

MISS Foundation Chapters Outside of Arizona

Merced, California

Facilitator, Kim Lotz
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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

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
914-378-1613 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

The MISS Foundation has helped thousands of families enduring the death of a child family member since 1996.

If you and your family are able, *please consider a memorial gift to the MISS Foundation this year.*

To those who have given throughout the many years, thank you. We could not continue our very important work without your support. Send your memorial gift to: PO Box 5333, Peoria, Az 85385



Arizona MISS Foundation Chapters

NEW LOCATION Northwest Group!
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

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
 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
 Prescott Public Library Mtg Room
 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 Asena Nicolosi at
 Asena@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 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

For You

You've gone ahead,
 And left me behind.
 Thoughts and memories are what I find.
 Consumed by what I should have done;
 God, why couldn't I have been the one?
 Peace is there and then it is not.
 I'm shaky, cold, and then I am hot.
 Food is no comfort, nor is the wine.
 You are now His, but once you were mine.
 I'm left in a world that is bittersweet;
 For here live two earth angels my heart keeps.
 Christian and Madelyn, your big sisters,
 Who were there to meet you when you were delivered!
 How they were amazed by your tiny fingers.
 Oh God! I pray all the memories linger.
 Your daddy is strong and hides his emotion,
 But inside I know he is like the ocean.
 Tossed and swept and thrown about,
 Because you we now have to live without.
 We have seen the wonders of God's grace...
 But, oh, how we long to see your face.
 You've gone ahead,
 And left me behind.
 Thoughts and memories are what I find...

*Alison Rhodes
 For Fallon, my beautiful daughter
 December 26, 2001*

Thank you to all the MISS members, newly bereaved parents and the bereaved parents that have been with us for many years. Thank you to all the members on our Board of Directors. To all our support staff and the countless people who do so many things that most don't even know about. And to those of you who are an inspiration to the rest of us.

We wish you all the most gentle of holiday seasons. It's a painful time; full of memories of children that should be here celebrating with us.

Instead, we decorate our trees with angels in the hopes of somehow capturing our babies in the faces of the cherubs. And wishing the whole sad season were done and over. All the tinsel packed away and no more masks of fake good cheer to be worn on our faces.

Back to the business of grief.

Instead, we wish for you a new year.
 A year of hopes and dreams realized.
 A year of pain eased and grief explored
 And finally quieted.
 A new year.

So, dear families, we wish you all of these things;
 Gentle holidays and a new year for all of us.



Peace
 Love
 Hope
 And Dreams of Angels
The MISS Foundation



Don't
MISS
this one!

When A Child Dies...

MISS Foundation

Passages 2003:

"From the ashes...
Therein lies the strength"

May 22-24, 2003
La Posada Resort
Scottsdale, Arizona
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



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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
- 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 _____

Signature _____

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

La Posada Resort
4949 East Lincoln

1.800.ROOM.TREE
for Reservations
602.952.0420
Conference Rate
\$89.00 per Night

May 22-24, 2003

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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!**

SAD DECEMBER DAY

My world crashed in around me
on that sad December day.
The day the doctor told me
that you had gone away.

I heard the words he said,
and sat in disbelief.
He must be wrong I thought,
there must be a heartbeat.

But tragically it was true,
You were gone forever from our lives.
The doctor wrote his diagnosis,
those awful words... "fetal demise".

I've never known such devastation,
I've never known such pain.
My life has been forever changed
I'll never be the same.

Four years ago you left me,
how I wish you could have stayed.
My world crashed in around me
on that sad December day.

*-by Debbie Vinette
In loving memory of
Sarah Jean-Dec. 10, 1998*

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

There is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world,
and that is an idea whose time has come."

-Victor Hugo