

## MISS Foundation Chapters Outside of Arizona

### **Merced, California**

Facilitator, Kim Lotz  
Kim.Lotz@missfoundation.org  
First Tuesday of every month  
7pm -8:30pm at St. Luke's Episcopal  
350 West Yosemite Avenue

### **Arcadia, Ca. \*\*NEW LOCATION\*\***

3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
Church of the Good Shepherd, Lounge  
400 W Duarte Rd (Holly & Duarte)  
626-357-4816 Jana Vorhis  
626-963-9120 Kristin Jared

### **California—Ocean Side**

For information on this group contact  
760-806-9812 Alisa@missfoundation.org

### **New West Hills, California group**

HeatherL@missfoundation.org

### **Illinois— Chicago**

Mary@missfoundation.org  
1st Monday each month  
130 W Pine in Roselle  
And 3rd Monday in Wheaton  
Call 630 582-0874

### **Illinois—Sandwich**

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

### **Huntington Beach— California**

1st Thurs of each month, 6:30 p.m.  
8161 Taylor Drive, Huntington Beach  
Info: Katie Hodge 714-585-3614  
Katie@missfoundation.org

### **Idaho - Boise**

3rd Wednesday of month, 7:00 pm  
The Cathedral of the Rockies Church  
Nancy and Peter Grayson  
(208)861-2407 Nancy@missfoundation.org  
Children of Hope—4th Tuesdays 7pm  
Cole Community Church  
Tisha Grant (208)345-8112

### **Missouri—Hannibal**

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

### **New Jersey**

2nd Wed of the month at 7:30 pm  
Grace Lutheran Church Dawes Ave. and  
Shore Rd in Somers Point NJ  
Kathy Evans 609-601-0563  
Kathy@missfoundation.org

### **New York— Yonkers**

(Call or email for times/dates)  
The Plymouth House  
1730 Central Park Av, Yonkers  
Jennine@missfoundation.org  
914-423-5204 Jennine Jo Shull

### **Maryland — Westminster**

1st Monday of month, 7:00 p.m.  
Church of the Brethren in  
Westminster, Maryland  
Info: Lisa 443-677-5904

### **Alexandria-Minnesota**

2nd Tues of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
First Congregational UCC Church  
221 7th Ave, West in Alexandria  
Info: Heidi Ciepielinski 320-859-5660

### **Ohio**

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

### **Kentucky**

First Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.  
Heartland Worship Center  
4777 Alben Barkley Drive, Pacucah  
Kelly Nicholls (270)395-7668  
Knicholls@missfoundation.org

### **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@missfoundation.org

### **Washington—Vashon Island**

3rd Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m.  
Call for info  
206-251-6706 Kara Jones  
Kara@missfoundation.org

### **Tampa, Florida MISS Group Coming!**

Monique@missfoundation.org  
Monique Moya, Facilitator

### **New Denver, Colorado Group**

Leslie@missfoundation.org

### **New Connecticut Group Coming Soon!**

Heather@missfoundation.org

*We find ourselves facing a new year. The MISS Foundation has helped thousands of families enduring the death of a child family member since 1996, all on private donations. If you and your family are able, please consider a memorial gift to the MISS Foundation this year. Without your support, we could not continue our very important work. And to those who have given throughout the many years, thank you.*



## Arizona MISS Foundation Chapters

### **NW Phoenix Monthly Meetings**

3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.  
Community Church of Joy  
623-979-1000 (24 hours)  
21000 N 75th Avenue, Building Three  
Contact Angela Iverson  
Angela@missfoundation.org

### **Drowning Only Support Group**

2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.  
Albright United Methodist  
2242 E. Campbell Ave, Phoenix  
Contact Asena Nicolosi at  
Asena@missfoundation.org

### **Tucson, Arizona**

Last Weds. of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
102 N. Plumber, Early Childhood Office  
Call Anne Rumps(520) 795-4712  
Anne@missfoundation.org

### **Spanish Speaking Support Group**

Beginning Jan. 9, 2003!  
2nd Thursday of each month,  
Immaculate Heart of Mary church  
909 E. Washington  
West side entrance of church hall  
Alicia & Steve Cunningham  
LICHITA31@aol.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 (7th Av/Glendale)  
**Babies are welcome at this group!**  
602-439-9025 Anna@missfoundation.org

### **KISS—For Kids in Grief Northwest**

3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.  
Community Church of Joy, Building Three  
21000 N 75th Avenue, behind the bell tower  
Call Robin Kennedy, 602 547-1244

### **Central Valley Infant Death Meetings**

2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
North Hills Church  
15025 N 19th Ave, bldg C  
Nicole Dougherty -602 923 1630

### **Prescott**

1st Monday of each month, 5:00 p.m.  
Mudd Hole Espresso  
239 N. Marina-intersecting w/Sheldon St.  
Bonnie Mari  
Bonnie@missfoundation.org

### **KISS—Kids In Sympathy & Support**

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

### **East Valley Infant Loss Support Group**

1st Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.  
Day Spring United Methodist Church  
1365 E Elliott Rd, Room 201  
480-963-9844 -Lee Ann Morlan

Keep me from the wisdom which does not cry, the philosophy  
which does not laugh, and the greatness which does not bow  
before children.

--Khalil Gibran

### **Cody**

I had a little baby  
But something sure went wrong.  
He cannot hear a whisper,  
And his body's not too strong.

He loves his Mom and Daddy  
As his twinkling eyes reveal.  
And his precious little smile  
Could melt a heart of steel.

But I wish some people understood  
The pain I feel inside.  
For on the day that he was born  
Another baby died.

The one that I'd envisioned,  
The one we had planned for  
He'd be a handsome athlete  
That the girls would all adore.

But in his place a child was left  
Struggling to survive.  
A floppy little rag doll,  
But at least he was "Alive".

I cannot make him better  
But my strength can be his own.  
I'll swing with him and slide with him  
And love him 'til I'm gone.

So understand that every time  
You see my smiling face  
There'll always be some grief in me  
Just put up in it's place.

I keep it there 'til I'm alone  
And then I have to cry  
For all the things he cannot do  
And fear that he will die.

I'm thankful for some friends of ours  
And they know who they are.

They help me to get through each day.  
They think my son's a "star".

In this world and in this town  
And even in my home,  
There are others who know my pain.  
I am not alone.

But we have seen a whole new light  
Through children such as mine.  
There's so much we must learn about life  
And, oh so little time.

We all have things that we must learn.  
These kids are here to teach us.  
Let's open up our hearts and minds;  
and let the good Lord reach us.

**By Darla  
Oldham -  
1991**





# Presenters

## Thursday, May 22, 2003

Registration 7:00 a.m.

**Joanne Cacciatore-Garard**  
MISS Foundation

**8:00-5:00**  
*Pre-conference Workshop*  
*"The Power of Compassion:  
A New Attitude in Healthcare™"*

*(Optional manual available. See Registration Form)*

A powerful, one-day workshop covering the model of the grieving family, practical applications, cultural issues and ritual in death and dying, effective psychosocial intervention techniques, strengthening communication skills, multi-disciplinary approaches, grieving children, complicated grief, and more. A workshop that will benefit any professional, para-professional, or civic volunteer seeking a more comprehensive knowledge base of thanatological theory.

**Luncheon Provided from 12:00-1:00**

5:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m. Fiesta Hors D'Oeuvres Reception

## Friday, May 23, 2003

Registration and Continental Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

Welcome and Conference Begins 8:30 a.m.

**Dr. Guillermo Gutierrez**  
Neonatology Associates, Ltd.

**9:00– 10:30**  
*Nico's Gifts: Quieting your Mind and Opening Your Heart to Miracles*

**Dr. Peter Barr**  
Royal Alexandria Hospital for Children of Australia  
Featured in "Some Babies Dies" Award Winning  
PBS Documentary

**10:45– 12:30**  
*Perinatal and Child Death:  
An Existential View from Down Under*

Luncheon 12:30– 2:00

### WORKSHOPS A

**2:00-3:30**

*Movie and Discussion: "Losing Layla"*  
Vanessa Gorman's poignant and touching documentary

**Dr. Peter Barr**  
and **Joanne Cacciatore-Garard**

**3:45-5:15**

*Preserving and Strengthening Your Relationship:  
The Grieving Couple*

**Dr. John DeFrain**  
Author, University of Nebraska

### WORKSHOPS B

**2:00-3:30**

*The High-Risk Model vs. Unexpected Deaths*

**Sgt. Randy Force,**  
Phoenix Police Dept.

**3:45– 5:15**

*Personality Proneness to Guilt, Shame, and Grief Intensity One Year Later*

**Dr. Peter Barr**

### WORKSHOPS C

**2:00-3:30**

*The Personality of Support Groups:  
A panel discussion for facilitators*

**Moderators: Kara and Hawk Jones, Katie Hodge, and Nancy Grayson**

**3:45-5:15**

*Fatal Diagnoses:  
Preparing Families for a Child's Death*

**Angela Iverson, FABA Director and Dana Southworth, L.P.N.**

**6:00– 8:30 p.m.**  
Special Event

Optional Dinner and Comedy Theatre Show  
Boston circuit comedian, Jennifer Ruelas, and Los Angeles comedian, Claude Stewart join us for a wonderful and light event for our professionals and families! A great event to attend!



## Saturday, May 24, 2003

9:00 a.m.

Joanne Cacciatore-Garard  
And Randy Force

*Sorrow Expressed: A Grief Documentary Portrayed in Art Throughout History*

**Richard Obershaw, MSW**

9:15-10:45

*Cry Until I Laugh, Laugh Until I Cry:  
The Healing Power of Humor*

**Dr. John De Frain**

11:00-12:00

*Cultures and Families:  
Examples From Around the Globe of How Strong  
Families Endure Child Death*

Luncheon Italian Grande Buffet and Speaker **12:00– 2:30**  
*Charting the Uncharted Darkness: Discovering the Gifts of Your Child*  
**Richard Obershaw**

### WORKSHOPS A

2:30-5:00

*Parent Support Group Session  
"Why We Hurt So Much"*

**Moderator:**

**Dr. Peter Barr**

### WORKSHOPS B

2:30– 3:45

*Stress Management:  
Managing the Meltdown During  
Life's Crises*

**Richard Obershaw**

### WORKSHOPS C

2:30– 5:00

*Finding Answers in Difficult Child  
Autopsy Cases*

**Dr. Mark Fischione**

**Maricopa County Medical  
Examiner's Office**

*Parent Support Group Session  
Session Continued*

3:45-5:00

*Trapped by Grief:  
Body-Mind Relaxation Techniques  
to Help You Cope*

**Richard Obershaw**

*Finding Answers in Difficult Child  
Autopsy Cases*

**Session Continued**

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Memorial Service  
8:00 p.m. *Festival of Chocolate Reception*



### Kids! Come to Our Kids in Sympathy & Support Retreat

#### Some things we do at the Friday and Saturday Kids Retreat

- ✧ We get to hang out with Phoenix Fire and Police Departments
  - ✧ We do a lot of arts and crafts
  - ✧ We play music, sing, and dance
  - ✧ We have sharing time
  - ✧ We make lots of new friends

**We hope to see you at our KISS Retreat! But Hurry and Register! Space is Limited!**

*Mini-massages offered by Katie Hodge, LMT, will be available in the foyer area throughout the conference*



# MISS Foundation

Some full and partial scholarships available based on income. To apply please contact us at 623.979.1000 or email [info@missfoundation.org](mailto:info@missfoundation.org)

EVENT:	Professional	Family	Column Total
<input type="checkbox"/> All Three Days Conference Attendance	\$240.00	\$175.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Conference & Fiesta Reception	\$90.00	\$60.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Conference— Choose A, B, or C	\$90.00	\$60.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Optional Dinner /Comedy Theatre	\$50.00 Individual	\$75.00 Couple	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Conference— Choose A, B, or C	\$90.00	\$60.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday/Saturday Kids Retreat, Ages 4 -14	Friday/Saturday	\$20.00 per day	
<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Compassion Manual	\$25.00	\$25.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor-a-Family of Three to Attend	\$330.00		

### Method of Payment

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check
- Agency Billing: PO
- Visa
- MasterCard
- Low Income Scholarship Application Request

Names of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased Child's Full Name and Dates of Birth & Death \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

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*"The conference was the best thing I ever did for myself. I came away learning so much about "me" and about the grief experience. Thank you all so much!"*

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### Hotel Information

La Posada Resort  
4949 East Lincoln  
1.800.222.TREE for  
Reservations  
602.952.0420  
Conference Rate  
\$89.00 per Night  
May 22 - 24, 2003

Register by January 15, 2003 and take 10% off registration fees!  
Deadline for registration is May 15, 2003

## Shop and Support!

Shop for those special gifts at our MISS Store online! We now have wonderful children's t-shirts available with the quote, "If children are old enough to love, then they are old enough to grieve." Visit our online store at [www.missfoundation.org](http://www.missfoundation.org)

### Visit our New Fine Art Gallery Online! Featuring the Amazing Spiritual Art of Rassouli!

To tell you again of the state of my heart,  
This is my desire.  
And to hear of the longing of my heart,  
This is my desire.  
On so precious a night,  
Majestic and rare,  
To hold you until morning,  
This is my desire  
O God, to enter the pearl  
as tender as you,  
In the darkness of night,  
This is my desire.  
O early morning breeze,  
Help me tonight  
So that I might blossom at dawn,

This is my desire.  
Behold I would hoard this story,  
Already told,  
Away from my rivals,  
This is my desire.  
The honor of sweeping  
The dust where you walk  
With the tip of my eyelashes,  
This is my desire.  
Like Hafiz, despite all skeptics,  
To be free  
To utter the poetry of my soul,  
This is my desire.

*Rassouli*

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● *Because all the Children Matter...* ●

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us;  
what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

*-Albert Pike*