

Kids Korner



“The most honest, truth-telling in this world is done by children.” Oliver Wendall Holmes



ANG by Jullian Bernath (aged 10)

*I am an angel swift in the breeze
Searching and looking for anyone's needs.
I soar above the clouds and ease through the sky.
I keep track of any known lies.
Little ones cry out for help but don't worry,
I'll be about.*

Maria Shriver has written a book entitled What's Heaven? that has just been recently published. What follows is an interview she did explaining why she wrote a book that talks to kids about death.

Question: Ms. Shriver, can you tell us a bit about your book, What's Heaven?.

MS: It's a book filled with children's questions and answers about death. The questions are actual questions from kids and so are most of the answers. The book has beautiful illustrations and the questions are woven into a story about a little girl named Kate. My hope was that the book would enable families to begin talking about the very difficult subject of death.

Question: What inspired you to write a children's book about death?

MS: Well, I have four children and I spend a tremendous amount of time reading to all of them. I see how much they enjoy books and illustrations. I found that when I was looking for

a book that would explain this subject to children there was nothing available. That fact combined with my grandmother's death made me think that this would be a good idea.

Question: Do you bring faith and God into this book? How do you handle those difficult topics...especially to a non-believer?

MS: Yes, I bring faith and God into the book. But, this is a book that I hope appeals to all religions. I explain death as a process of your life being over here on earth and that you go to Heaven to be with God. I talk about the soul and I try to give answers to very basic questions.

Question: Would a two- or six-year old be able to understand?

MS: It is definitely a book a six-year old would understand and I think be interested in. It deals with what happens when your life here on earth is over.

Question: What age group would you say your book is for?

MS: Well, I wrote it with the hope that it would appeal to five- through ten-year olds. But several parents have told me that they have read it to two- and three-year olds, and that the kids stayed with it. What has also been great for me is to hear how many adults have loved the book. So many people have commented to me that the book takes them to places in their minds that they never imagined, or had not visited in years.

Question: Did you work with your kids on the book at all? Did you run things by them to see what they thought?

MS: Yes, in fact most of the book came from my kids. My daughter jokes that it should say written by her and not me. Ninety percent of all the questions in the book are real children's questions and the answers as well.

Question: Did you find it difficult to tell the story while trying to keep to language that would keep the attention of kids?

MS: Yes, I did struggle with how real to make it, how specific... But, I also really enjoyed the process. I love to write and the idea that families would read this together made it really worthwhile. Thank you and I hope you enjoy it.



THE ROSE by Steven Sutcliffe (aged 11)

*The new rose blooms
We see its lovely flower
Then dies in autumn*

Allen's Life Lessons

When my son Allen died earlier this year, I thought the world would end. The world did not end but kept moving on, faster than ever. I shared Allen's story with so many *and so few really wanted to hear*. My friend Devon Meyer was different though. She allowed me to be sad and didn't run anyway, no matter how painful it was. Instead she and I explored the depths of our souls and continue to find meaning in a life so short but so beautiful! About a month after Allen's death, Devon told me that she wanted to dedicate her next art show in memory of Allen. Devon's message was simple but oh so clear. Devon's art was going to capture the innocent beauty of life and nature as seen through children's eyes in memory of the short but amazing life of Allen.

"Through the death of Allen and other recent tragedies, I came upon the stark realization that those you love and life itself is truly a special gift. Through this show, I attempt to capture the moments in life that we so often take for granted.

A child's' perspective, so fresh and new, helps us to see things we no longer notice or don't stop to appreciate. Allen's short life helped me realize each moment is precious, and life is not to be taken for granted. Perhaps something good can be learned from something so tragic." Devon Meyer

Devon had a one night only art show as part of the First Friday Art Walk in downtown Phoenix on September 6th.



Left to right: Toby and Karen Crofford, Devon Meyer, Laura and James Curtis

My husband and I flew out Friday afternoon and were greeted by an intense dust and thunderstorm. The skies were beautiful and the winds provided a "cool" desert evening. A magical night for our little guy's show. We were such proud parents! The show was wonderful! The studio was full most of the evening with great energy. Other MISS parents who attended were Michelle and Hector Ruiz, parents of Kai Noa and Karen and Toby Crofford, Wesley Allen's parents, both from the Phoenix area. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to The MISS Foundation.

Included in Devon's show was a piece inspired by a poem that was written by a bereaved grandparent, Beryle L. Greenwald. Some of you probably know her as Dakota's Nanna Meemo. Her poem was written at the 2002 MISS Conference during the poetry seminar that I was attending. Little did I know, as I was writing my own words, that someone else in the room was writing her own magical words that would soon inspire a piece for Allen's show.

It is truly a small world and life, every day of it, is a gift!

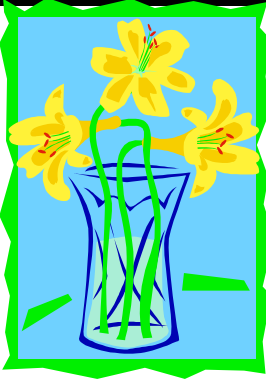
Devon also made a wonderful little book called "Allen's Life Lessons" with some of the great life lessons both she and I have learned through his life and death.

Laura Curtis - *in memory of Allen Robert Curtis*



Portrait of "Nanna Meemo,"
Beryle L. Greenwald

FLORAL DESIGN CLASS



Today is the fifth anniversary of my son's death.

I went to the cemetery to put new flowers in his vase. I do this every

couple of months. It's the only thing left to take care of for him; his grave. I keep his head stone brushed off, I pull the grass and weeds to keep them from encroaching, and I make sure his vase always has pretty flowers.

Since his death, I knew I'd have to take a floral design class, as this is not one of my strong points even though I am a pretty artistic person. Every flower arrangement is lopsided -always. Or worse, I buy the floral picks and just shove it in the vase and try to bend the flowers out. Like I'm fooling anyone, right?

So today, five years after his death, I made my first move to floral design class and I'd like to invite you to

come with me. **The class is Saturday, November 30 at 4:30 pm at Jo Ann's Etc. at Arrowhead Center.** Come on, we'll have fun, you'll see. We must rid the cemetery of lopsided vases and beautify our children's graves.

The cost is \$20 per person to register (plus the cost of supplies), with the proceeds going to MISS. We will be using the plastic cemetery vases to practice on. We will leave with a pretty, and hopefully, upright and un-lopsided vase...unless of course you like that sort of thing.

What: Floral Design Class

Where: Jo Ann's Etc.

SWC of 83rd Ave &
Bell Rd, Glendale, AZ

When: Saturday, November 30
4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Registration and payment must be made in advance to me by November 20th. Please call Anna Kennedy at 602.439.9025 or email me with any questions at

Anna@missfoundation.org

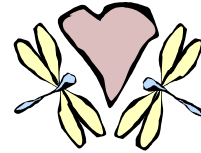


MISS Foundation's Sacred Hearts Logo Pendant

A beautiful gift representing the eternal love between Mother and Child. This exclusive pendant is custom made of sterling silver and hangs on your choice of 20" or 24" chain. Now available with or without a birthstone. Orders for the Sacred Hearts pendant can be placed online in our store at www.missfoundation.org

or use the order form on page 17 of the newsletter. Be sure to indicate your options (i.e. birthstone month, chain size)

Pricing:	Pendant w/20" chain	\$60
	Add birthstone	add \$12
	With 24" chain	add \$5



Heart Felts

We would like to thank **Sheri Mayfield**, of Brownsburg, IN, and **Cynthia Donahue**, doctoral candidate, for their generous donations to the MISS Foundation. Everyone who donates time *and money* are truly the backbone of this organization.

A special thank you to **Integrated Web Strategy** and **Wes Gullett** for allowing MISS to use it's facilities for our training sessions.

Our MISS members made the 2nd Annual MISS Foundation 2002 Children's Memorial Golf Tournament a huge success this year. Thank you **Tammy Haimovitz** for the hard work and effort and your extraordinary talents. And to all her volunteers, **Andy Castellanos, Angela Iverson, Paula Rauschkolb, Melissa Delgado, Rob Dalager, Cindi Nannetti, and Stevie Jo Cacciadore.** And, of course, to all the golfers who were there to make this year's tournament one of the best MISS fundraiser this year. Watch for our tournament report in the next issue.

The MISS Foundation would also like to thank **Leslie Clemenson**, Colorado facilitator, for helping set up the teleconference facilitator training sessions. Great job!



What It Is

It is madness says reason
It is what it is, says love
It is unhappiness says caution
It is nothing but pain, says fear
It has no future says insight
It is what it is, says love
It is ridiculous says pride
It is foolish, says caution
It is impossible says experience
It is what it is, says love.

-Erich Fried

Baby's Breath: *Because each breath is a gift*

Prolonged Stress For Crash Victims

In 90 percent of families with children injured in a traffic crash, the child or a parent will suffer at least one significant acute stress symptom, a study at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia reveals. Also, 25 percent of children and parents experience more pervasive symptoms that warrant clinical attention.

The study included 97 children who were admitted to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for traffic-related injuries between July 1999 and May 2000. The children had been injured in a traffic crash in which the child was a passenger, a pedestrian or a bicyclist.

"A key component to assessing acute stress is that pediatricians understand how both parents and children respond to a child's injury," the researchers said. "It is normal for parents to be very distressed in the aftermath of a child's injury, yet parents' own acute stress symptoms may influence a child's response to the traumatic event."

The findings should help physicians distinguish between normal reactions to trauma and reactions that require further care and follow-up, the researchers said.



"No Honey For You, Honey"



Honey should never be fed to infants younger than 12 months. Honey can harbor bacterial spores that can cause botulism (a form of food poisoning) in infants.

Adults and children older than 1 year are routinely exposed to, but not affected by these spores. Infants however are still building up immunity to them and can have serious health problems if exposed to it too soon.

Parents of young children should not:

- Add honey to baby's food, water or formula.
 - Dip baby's pacifier in honey.
 - Give baby honey as medicine.



Evaluation of System of Care for Women Experiencing Domestic Violence

"The finding that protocols were not used, and that education showed mixed results, is consistent with recent implications that current guidelines emphasizing training and protocols may require a systematic approach to behavior change," state the authors of an article about provider evaluation of a system of care for pregnant women experiencing domestic violence published in the January/February 2002 issue of *Women's Health Issues*. The Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau sponsored four demonstration projects in May 2000 to develop system-based interventions for domestic violence during the perinatal period; the focus of the projects is on culturally appropriate methods. This article describes and evaluates one of these projects, a multifaceted system of care located in an academic family medicine health center in a low-income area of the Bronx, NY. The authors report on the components of an intervention and evaluate medical providers' self-reported behavior changes and perceptions of the project.

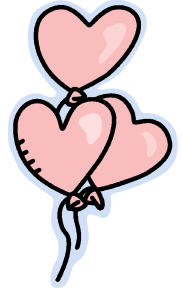
For the project, changes were made to existing systems of care for pregnant women experiencing domestic violence. These changes were based on national and local recommendations for implementing domestic violence interventions. The changes included (1) implementing staff training and a domestic violence curriculum for medical providers; (2) providing a domestic violence protocol, with written chart prompts; (3) launching a public health campaign; (4) eliciting medical provider feedback; (5) effecting quality improvement; and (6) providing an on-site domestic violence coordinator. Using baseline and follow-up provider surveys and qualitative assessment, the authors learned that

- * Providers did not use most protocol materials;
- * Providers relied on the support of a domestic violence coordinator to enhance their practice;
- * Chart prompts were useful for encouraging routine screening;

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Remembering Our November and December Children...



Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER

Tyler David Abarr
Guadalupe Arellano
Eloy Arevalo, Jr.
Brandon Kyle Ball
Brianna Raye Ball
Courtney Begay
Colby Lee Bellissimo
Samuel James Bercich
Wyatt Edward Boehly
Ethan Michael Bousquet
Toby Lee Boyd
Charlotte Fulton Brochhausen
Stephanie Denise Brooks
Carolyn Ann Burley
Serena Carlson
Jeremy Russell Chepeus
Peyton Doren
Aric Michael Dunn
Isiah Ellis
Daniel Engle, III
Sean Michael Evans
Hannah Fenstermaker
Nathaniel Fleeman
Christina Teran Gajdecki
Spencer Gallard
Joshua Girard
Kimberley Gratke
Gregory James Halinar
Hailee Miranda Karen Hildreth
Dylan Ryan Jackson
Phillip Thomas Johnson
Ryan Hudson Jones
Phillip Damien Leach
Megan Leach
Colten Loose
Saul Elian Guerrero-Lopez
Conner Brian Thomas Loughlin
Christopher Michael Masterson
Patience Mathieson
Kaylee Ranae McCully
Ian James McLoone
Hope Elizabeth Meek
Eric Christopher Mikkelson
Mercedes Lynn Miller
Manuel Andres Nunoz
Jordenn Polk
Emily Nicole Rauschkolb
Victoria Jenae Renteria
Allen Rivera

Kai Noa Ruiz
Jocelyn Ann Sanders
Taylor Louise St. Laurent
Harrison Lennon Thiergart
Brooke Hailey Thompson
Mirage Trujillo
Amanda Marie Truxell
Joshua Francisco Villabolos-Blanco
Collin James Watson
Damien Michael Webb
Bronson and Garrett Wetzell
Zane Allen White
Faith Caprice Wright
Jason E. Wynn, Jr.
Dakota William Young

DECEMBER

Brieanna Jo Andersen
Jaylee Angel
Michael Joseph Arias
Keathon Armstrong
Corrie Armstrong
Seachel Arnwine
Dennison Aston
Riley Simone Baca
Chandler Bailey
Michael Camerson Bartkus
Trevor James Blackburn
Lydia Jean Boettcher
Joshua David Brokaw
Ahlyjah Bryden
Brodie Myles Kehoe Nainoa Buchwach
Tyrin O. Callhan
Jacob Daniel Castaneda
Justin Anthony Castro
Sean Connelly
Elysia Isabel Contreras
Candace Correll
Justin Cox
Isaac Ryan Cruz
Ashley Lynn Daniel
Connor Jack Dicke
Vivian Ann Edwards
Jenalee Edwards
Dana Jane Franklin
Malcolm Issac Freeman
Magdalena Gajdecki
Kendra Charity Gidley
Darrell Pennington Givens
Brittney Angelique Grace
Adam Grosz

Rachel Ann Hage
Jessica Marie Hajdo
Ashleigh Marie Hargis
Aaron Hayes
Vanessa Denae Hong
Alexander Marin Johnson
Jacob Kisto
Macy J. Kelly
John Lafferty, Jr.
Sarah Lusk
Dylon James-Dean Marsh
Celine Martinez
Kelsey Mayo
Julia Marie McDonnell
Grace McVicar
Imogen Mighty Meagher
Blake Merrow
Tristian Rae Miller
Sydney Rose Mitchell
Emma Montgomery
Dalton Moretti
Samantha Ashley Morlan
Marcello Muller
Johnny Nichols
Michelle Villa Noriega
Daniella Palacios
Joshua and Shawn Peters
Colten Riley Pitsch
Mario E. Ramirez
Jhossiami Ramirez-Ruiz
Emily Ann Risberg
Megan Camille Rowley
Brittany Michelle Dawn Runyan
Nicholas Daniel Scott Runyan
Tristan Salamanca
Gabriel Salzbrenner
Michaela Danielle Samarripa
Bryce and Brianna Schindele
Abigail Bowers Steckler
Grace Nicole Steger
Jared Leonard Sullivan
Reese Taylor
Jeremiah Jadon Thomas
Sarah Jean Vnette
Bethany Vital
Angel Webb
Ethan Alec Shirley-Williams
Logan Thomas Winton
Brett Alan Wondra
Kamryn Rose York



In Memoriam

NOVEMBER

Tyler David Abarr
Guadalupe Arellano
Brandon Kyle Ball
Brianna Raye Ball
Andrew Ballantine
Colby Lee Bellissimo
Samuel James Bercich
Lisa Lee Billington
Steven Bolton, Jr.
Ethan Michael Bousquet
Toby Lee Boyd
Stephanie Denise Brooks
Carolyn Ann Burley
Nikolas Kodie Carlson
James "Jimmy" Carr
Xavier Carter
Cody William Charles
Isaac Ryan Cruz
James Aaron DeLaCruz
Peyton Doren
Avery Nichole DuBois
Eric Michael Dunn
Sean Michael Evans
Spencer Gallard
Emily Geitz
Joshua Girard
Joseph Robert Finnell-Glover
Scott Christopher Gomez
Nicolas Gutierrez-Cantin
Gregory James Halinar
Issac Harmon
Travin Jensen
Phillip Thomas Jonson
Ryan Hudson Jones
Phillip Damien Leach
Megan Leach
Amanda Nicole Lujan-Alvarado
Justin Mark Madison
Kaylee Ranae McCully
Eric Christopher Mikkelson
Mercedes Lynn Miller
Amber Cheyenne Murphy
Kailyn Ashley Noyes
Manuel Andres Nunez
Jennifer Lynda Perez
Kai Noa Ruiz
Jocelyn Ann Sanders
Cheyenne Autumn Smith

Alexis Brianne Stempien
Taylor Louise St. Laurent
Alexander Swartz
Jose Tierrablanca
Crystal Sheyenne Valentine-Gripp
Bronson and Garrett Wetzell
Faith Caprice Wright

DECEMBER

Corbin Elyott Ackley
Jesse Andrews
Jaylee Angel
Keathon Armstrong
Corrie Armstrong
Riley Simone Baca
Chandler Bailey
Michael Camerson Bartkus
Courtney Begay
Lydia Jean Boettcher
Joshua David Brokaw
Brodie Myles Kehoe Nainoa Buchwach
Cassandra Nicole Choquette
Ashley Lynn Daniel
John Devereaux
Connor Jack Dicke
Samantha Anber Dillard
Ryan Spencer Dugan
Vivian Ann Edwards
Isiah Ellis
Alec Ellson
Esmeralda Espinoza
Hannah Fenstermaker
Jacqueline Flores
Malcolm Issac Freeman
Malena Gallardo
Zachary Isaac Gatewood
Brandon Allen Gomez
Brittney Angelique Grace
Tyler Lee Grissom
Adam Grosz
Jessica Marie Hajdo
Ashleigh Marie Hargis
Kody Harris
Carlota Hoffman
Vannessa Denae Hong
Yapheth Ingram
Dylan Ryan Jackson
David Isaac Jacobs
Dawson Thomas Jones

Raekwan Jones
John Lafferty, Jr.
Erika Xioma Fajardo Ledesma
Sarah Lusk
Stephanie Maichel
Nathan Marimon
Patience Mathieson
Kelsey Mayo
Faith Arlene Burkholder-McDevitt
Julia Marie McDonnell
Grace McVicar
Hope Elizabeth Meek
Tristian Rae Miller
Sydeny Rose Mitchell
Dalton Moretti
Samantha Ashley Morlan
Marcello Muller
Regina Marie Munoz
Johnny Nichols
Joshua and Shawn Peters
Travis Taron Peters
Victoria Jenae Renteria
Emily Ann Risberg
Brittany Michelle Dawn Runyan
Nicholas Daniel Scott Runyan
Tristan Salamanca
Gabriel Salzbrenner
Michaela Danielle Samarripa
Bridgette Desire-Victoria Scherr
Bryce and Brianna Schindele
Nadir Nathaniel Shah
Tevita Siasau
Taylor Jordan Soucie
Abigail Bowers Steckler
Grace Nicole Steger
Jared Leonard Sullivan
Mirage Trujillo
Joshua Franciso Villabolas-Blanco
Sarah Jean Vinette
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"Time has been transformed, and we have changed; it has advanced and set us in motion; it has unveiled its face, inspiring us with bewilderment and exhilaration."

Kahlil Gibran

Memorial Donations

In Loving Memory of . . .

Clare Paula Faith

By Jennie and John Faith, her loving parents
You will always be in our hearts and minds,
Sweet angel.

Paul William Gopal Rao

By Gopal and Lisa Rao
Always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts.
Happy first birthday. We love you and MISS
You so much, our sweet little boy
Love, Daddy and Mommy
Peoria, AZ

Allyson Sabrina Karpus

By Mommy, Daddy and Matt
We know you had to go back and play in heaven.
Thanks for coming down to bring us some love
For a little while.
Beacon Fall, CT

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By her loving family
Phoenix, AZ

Emily Kathryn Nell

By her Grandmother,
Marjorie Pierce

Hope Elizabeth Thomas

By Mike, Julie, Sheri and Steve Canada
We just wanted to let you know that
You are in our prayers and that Hope will
Never be forgotten.

Chase Montgomery Arthur

By his loving family
Gilbert, AZ

Joshua Davis

By his loving Mommy and Daddy,
Cindy and Jerry Davis

Alexandro Angel

By Kim Lotz

Ella Rose Shelmire

By the Schulman family
Scottsdale, AZ

Alyssa Rose Carroll

By Scott and Erica Marcinczyk
With our deepest sympathy

Emily Caitlin Jared

By Chris, Heather,
Jackson and Katelyn Lipari

Tristan Castellanos

By Charles and Nancy Brown
Scottsdale, AZ

Stephanie Denise Brooks

By Keith, Debra and Kyle
Forever MISSED

Someone asked me about you today.

It's been so long

Since anyone has done that.

It felt so good to talk about you,

*To share my memories of you,
To simply say your name out loud.*

*She asked me if I minded talking about
What happened to you...*

Or would it be too painful to

Speak of it.

I told her I think of it every day

*Speaking about it helps me to release
the tormented thoughts whirling
around in my head.*

*She said she never realized the pain
Would last this long...*

she apologized for not asking sooner.

I told her, "Thanks for asking."

*I don't know if it was curiosity
Or concern that made her ask,*

*But told her,
"Please do it again sometime...soon."*

by Barbara Taylor Hudson