
Kindness Project: Tyler's Bear Drives

Every year since their son, Tyler, died, the Abarr's have participated in a very special Kindness Project to honor him. They collect teddy bears for Peoria's Police and Fire Departments. We thought we'd share our photo journal of their success! As you can see, in 2001, the Abarr's collected a lot of bears that will be distributed to children in crisis situations within the community. Thank you to all the families who have participated throughout the years! For more information on the Kindness Project or to read some truly awe-inspiring KP Stories, visit the Kindness Project link on the website www.misschildren.org.



One person with a belief is equal to a
force of ninety-nine
who have only interests."

- John Stuart Mill

West Virginia MISS Family Honoring Daughter

By Bill Byrd (adapted and reprinted)
Times West Virginian Staff Writer

Amy Jo Treadway only lived six hours. But the premature infant's short life and her parents' love for her will benefit mothers and babies in southern West Virginia's flood zone. "Two-and-a-half years ago, I held my only child in my arms as she died, just six hours after being born," said Lisa Treadway, 40, of Bunner Ridge.

She and her husband, Tim, also 40, decided recently to donate baby care items, like diapers and formula, to the relief campaign in memory of Amy Jo. The Times West Virginian and WDTV News Channel 5 are sponsors of the "Hands

Across West Virginia" campaign for victims of the July 8 flooding...Lisa's parents and friends, including an Internet support group known as The MISS Foundation (Mothers in Sympathy and Support,) also chipped in to buy the baby supplies.

Amy Jo's life and death are too fresh in Lisa's heart and mind, so she couldn't part with items she and Tim had bought for her baby's nursery, she said Thursday. The nursery hasn't been touched since the day they buried Amy Jo. "Tim still won't even go into her room. I go into it to cry," she said. But worrying about mothers with newborns in the flood zone spurred the couple to action. "We want to show that even in death,

Amy Jo continues to matter."

She always leaves a (MISS Foundation) Kindness Project card stating: "This Random Act of Kindness was done in Loving Memory of our Beautiful Child, Amy Jo." "Some people may think that's strange, particularly after all this time. But I don't. I will speak Amy Jo's name and will continue to do anything I can to keep her memory alive." Her shopping expedition Thursday was a personal milestone.

"Today was the first day I was able to walk through the baby section of a store without crying. I know Amy Jo is smiling down at me now."

Listen to the Children

by Wendy Marten Maltbey

A Mother's Reverie

*Along the path I make my way
Deliberate and studied*

*Needles of majestic Sonoma redwoods
Lie wet with nostalgic pungency*

*Uneven patches of dampness form
Shadows on my shoes.*

*Ahead, the worn and silvered bench
rests steadfast*

*Names once etched in the fibrous grain
Now hidden by time's passing.*

*Treasure of childhood secrets
Let me again hear their laughter as*

*They played over you so long ago
Sweet memories, scattered like leaves*

Into a kaleidoscope of yesterdays.

*If only we could live them
Once more.*

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Wendy Marten Maltbey is a facilitator for the Sibling Compassionate Friends-WauMara chapter.

She seemed to handle it very well, almost aloof at times. Definitely keeping as much distance from Todd and the hospital as possible, and no one pushed her. It made sense. It was easier. And we thought we were protecting her. She was a child and she was simply pushed aside.

In reality it was her way to deny. Keeping as far away from the pain as possible, she kept out the horrible truth. The truth was that our family was crumbling. She claimed she didn't want us but desperately needed us. Nel came and stayed at the hospital to donate bone marrow and became a part of Todd. She was included and was important. Then Todd died.

She needed her parents so terribly but they were understandably so consumed with grief. I tried to reach my little sister, but she lashed out. She pulled away screaming, I hate you. As some time went by, I hoped she would feel more positive towards me; she didn't. Our parents were beside themselves. They had just lost one child and couldn't reach the other.

So, I took a chance and I approached her again. This time with honesty. She fought me at first, but then we actually shared and cried. It was one first step that led to family counseling. We found out so much of what Nel was feeling but held inside because we seemed so unapproachable. She didn't want to discuss his death because we would cry. She was confused by her own feelings of grief and her friends negative feelings toward her. But most of all she felt resentment. She felt she had not just lost her brother, but her entire family. For a short time in essence this was true. She felt less loved, much less loved than him. We overlooked her and it was the biggest mistake we could have made.

We are all a lot older now. We lost Dad two years after Todd. More grief, but it was different this time for us. My sister is almost twenty-five years old and still has

resentments of her brother's death. If I were to do it all over again, I've learned how things could be different. Nel would have been included in adult family discussions. I would have taken a few minutes to tell her how much I love her. I would have gone to my parents sooner with my concerns. But most of all, I would have told her how glad I was that she is still here with me.

Children of all ages need to grieve. They need to be included. Adults and children grieve differently. But the need remains the same.

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Editors Note: Please see page 23 for information on our children's support groups. In addition, don't forget to enroll your children in the 2002 Children's Retreat at the MISS Foundation's conference. Family Scholarships are available based on financial need.

This is a story of my baby sister. She died when she was a baby and so my mom cried a lot. I took care of my mom by hugging her a lot every day and we would look at pictures of my little sister together. My mom got better but her heart and my heart is still broken. My sister would be in kindergarten this year. I wish she would be alive now but she is not and I miss her and my mom misses her too. Every year at Christmas we buy her a special ornament with her name on it. And I make her one too. Mom usually cries about that too, but she says it is okay and we hug.

This is a story about my sister and how much I love her and my mom loves her too.

Love,
Stevie Jo, Written for a school project at age 9

Support Our MISSION!

ITEM DESCRIPTION	SIZE	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Kindness Cards, please indicate quantity and price: 10 card set for \$1.00 50 card set for \$6.00 100 card set for \$10.00 250 card set for \$25.00 Circle Type of Card: For Parents - or - For Everyone Else		circle: 10 50 100 250	\$2.00 \$7.00 \$11.00 \$23.00	
MISS Foundation "Angel" T-shirt Avail sizes: KIDS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL			\$15.00	
<i>Kaleidoscope of Grief</i> —Children's Grief Workbook	n/a		\$5.00	
<i>Kaleidoscope of Grief</i> —en espanol	n/a		\$5.00	
Angel Pin (please specify boy or girl)			\$5.00	
Newsletter Annual Subscription Voluntary DONATION	n/a		\$13.00	
<i>Dear Cheyenne</i> Grief OR Passages Memorial Books			\$8.00 per	
<i>Sacred Hearts</i> —MISS Foundation Logo Necklace	20" Ch	See cover	\$60.00	
ADD \$4 SHIPPING TO ALL ORDERS				\$4.00
TOTAL ORDER				
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Peoria, AZ 85385

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MISS Foundation Chapters Outside of Arizona

California—Riverside

2nd Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m.
Hunt Park Community Center
4015 Jackson St
909-686-2686 Mia

Idaho - Boise / Southern Idaho

First Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM
The Cathedral of the Rockies
First United Methodist Church
Grief resource Library access
*Facilitators: Joel's Parents,
Nancy and Peter Grayson*
208-861-2407 joelsmom@quest.net

Ohio

1st Thursday of month, 7:00 p.m..
16195 State Rt 170
East Liverpool, Ohio
(330) 385-8774 Kym Smith

California—Arcadia

3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.
Arcadia Congregational Church
Prince Erick Hall
626-357-4816 Jana Vorhis

Missouri—Hannibal

Last Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express, Meeting Room
4000 Market St, Hannibal
Tscscorpio@homestead.com Tamela Cole

Washington—Seattle

3rd Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m.
24012 Vashon Hwy SW, Room 3
Vashon Island, WA 98070
206-251-6706 Kara Jones

California—Ocean Side

For information on this group contact
760-806-9812 Alisa Detwiler

New Jersey— Galloway Twp

1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
Galloway Twp
Municipal Building, Historical Room
609-601-0563 Kathy Evans

Virginia, Wash DC and Maryland

First Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Ctr Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia
Jackie@misschildrenDC.org

Georgia—Douglas

3rd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
Coffee Regional Medical Center
912-384-1900 Ricky Wildes

New York— Yonkers

(Call or email for times/dates)
The Plymouth House
1730 Central Park Av, Yonkers
Sammismom917@aol.com
914-378-1613 Jennine Jo Shull or
Suzanne DiMarzo

Illinois—Sandwich

4th Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
Salem Lutheran Church
Lower level dining area
1022 Main St, Sandwich
Angie@thefarleys.com Angela

Maryland — Westminster

1st Monday of month, 7:00 p.m.
Church of the Brethren in
Westminster, Maryland
Info: Lisa 443-415-4445

A Native American grandfather was talking to his grandson about how he felt. He said, I feel as if I have two wolves fighting in my heart. One wolf is the vengeful, angry, violent one. The other wolf is the loving, compassionate one. The grandson asked him, 'which wolf will win the fight in your heart?' The grandfather answered, 'The one that I feed...'

Volunteers Needed!

If you are an experienced, professional web designer willing to donate some time to the MISS Foundation website team under direction of our webmaster, Jami Garrison, please contact us at info@misschildren.org.

If you are willing to volunteer to help at the 2002 conference, please contact us at 623.979.1000 or email joanne@misschildren.org. We need volunteers for the kids programs and for the sales booth, registration, and memorial service.

Thank you to our website team for the vigilant efforts to continue and expand our wonderful presence on the web:

Jami Garrison
Heather Farrier
Alisa Detwiler
Jim Nibali

Nicole Dougherty

And joining us to assemble the 2002 Conference site,
Jeff Garza

We appreciate everything that you do!

MISS Foundation Support Groups

Arizona

Phoenix Monthly Meetings

Infant Death Support Group

3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.
Heritage Church
5830 W Greenbriar Road
(59th Ave, North of Bell Rd)
623-979-1000 (24 hours)

Phoenix Christian Support Group

Term Stillbirth thru 2 years of age

Meets every 6 weeks
Pure Heart Christian Fellowship
17855 N Black Canyon Hwy
Pre-register with Kellie Gatewood
602-866-3645

East Valley Infant Loss Support Group

1st Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.
DaySpring United Methodist Church
1365 E Elliott Rd, Room 201
Facilitator: Lee Ann Morlan
480-963-9844
Lamorlan@home.com

Subsequent Pregnancy Support Group

2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
Church of the Beatitudes - meets in nursery
555 W Glendale Ave
(SE Corner 7th Av/Glendale)
Babies are welcome at this group!
602-439-9025 Anna Kennedy

KISS—Kids In Sympathy & Support For Kids in Grief NorthWest Valley

4th Saturday of each month, 10:00 a.m.
Heritage Church
5830 W Greenbriar
(59th Ave, North of Bell Rd)
602-547-1244 Robin and Ed Kennedy

Central Valley Infant Death Meetings

2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
North Hills Church
15025 N 19th Ave, bldg C
(19th Ave and Greenway Rd)
602-841-4114

Prescott

3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
Prescott Public Library Mtg Room
BJMARI@yrmc.org Bonnie Mari

KISS—Kids In Sympathy & Support For Kids in Grief SouthEast Valley

2nd Saturday of each month, 2:00 p.m.
Dayspring United Methodist Church
1365 E Elliott, Rooms 201 and 202
(between McClintock and Rural)
480-814-7013 Jim Nibali

Support Group for Couples

Meets in Donor Network of AZ Bldg
201 W Coolidge
Phoenix, Arizona
A few blocks S of Camelback
Contact Richard Olsen for meeting times

Arizona Peer Contacts

If you need one on one support and friendship contact one of our Peer Contact Volunteers:

Carl and Heidi Brashears	623-412-3131
Juleigh Fullerton	623-587-1914
Lee Ann Morlan	480-963-9844
Kellie and Nathan Gatewood	602-866-3645
Tom and Traci Johnson	602-789-8068
Alan and Karen Wondra	623-412-9806
Andy Castellanos	623-780-9546
Linda Schmidt	602-362-8838
Anne Rumps (Tucson)	520-795-4712
Ed and Robin Kennedy	602-547-1244
Jim Nibali	480-814-7013

(Toddler Contact):

Heather Lewis	623-334-4044
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(Subsequent Pregnancy/Family Planning):

Anna Kennedy	602-439-9025
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(Drowning/Accidents):

Katie Hodge	602-571-8758
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(Spanish Contact):

Alicia Cunningham	623-772-1358
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Mindy Runyan	928-757-2348
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Our 2002 Wish List for the National Office:

Copy Machine
New Computers
New Printers
Paper
Postcards for Memorial Cards
Envelopes

Children's Supplies such as:
Crayons
Markers
Craft Making Items
Balloons
Nametags

And of course, because we do not receive federal or state funding, any donations for our Family Services program are greatly appreciated. If you are able to help with the above needs contact our office. If you are able to help by making a monetary donation, you may send it to: MISS Foundation, Memorial Donations, PO Box 5333, Peoria, Arizona, 85385

Thank you!

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tion!

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You cannot teach a man anything, you can only help him to find it within himself.

-Galileo