold you.

In Memory of April Louise Widener, July 17, 1990 to April 3, 1993

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.

The deadline for the Newsletter is the 20th of the month prior to publication. For example, all articles for the November/December issue are due October 20, 2006.

All articles are subject to editing. Due to space limitations, the MISS Foundation reserves the right not to publish articles, or any photograph that is graphic in nature.



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"There's no tragedy in life like the death of a child, things never get back to the way they were."

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower