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When A Child Dies...

MISS Foundation



Passages 2003:

"From the ashes...

Therein lies the strength"

May 22-24, 2003
Pointe Tapatio Cliffs Resort
Continuing Education Credits Provided



*Register by January 15, 2003 and take 10% off registration fees!
Deadline for registration is May 15, 2003
After deadline, please call for space availability*

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: Quietening 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

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
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- MasterCard
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Names of Attendees _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

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

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Vegetarian Meals Check Here



"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

Pointe Tapatio
Cliffs Resort
11111 N. 7th Street

1.800.222.TREE for
Reservations
602-866-7500
Conference Rate
\$89.00 per Night

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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)

626-963-9120 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

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

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

Colorado

1st Tuesday of each month 6:30p.m.
Stonegate Community Center, Parker
Leslie Clemenson
Leslie@missfoundation.org
(303)841-4152

Mexico

FUNDACIÓN ESPERANZA
2nd Tuesday of each month
9:30 a.m.
Carla@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

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

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

Drowning Only Support Group

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

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

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

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

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

Spanish Speaking Support Group

Beginning Jan. 9, 2003!
2nd Thursday of each month,
Immaculate Heart of Mary church
909 E. Washington, West side entrance
Alicia & Steve Cunningham
LICHITA31@aol.com

East Valley Subsequent Preg. Group

1st Saturday of each month, 2 p.m.
Day Spring United Methodist Church
1365 E. Elliot, Room 201
Contact Patrice Hedman at 480-857-9792

*The personal life deeply lived always
expands into truths
beyond itself.*
--Anais Nin, Writer (1903-1977)

The question, "What does love mean?" was asked of a group of children, ages 4-8. The answers were broad and deep, as well we might expect...

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." - Rebecca, 8.

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." -Karl, 5.

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your fries without making them give you any of theirs." -Chrissy, 6.

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."-Terri, 4.

"Love is when mommy makes coffee for daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is ok." -Danny, 7.

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." -Bobby, 5.

"There are two kinds of love. Our love. God's love. But God makes both of them."-Jenny, 4.

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." - Tommy, 6.

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." -Mary Ann, 4.

"I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones."-Lauren, 4.

"When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you." -Karen, 7.

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." -Jessica, 8.

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

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

*I said to my soul, be still, and wait without hope
For hope would be hope for the wrong thing;
Wait without love,
For love would be love for the wrong thing;
There is yet faith
But the faith and the love
and the hope are all in the waiting.
Wait without thought,
for you are not ready for thought:
So the darkness shall be the light,
and the stillness the dancing.*

T.S.Eliot - from "Four Quartets"

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

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

-Khalil Gibran