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## The Globalization of Kindness

By Joanne Cacciatore

I began the Kindness Project in October of 1997 with the intent that we'd sell about 1,000 Kindness Project cards. I thought perhaps a few others would like to reach out and perform a good deed in memory of their child. To date, the Kindness Project has far exceeded my once-narrowed vision.

Since its inception, we have sold more than 500,000 Kindness Project Cards all around the globe! We've received orders from Canada to Switzerland and from Australia to Malta...and of course, every state in the U.S.

It is confirmation of the absolute courage and insight of our many members—parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbors - who reach out to help another because of the love for a child.

Those of you who have participated in the Kindness Project, thank you. We are changing a culture- transforming our way of life and responses to death.

We are here to show others that death does not end a relationship. An individual can indeed change the world that we live in...even if that person has died.

This story was sent to me by a participant of the Kindness Project...This family clearly has the same idea!

*It's just a small, white envelope stuck among the branches of our Christmas tree. No name, no identification, no inscription. It has peeked through the branches of our tree for the past 10 years or so. It all began because my husband, Mike, hated Christmas. Oh, not the true meaning of Christmas, but the commercial aspects of it—overspending, the frantic running around at the last minute to get a tie for Uncle Harry and the dusting*

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### Take Note:

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It isn't for the moment you are struck that you need courage, but for the long up hill battle to faith, sanity and security.

~ Anne Morrow Lindbergh

## WHEN CHILDREN DIE

*When children die,  
they leave behind tears and scars,  
but also memories and smiles.  
When children die, tears are shed for healing.  
The parents' tears fill oceans,  
their shedding clears their minds.  
The mind then heals, tears become scars in the soul.  
The soul then heals, scars evolve into memories.  
The parents then heal, memories grow into smiles.  
There are no more sincere tears falling from human eyes  
than those shed when a child dies.  
Those tears will become memories.  
Those tears will bloom into smiles.  
Smiles of love.  
The scar is the illness,  
the alarming diagnosis,  
the frightening possibilities,  
the endless suffering,  
the dreadful disease,  
the pain in the soul,  
the sadness of the end.  
The scars then blossom into memories.  
Memories of a happy beginning.  
Our beautiful child, a cheerful event,  
the handsome expression, the joyful times,  
the pretty hand, the lovely occasions,  
the twinkle in the eye, the child's smile,  
the bright mind, the family together.  
the good-bye kiss.  
Memories filled with happiness.  
Memories of the child's pretty smile.  
Memories of love. Our child's smile.  
When children die,  
tears are shed,  
scars are healed,  
memories bloom,  
smiles are born.  
For every tear shed, as time goes by,  
a memory is born, for every tear shed,  
a smile blooms.  
It is as if our child is telling us:*

*"When you remember me, do not cry anymore;  
when you think of me, smile;  
tears, yes, but less and less;  
and smiles, oh yes, smiles,  
forever more and more smiles,  
oceans filled with smiles."*

*Guillermo A. Gutiérrez-Calleros, M.D.  
Dedicated to the memory of Nico Gutierrez Cantin  
A soul too beautiful for this world...*

## MISS Foundation inspires memorial garden

Through the wonderful readings in the MISSING Angels I have been inspired to do something special for others in memory of my little son Kody on the anniversary of his death.

Kody was among God's earthbound angels with broken wings, he was severely disabled and was not given long to live after his birth. He fooled all the doctors and lived to be seven years old. For a little boy that could not walk or talk or use his hands he made more contributions to the world and bettered more people's lives than anyone I have met. And through the "kindness projects" that we, Kody's family, continue to do in his memory - his selfless spirit is being kept alive.

This past October marked 5 years since Kody left our world. I wanted to do something really special - really different, I walked outside last summer and gazed into the cloud dappled sky and asked Kody - "what can we do for others, how can we make people remember how remarkable you were ... show me the way?" Within two days, Kody's special education pre-school teacher called to ask me to talk to another family who had just lost a child. She said she wished there was something we could do to remember these children that have died so young. You see this was a school for extremely disabled children, and these teachers had experienced the loss of seven of their students in the past 10 years. Some of these children came from families so poor that they could not even afford a gravestone with their child's name in memorial. So - that was it!

I got a list of the "missing angels" the teachers told me what their favorite things in life were - such as balloons, music, trains, swinging, bubbles, cameras, shoes and laughing. I set out to paint a special tile for each child, then make those tiles into a mural. The mural was then cemented onto a large heavy elevated garden box - elevated so that the present student's in wheelchairs could water the flowers in the garden. We held a wonderful memorial service for all seven families; each family planted a unique flower in memory of their child. Kody's 10 year old sister Abbe played "Come Little Children" on the violin. We shared stories about our children, we laughed we cried and we remembered our little missing angels. At the end of the day, a grieving Father came up to me with tears running down his face and thanked me, he said the death of his daughter was more than his wife could take and she left him. There was never any service for his daughter; this was six years ago. He said he would come once a week to water her flowers and help the other children in her memory. You never know what a difference a kind act of remembrance can make.



From left are Aliso School special education teacher Laurie Bryant, Franklin School special education aide Mary Ann Ramey, Marian Von Metzger and Brooke Rye (kneeling). From right are Rory Rye, Abbe Rye and Franklin special education teacher Christy Swider.

# *The Globalization of Kindness*

by Joanne Cacciatore - *Continued from page 1*

*powder for Grandma, the gifts of desperation because you couldn't think of anything else. Knowing he felt this way, I decided one year to bypass the usual shirts, sweaters, ties and so forth. I reached for something special just for Mike.*

*The inspiration came in an unusual way. Our son, Kevin, who was 12 that year, was wrestling at the junior level at the school he attended. Shortly before Christmas, there was a non-league match against a team sponsored by an inner-city church. These youngsters, dressed in sneakers so ragged that shoestrings seemed to be the only thing holding them together, presented a sharp contrast to our boys in their spiffy blue and gold uniforms and sparkling new wrestling shoes. As the match began, I was alarmed to see that the other team was wrestling without headgear, a kind of light helmet designed to protect a wrestler's ears. It was a luxury the ragtag team obviously could not afford. Well, we ended up walloping them. We took every weight class. And as each of their boys got up from the mat, he swaggered around in his tatters with false bravado, a kind of street pride that couldn't acknowledge defeat.*

*Mike, seated beside me, shook his head sadly, "I wish just one of them could have won," he said. "They have a lot of potential, but losing like this could take the heart right out of them." Mike loved kids—all kids—and he knew them, having coached little league football, baseball and lacrosse. That's when the idea for his present came to me. That afternoon, I went to a local sporting goods store and bought an assortment of wrestling headgear and shoes and sent them anonymously to the inner-city church. On Christmas Eve, I placed the envelope on the tree, the note inside telling Mike what I had done and that this was his gift from me. His smile was the brightest thing about Christmas that year and in succeeding years. For each Christmas, I followed the tradition—one year sending a group of mentally handicapped youngsters to a hockey game, another year a check to a pair of elderly brothers whose home had burned to the ground the week before Christmas, and so on and on.*

*The envelope became the highlight of our Christmas. It*

*was always the last thing opened on Christmas morning and our children, ignoring their new toys, would stand with wide-eyed anticipation as their dad lifted the envelope from the tree to reveal its contents. As the children grew, the toys gave way to more practical presents, but the envelope never lost its allure.*

*The story doesn't end there. You see, we lost Mike last year due to dreaded cancer. When Christmas rolled around, I was still so wrapped in grief that I barely got the tree up. But Christmas Eve found me placing an envelope on the tree, and in the morning, it was joined by three more. Each of our children, unbeknownst to the others, had placed an envelope on the tree for their dad. The tradition has grown and someday will expand even further with our grandchildren standing around the tree with wide-eyed anticipation watching as their fathers take down the envelope. Mike's spirit, like the Christmas spirit, will always be with us.*

## **An act of kindness**

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at Stanford Hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness. The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes, I'll do it if it will save Liz." As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?"

Being young, the boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood.

*R*eflection, *T*ontemplation, *H*ope

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Method of payment  Check  Invoice Agency  Credit Card (Must register online)

PO Number # \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Dept \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased child's full name and dates of birth and death (if applicable)

Conference Fees Per Person	Bereaved Family Member	Professional Fee	Total Amount Due
May 26, 2005	\$60.00	\$80.00	
May 27 and 28, 2005	\$120.00	\$160.00	
May 29, 2005	\$60.00	\$75.00	
All four days	\$220.00	\$275.00	
Kindness Project Sponsor-a-child, parent, or grandparent to attend conference	\$120 per person	x _____	In memory of
<b>Kids Conference Fees</b>			
Evening of May 26, 2005	\$15.00		
May 27, 2005	\$20.00		
May 28, 2005	\$20.00		
May 29, 2005	\$20.00		
Child's name and age (for each one attending "Kids Kamp")			
TOTAL PAID:			

Fax Registration to 623.979.1001 or send your payment and registration to:  
MISS Foundation- Conference Registrar, PO Box 5333, Peoria, Arizona 85385

2005 Conference and Gathering, Phoenix, Arizona

Track 1 Family Focus
Track 2 Open Forum (Professionals and Families)
Track 3 Psychosocial Intervention (Professionals only)
Track 4 Creative Arts (Professionals and Families)

Thursday, May 26, 2005 - Pre-conference workshops

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Registration	
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Pre-Conference Welcome	
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	To Help One Person is to Help the World: Culturally Sensitive Bereavement Support Facilitator and Peer Counselor Training Joanne Cacciatore-Garard, CT	The Dying Child: Helping Families as Children Face Death Angela Iverson Shayla Dugan
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Luncheon	
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Bereavement Support and Peer Counselor Training (Continued)	The Dying Child: Helping Families as Children Face Death (Continued)
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Mexican Fiesta Reception	
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	The Double Edged Sword: Grieving Grandparent Session Robin Kennedy	Grief, Anxiety, and Depression in the Subsequent Pregnancy Peter Barr, M.D., PhD

Friday, May 27, 2005- Main Conference Day One

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Registration	
8:30am - 9:00 am	Welcome and "Memories of 2004" Tribute	
9:00 am - 10:15 pm	Keynote Address: Vanessa Gorman, "Losing Layla" The Creative Alchemy of Healing after a Child's Death	
10:45 - 12:00 pm	Keynote Address: Dr Peter Barr Understanding Grief Emotions	
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Italian Grande Buffet Luncheon	
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	A Different Kind of Parenting Kara and Hawk Jones	The Power of Personal Beliefs: An African American Woman's Journey Through Grief Deborah Brooks
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Yoga and Centering John Michael Bliss	Creative Arts in Healing Clay Expressions Workshop Joy Kockerbeck
		Movie and Discussion: Some Babies Die: Psychosocial Intervention Peter Barr, M.D., PhD
		A Look to the East: Is Death the End or the Beginning? Katie Hodge Dean

Saturday, May 28, 2005- Main Conference Day Two

7:30am - 9:00 pm	Continental Breakfast on the Terrace	
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Keynote Address: Dr. Dan Baker The Gift of Ryan: One Father's Travel from Despair to Hope	
10:45 am - 12:00 pm	Bereaved Parent Panel Discussion Topic: The Journey into Grief's Past, Present, and Future Moderators Dr. John DeFraim and Joanne Cacciatore	
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Luncheon	
2:00pm - 5:00 pm	Bereaved Parent Support Group Meeting Dr. Peter Barr Vanessa Gorman	Transforming Grief: Finding Purpose in the Darkness of Sorrow Dr. Dan Baker
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Closing Ceremonies and the Candlelight Memorial Service Followed by the Festival of Chocolates	

Sunday, May 29, 2005- Post Conference Workshops

10:00 am -12:30 pm	Movie and Discussion: Losing Layla with Vanessa Gorman and Peter Barr, M.D.	
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Luncheon, Pool Party, and Hawaiian Luau	
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Faith Based Support: The Faces of Spirituality in the Death Experience Deborah Brooks	Putting the Past to Words: Poetry Workshop Kara and Hawk Jones
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Saying Goodbye: Post Conference Parental Debriefing Session Dr. John DeFraim	Ritual and Remembrance: Scrapbooking as a way to Remember and Honor Your Child Amber MacCarter
		Changing Laws and Policies in Your State: Don't just sit there! Start a Revolution! Joanne Cacciatore and John Nevells

"It was the most wonderful conference I have attended in my 42 years of nursing."  
Sue Kunberger, R.N., Conference 2004 Attendee

"The conference was one of the most amazing experiences in our lives."  
Gail and Dean Hermano, Bereaved Parents, 2004 Conference Attendees



# 31 Months

By Kelli Rivera

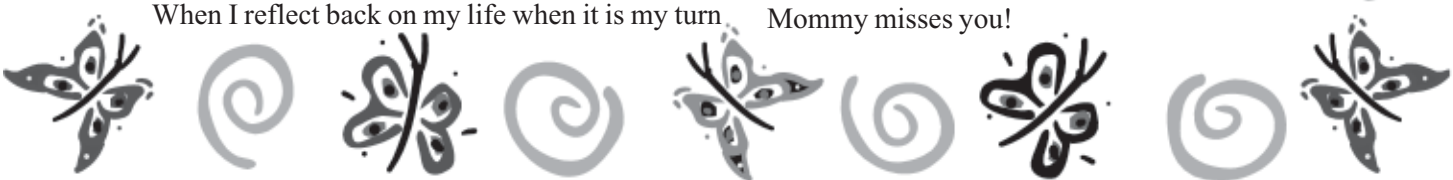
I looked at the calendar today and part of me was really taken back by what I have discovered. I am only five months away from my daughter being gone for three years. Today marks 31 months. The days are spinning by and I seem to keep myself busy. I am for the most part happy with my life, but have a void that will never be filled. But the sad thing is, most people mistake happy for forgetting or being "over it". Rest assured that will never happen.

I am at peace and confident of an after life with my child and that keeps me going from day to day. I must keep going and carry on her legacy so that the world will know my daughter and what she meant to me. My child's life, although brief, will not be one swept away and forgotten. Her light will shine in me as I reach out to others. She is in my heart, she is my strength from day to day.

When I reflect back on my life when it is my turn

to cross over I want to know that I have lived a life that ALL of my children would be proud of. Jennifer, although young, lived a life that was full of love, she was full of laughter and joy. Her innocence and unconditional love is something that some people could only dream of having. She brightened rooms and infected people around her with her contagious giggle. The way I reflect on the gift that I have been given as Jennifer's mother, I can only dream that my life will be just as meaningful when I am through. But you know what? It will, even if I never become rich and have all of the finer things in life.....that's okay, because nothing makes me more proud than just being a MOM!

And as I sit here and drink my strawberry/banana smoothie, I lift it and toast a life never to be forgotten! A child who blessed this world with nine years, nine months, and four days...thank you Jennifer Marie...I will see you again! I can only imagine what that day will be like!  
Mommy misses you!



## UPDATE on MISSING Angels Bill: Across the Country...

### MISSing Angels States - by the numbers (as of 1/7/2005):

Eleven states currently offer an official, legal document that includes the words Certificate of Birth in the title to the parents of stillborn children. These states are considered 'MISSing Angels States'.

Six states currently have pending legislation that, when enacted, will qualify them as 'MISSing Angels States'.

Six states currently have citizens who have contacted their legislators and have asked them to write legislation that could potentially have them become 'MISSing Angels States'.

That's 23 states that are - or are potentially going to be 'MISSing Angels States'.



Seven states currently offer their citizens a 'Certificate of Stillbirth'. Although they are both worded very similarly, a 'Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth' and a 'Certificate of Stillbirth' are not the same thing. Legislators, Policy Analysts, and State Health Departments agree, there is a subtle, yet immense difference in the two. The MISS Foundation believes that all states should record births as births... whether live or still. Thus, our goal, for those states that offer a 'Certificate of Stillbirth', is to change the certificate to a 'Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth', which we view as a 'BIRTH' certificate.

Add these Seven (once changed) to the 23 above - that would be 30 out of 50!

Please see the state chart at [www.MISSingAngelsBill.org](http://www.MISSingAngelsBill.org) for more detailed information about your state - or how you can become involved in your state.

# Let it Go?

By Michael R. Chase

## *True Accounts of Grief, from the Heart of a Professional*

As a firefighter in a small town, when we roll on a call there's a better than average chance we'll know our patient. An acquaintance? A friend? A loved one? Yes, the chances are very good. It's part of the job. What do you do?

LET IT GO.

Roll on a tone, 11:30 PM, to a motor vehicle accident and arrive to find a life long friend with his head pinned between a tree. No chance he's alive. Red and blue lights illuminate the operator - the drunk with his head hung in shame. He, too, grew up with me - loyalty, pity, anger, and grief. Which to show? Which to hide?

LET IT GO.

The day after Christmas- an evening rescue. The girl is in her thirties-young, beautiful, vivacious. Every day, you remember, she had a wave, a smile and a kind word. Storming up the stairs, you find her resting peacefully, but not resting. The needle and belt on the table tell the story as you start CPR and your partner readies O2 and defibrillation. Frustration as you feel your compressions break ribs in the frail girl. Someone called 911, traced from a bar while another user who'd been there wanted to be safely away before calling. Lost minutes. Lost life. Thirty-one years old. Frustration, anger, grief.

LET IT GO.

Interrupted afternoon with the family. Hit the lights and head for an injured child. A ten-year-old girl playing on the family yacht falls down the stairs. She has an obvious deformity of right forearm. Brave little thing, bites her lip as we pump up the vacuum splint. Her eyes fix on the salon door awaiting the comfort of mom. Her mother is seemingly too busy with her lunch in a world class restaurant

to be bothered. "Let the nanny handle it," and abruptly hangs up the phone. That little girl was the best patient I ever treated- so quiet, a good listener and not a tear. Anger, contempt, frustration, pity.

LET IT GO.

Transport, 1:00AM, routine turned personal challenge. An infant with a genetic heart valve defect. Thin thread of life glowing faint green on the EKG. I look down and see my own little girl, ages only days apart. Mother in the jump seat staring unblinking at the child who'd only months earlier filled her womb with new sensations. Those fixed eyes trying desperately to give this little one the strength she obviously lacks. Frustration, helplessness, yearning.

LET IT GO.

6:15AM, no problem for a morning person. A motor vehicle accident, a common one here but rarely urgent in the way of personal injury. Not today. Bad intersection, no signs, two car collision, roll over with entrapment. Cap on the pickup sheared, jagged fiberglass, occupant pinned half out of the vehicle. His arm is penetrated by the jagged fiberglass, grating, cutting. Short handed extraction, scoop and go. He lived but lost his arm. He once made his living with his hands. Pity.

LET IT GO.

A matter of time, short time. First sight on scene is a hysterical mother, an expressionless father, a very small motionless form and a mangled bike. A seven-year-old girl, helmet unsecured, open skull fracture, unresponsive. Load and go fast. Two shaken parents give details to an officer. The driver on a through street could not have seen them through the hedge. Happened in 1992. The girl has yet to wake from the coma. Much anger, incredulity, grief.

LET IT GO.

But we don't. We don't let it go, not completely. We can't. In the field we can't let it show. Remain composed, for

the victim and friends and loved ones. We show strength that is not always ours. Courage we don't always feel. Aloofness, which is always a lie. You see we are, after all, human. We hurt, laugh, cry, love and hate. We feel, just like our patients, grief, loss, shame and guilt. We do not, however, feel just our own. The cries. The pleading. The tears. The faces. They don't come off with the uniform. We can't let them go completely because we're caring human beings. If we weren't, we would not have chosen this career. So what happens to all these feelings? When we go home to our lives, we take a piece of each of them with us.

*Michael R. Chase is a firefighter/ EMT with the Nantucket Fire Department in Nantucket, MA. Michael has been involved with the service and fire department for ten years. He has resided on Nantucket all his life. His family moved there in the 1700's. Michael is married and has a lovely three-year-old daughter. He says he has been writing since he can remember- "Since birth I think." These three things make up the center of Michael's life. "Okay," he says, "they are my life. I'm a simple man and my attitude in life is best summed up in a quote from Albert Einstein, "Only a life lived for others is a life worth living."*





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

## Children's Retreat: The Kid's Kamp for Ages 5-17



### Schedule of Kid's Kamp

May 26-29, 2005

Thursday night movie and dinner  
from 6:30 -9 pm!

Friday and Saturday all day and all night fun  
sessions from 8am to 10 pm!

Sunday Kid's Kamp from 10am to 8:30 pm!

### Activities Include:

- Fun with the Phoenix Fire and Police Departments
  - Art and Writing Expressions
    - Karaoke Fun
    - Sharing Circles
    - Balloon Releases
  - Fun with music and crafts
    - Drum circles

*Breakfast and Lunch are included in conference rates for kids!*

### **What Kids Say About Kid's Kamp Weekends:**

"I had a lot of fun and met lots of new friends!"

"It was so cool and I got to talk about how I really feel."

"It was awesome and I want to come back again next year!"



# My Baby Logan

By Lauren Piper

I didn't even know I was pregnant until I went to the doctor's office and they told me I was 10 weeks along. I was scared of being a mother at first. I'm young – only 19 – and didn't know what to think. I felt like my life changed. At the time, I hated going to the doctor visits every two weeks, then every month, then back to every week. But, I look back and see what God had given me – my little Logan.

I went to the hospital seven times for “false alarms” before I actually had Logan. Because Logan was my first child, I didn't know what true labor was. I finally went to the hospital for the final time on July 16, 2004 at 11:30 p.m., which was my due date. The nurse came into the room and said, “Lauren, your doctor will be in tomorrow morning to induce your labor.” From that moment on, I felt like I gained another heart.

I ended up in labor for 28 1/2 hours. Then, after pushing for 3 hours, I heard the nurse yell, “OR”. I didn't know what was going on, and my mom told me I was having a c-section. All I kept asking was, “Is he going to be OKAY?” The nurse replied, “Yes honey. Calm down, he will be okay.” When he was delivered, I didn't hear Logan cry, and my heart felt like it stopped.

Logan is the most wonderful thing that has happened to me. He was finally born on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:13 a.m., and everyone said he looked like his uncle Stephen (my younger brother). I didn't see Logan myself until about 9:00 that morning. The first thing I did was check his bracelet to make sure he was my baby, and from that day on I never left the house without him.

Each day went by so fast. Logan had his first vacation at three weeks old when Grandma and Grandpa (my mom and dad) and Uncle Stephen took Logan, Daddy and me to Ocean City. Logan slept on the beach under his little umbrella and looked SO cute! I had his pictures taken at one month and did everything a new mother typically would and could have done. Until I woke up one morning and saw that my baby had been taken from me.

It started September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 a.m. Logan slept next to us in his little Pack-n-Play or in the bed with us. He started crying, so I picked him up and tried to feed him, but he would not eat. I eventually leaned back in our bed with him and fell back asleep. At 6:45 a.m., the alarm went off, and that is when my life ended. Logan was blue and not moving or breathing. I thought I was dreaming. I yelled at Chris (my boyfriend), “Something is wrong with Logan!” I was yelling at Logan to wake up, but he would not move. I called 911 right away, and they came within 10 minutes. When the cop walked in the door, he told Chris to stop doing CPR. I looked at the cop and cried, “You can't! He is my baby! You have to do something!” The cop told me I had to let go of Logan because he had to go. I told him, “Logan is fine, he just needs help. PLEASE!” Well, they took Logan away and by then my mom was there. We drove to the hospital, praying all the way.

When I arrived at the hospital, they let me go right in, so by then I knew my baby was gone. I walked into the big, empty green room, and there laid my “little buddy” on the big bed all by himself. I grabbed him and told him, “I LOVE YOU, BUDDY. PLEASE WAKE UP. MOMMY NEEDS YOU.” But he would not. I thought I did something wrong and I did not understand why this happened. He was so healthy and we had given him everything.

I had to let Logan go. I could not, but my grandmother said, “He is in a better place now and Pop-Pop (my grandpa) will take care of him.” It was the most painful thing I've ever had to do. My life was gone and I wonder every day why. Now I have to wait to see him again. Not a day goes by that I do not think about Logan. I go every day to see him, just like I would if he was still here. I know he is here with me, just not beside me. I lost my beautiful baby boy to SIDS.

In loving memory of my son, Logan Joseph Piper Cundiff, July 18, 2004 — Sept. 21, 2004

## Heartfelts & Gratitude

Special gratitude from the MISS Foundation goes out to all our dedicated volunteers who give thousands of hours each month in communities around the world to help others!

Special thank you from Joanne Cacciatore to Jim Gregory for eight years of remembering and eight years of unprecedented compassion - and for sharing his beautiful sister and her memory with me. And to the Grace family of Flagstaff, Arizona who has generously donated, every month, for years and years and years, in memory of their precious Brittney Angelique Grace. Your kindnesses help us to help others.

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Roberto Sanchez, our Masters Social Work Intern, Shayla Dugan, and other volunteers who have helped us with our recent projects! You help us to remember and honor the children who died too soon but who live in our hearts for eternity!

As always, thank you to every MISS Foundation Facilitator and Moderator. In your absence, we would not be able to reach out and help so many others at the darkest times of their lives.

Special thanks to Claudia Ringstrom (Tyler Lotz's grandma) for generously donating her time, energy, and materials to embroider numerous MISS t-shirts.

Special thanks to NBC and the television producers of the hit show, E.R. For several months, NBC and producers have been referring bereaved parents to the MISS Foundation for support following an episode that contains the death of a baby. The MISS Foundation is pleased to be able to provide much needed intervention services to families in need after a child's death.

### From this morning's Devin edition:

submitted by Dana Southworth-Douglass

"Mom, who is the saddest that Kylie died?" I probably am, Devin, or maybe Jessie, She's had a really hard time with this. "Oh", he says with a thoughtful pause. Then with a twinkle in his eye, adds, "Welllll, I will avenge her, Mom. I know it's no one's fault that she died, but I still want to avenge her!" Then he quickly jumped down and ran off. I'm assuming he went to get his super-hero cape.

"Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way you expected." - anonymous

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## AUTHORS ASSESS EFFECTIVENESS OF COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM IN REDUCING ASTHMA-RELATED CHILD MORBIDITY

“The effectiveness of HCZAI [Harlem Children’s Zone Asthma Initiative] underscores the utility of community-based public health programs in reducing asthma morbidity,” state the authors of a report published in the January 14, 2005, issue of *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. The HCZAI was established to reduce asthma-related morbidity through improved surveillance, health care use, and health care service delivery for children ages 11 and younger living in a 60-block radius of Central Harlem, New York City, known as the Harlem Children’s Zone Project. The report summarizes preliminary data collected during 2001-2004 on the effectiveness of the program in reducing asthma-related morbidity.

To identify children with asthma or asthma-like signs, a parent or guardian of all children living or attending school in the study region completed a survey, and a physician or nurse conducted a physical examination of the children. Families of children enrolled in HCZAI received medical, educational, environmental, social, and legal services from a pediatric asthma team (four community workers, a social worker, a nurse, and three physicians). Selected indicators of asthma symptoms and management strategies were monitored via in-home interviews with a parent or guardian of each enrolled child; interviews were conducted at 3-month intervals for a period of 18 months.

The authors found that:

- A total of 3,132 children were screened, of which 982 (31.4%) had asthma or asthma-like signs and 314 (10.0%) were enrolled in HCZAI.
- School absences reported by the enrollees’ parents/guardians declined both for any reason (from 34.4% to 16.0% in 18 months) and because of asthma (from 23.3% to 8.0% in 18 months).
- Emergency department and unscheduled physician office visits for asthma treatment decreased from 35.0% to 8.0% in 18 months.
- Reported use of asthma management strategies (e.g., using a spacer device, having an asthma action plan) by parents/guardians of enrolled children increased substantially over time.

These findings indicate “improved asthma management and appropriate use of health care services by program enrollees,” state the authors.

Nicholas SW, Hutchinson VE, Ortiz B, et al. 2005. Reducing childhood asthma through community-based service delivery — New York City, 2001-2004. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* 54(01):11-14. Available at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5401a5.htm> or <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5401.pdf>. Additional information about HCZAI is available at <http://www.hcz.org>. Readers: More information is available from the MCH Library’s knowledge path, Asthma in Children and Adolescents, at [http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp\\_asthma.html](http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_asthma.html).

## STUDY EXPLORES REASONS FOR DELAYED OR FORGONE CARE AMONG CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

“By exploring the specific reasons of delayed or forgone care, we were able to assess the barriers to health access across the diverse backgrounds of CSHCN [children with special health care needs],” state the authors of an article published in the March/April 2005 issue of *Ambulatory Pediatrics*. Studies have shown that CSHCN are more likely to have at least one unmet need, to be unable to obtain needed health care, and to delay obtaining health care because of cost. However, no study has examined the reasons other than cost for delayed or forgone care among CSHCN. The article describes the sociodemographic characteristics of CSHCN who had delayed or forgone care and explores reasons for delayed or forgone care and their associations with other factors.

Data for the analysis were drawn from the 2001 National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs, a three-part survey designed to (1) collect sociodemographic information for all children ages 17 and younger, (2) identify children who have special health care needs, and (3) provide comprehensive data on the child’s health and functional status and the child’s and family’s experiences with the health care system. A single measure was created to screen whether the respondent (parent or legal guardian) perceived delayed or forgone care during the previous 12 months.

Respondents who answered “yes” were asked an additional 12 questions, each focusing on a specific reason for delayed or forgone care. Sociodemographic variables included the child’s race or ethnicity, age group, gender, poverty status, and region of residence. The functional ability of the child and the child’s health insurance coverage were also assessed. The analyses tested for differences in the proportions of reasons for delayed or forgone care in different sociodemographic groups and factors.

The authors found that:

- CSHCN comprised 12.8% of all the children surveyed; among these, 9.7% reported delayed or forgone care in the past 12 months.
- The predominant reason for delayed or forgone care was financial problems (7.82%); followed by time conflicts (4.01%); provider not accessible (2.97%); lack of an appropriate medical specialty (2.65%); and language, communication, or cultural problems with the providers (0.49%).
- Adolescents ages 12-17 were 60% more likely to have delayed or forgone care than were infants and children from birth through age 5; CSHCN in the West and South were 50% and 60% more likely, respectively, to have delayed or forgone care than were CSHCN in the Northeast and Midwest; for CSHCN from poor or near-poor families and those with greater functional limitations, the risk of delayed or forgone care was three times as high as for other CSHCN; and CSHCN who did not have health insurance were five times more likely to have delayed or foregone care, compared to those with insurance.

The authors conclude that the study “provides insights and references for clinicians and health policy makers on how to reduce the disparities of health and health access in the population.”

Huang ZJ, Kogan MD, Yu SM, et al. 2005. Delayed or forgone care among children with special health care needs. *Ambulatory Pediatrics* 5(1):60-67.



# In Memoriam...

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 Abigail Victoria Cunningham  
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 Alexander Culbertson  
 Alexander Zeiser  
 Alexandra Sainz  
 Amanda Joy Marottek  
 Amanda Marie Truxell  
 Angelique Hall  
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 Audrey Sinclair  
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 Carlos Meneses  
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 Conner Brian Thomas  
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 Erik Andrew Weiss  
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## April

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by Tami Knight

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by parents Tim and Nicole

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Celebrating their 2nd birthdays  
by Jessica Finnegan

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by her parents, Joseph and Tammy

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by parents Shirley and Joe

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Thank you MISS for all you do!  
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by his loving family

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by Catherine and Michael,  
his loving parents

**Madison Elaine McInerney**  
Always remembered, always missed  
by her loving family

**Madison Kate Lerma**  
We will be forever grateful for the important part she has played in our lives. We love you Madison and will never forget you! Love, Auntie Em and Uncle Sean Grandma and Grandpa Rossman Taylor Haymart Trish Morin Matt and Peggy Bertrand Don and Dawn Haymart Duane and Eileen Karmazin Tammy Bazelman

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Happy birthday, honey. Mommy and Daddy love you and miss you.

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by Lindsay Descheneau  
We will always love you Grandpa. Love, Lindsay, James, Landon & Lucas

**Brittney Angelique Grace**  
by her parents, Joseph and Tammy

**Alexis Kay Kinsman-DeWalt**  
by Kristina DeWalt  
For my beautiful baby girl and the celebration of her life...

**Tyler Scott Norman**  
by Courtney Norman  
Our little bud  
of love, to bloom with God above ~  
We MISS you so much!!!!

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# M.I.S.S. Stars



Special thanks to all those who have donated to help keep the MISS forums and chat rooms running smoothly! Below is our list of Star Donors.

Starf (Name)	In Memory of	In Living Honor of	Comments
Elyse Mitchell	Talon Archer Mitchell (03-14-02 to 03-18-02)		
Himi Moore	Matthew Harris Funk (8.12-10-04, 6.12-10-04)		love you baby, mommy misses you lots
Tracy and Adam Guernsey	Carmen Renee and Camille Suzanne Guernsey		
Vicki Ullmeyer	Gina & Ron (left this earth in Sept, 2001)	Terri Colella - Mom and Wife	MISS has been a Godsend for me - Gina's Aunt. This site has kept me going since I found it. So many wonderful people here. God Bless us Everyone! I can only wish that we did not need this website - but thank God that you had the insight to start - Let's keep it going!
Kristina DeWalt	Alexis Kay Kinsman-DeWalt (August 22, 2000)		For my beautiful baby girl and the celebration of her life...
Allison Tait	Janelle Paige & "Leo" (19-23 Nov 2003 & 26 Sept 2001)		
Hike and Ginger Tompkins	Taylor and Blake Tompkins (Taylor=1/10/02; Blake=6/26/02-7/8/02)		
Carla Hoffmann	Carlos Roel (2/25/1968 - 6/30/1969)		
Tayla Powell	Allison Grace Powell (May 14, 2002)		
Taz	Tomos and Max Hughes (5 Dec 1993 and 18 Nov 1999)		MISS has kept me going for all these years, the least I can do is to help keep MISS going - Thank you Joanne and everyone.
Sarah Williams	Julian and Oralee	Brenna Williams	
Syrena Gibson	Nathan A. Boyer (8/11/94 - 7/16/03)		
Gail Duckworth	Trevor Duckworth (September 15, 2002)		
Christa Bowen	Caitlynn Grace and Alexandra Lynn Bowen (1-17-03)		Thanks for all the love and support I have received through MISS! MISS has been my life the last 2 years!
Suzanne Carroll	Emily Marie Carroll (9/2-9/5/02)		
Courtney Norman	Tyler Scott Norman (3-22-02)		Our little bud of love, to bloom with God above ~ We MISS you so much!!!!
Brenda and Marty Graff	Lucy Ann Baskerville Graff (11/05/02)		
Mary Beth Adomaitis	Emily Irene Adomaitis and Bobby Adomaitis (Born/Died Feb. 2, 2000; miscarried Feb. 12, 2004)		
Rhonda and Greg Overacker	Casey James Overacker (03-02-01 to 03-09-01)		As we approach your 4th birthday...we are reminded of how you changed our lives. You continue to be a blessing to our family. We love and MISS you now and always. Happy Birthday, sweet boy! -Mommy, Daddy, Griffin & Carly
Kieron J. Meagher	Soren, Imogen, Heloise, Aurora, Kae, Roku & Seven	In Honor of All my MISS friends, in memory of their babies	In memory of all the babies gone too soon. Thank you for taking care of my wife.
Liesl Flanagan	Rose May (3/27/1995-5/6/1996)		
Patricia Batezel	Taylor Renae Torvik (8/09/04)		
Melissa Wilson	Sydney Ella Wilson (8/8/00 - 2/26/03)		This is also made in memory of Dominick Roberto Sanchez Wilson 6/27/03
Gigi Donna	Kaylee Dawn Burch (03-16-2000 --03-24-2000)		
Karen Hoppman	Austin & Alex Hoppman (6-29-96 to 10-13-98 & 12-19 to 12-20-99)		

Marta	Angel Ben, born still and M/C (2-5-98 & 11-18-98)	Kevin & Ryan My subs	
Teri Lee	Our angel, Vincent-Anthony Lee (1/9-6/2004)		In loving memory of all our children.
Gillian Jones	Juliette Kathleen Lauson (81-29-82)		Remembering you always and celebrating what your brief life continues to mean on your third birthday. Our sweet little baby...
Gillian Jones	Bylan Michael Jones (06-27-02)		
Carla Hoffmann	Cesar, Josephine and Carlos Hoffmann Roel (4/6/97, 8/3/97 and 12/2/98)		
The Pitts Family	Christian Samuel Pitts (August 11, 1998)		
Jill Lear	Hettie Ann Lear (May 4, 2002 to June 11, 2002)		
Jessie Faith	Care Paula Faith (3/5/02)		
Laura Butts	Kaleigh Ann Bogard-Rordan (3/9/00 - 3/25/00)		Happy Birthday big girl, I know how much you miss, and how brother miss you give them hugs from Heaven. We love your family so very much! Rex, Laura, ~Kenna~, Carri Butts
Marta Copple	Ben K. Copburn Jr. & Tigger (2-5-98 and 11-18-98) and All of our missing Angels	All of our living Angels	
Dobbie Wivette	Sarah Jean Wivette (12/14/98)		
Jessie Anaya	Tyler James Anaya (June 7, 2004) & Baby Anaya miscarried June 2003		
Wendy Nestak	Thorne Cleve Nestak (January 8, 2003)		
Ruth Johnson	Haley Paige Johnson (July 4 - 15, 2000)		...and like a butterfly in flight, she was gone. (Complications of surgery to repair heart defects)
Emily Wilberg	Gabriel Wilberg (May 10, 2002)		donation is profits from my site. <a href="http://www.cryofirstbooks.com">www.cryofirstbooks.com</a>
Fenella Spangler	Christopher Spangler (7/28/94-8/12/94)		
Catherine Torvik	Taylor Renae (8-9-84)		In memory of our little butterfly angel flying among the clouds.
Carlynn & John Nevils	Bump & Skye Nevils		Let not this beacon of light diminish. Our hearts are heavy - and by our shining - our journey on this road becomes easier to bear.
Kellie Scott	Cameron Michael Scott (11/2/91)		We miss you everyday Cameron. Thanking you for smiling at your little sister, Skye.
Lesli Flanagan	Rose & Twinkle (3/27/99-5/6/99, m/c 3/04)		MISS has carried me through the most difficult times in my life, and introduced me to the strongest people I know.
Cherie Garant	Jelle Soled Gutierrez (4/14/03)		
Cheryl Macomber	Nadine Marie Macomber (March 4, 2004)		I need the forum!!
Sue Ann Roberson	Zachary Brian Roberson (March 21, 2000)		I hope you raise enough money... this site was my saving grace in the early days of losing Zachary, I cant imagine it not being here.
Susan Swainston	Alex Christopher (April 29, 2003)		He is missed as much as he is loved...
Susan Swainston	Bianca Zanas (May 17, 2004)		In our lives but a moment, in our hearts forever.
Katie Hodge Dean	Blake Cash (3/12/98 - 2/18/00)		
Trina Jauregui	Cloe Grace Jauregui, my baby girl (8/23/03-4/22/04)		
Lynn Dunwoody	David Isaac Jacobs, my son (1/1/1994)		Happy 6th Birthdays, David. Mommy MISSES you.
Kara Jones	Dakota James (3/11/99)		
Veronica Cheek	Kyle Jackson Cheek (November 6, 2004)		
Louise Russell	Thomas Carl Russell (2/4/81 - 10/4/81)		In memory of my brave little boy Thomas who we miss every second of every day. This site has been a great support to me over the past year, getting me through some very bad days.
Crystal Lauson	Juliette Kathleen Lauson (1/28/82)		In memory of Juliette on her third birthday.
Diane Knochogian	Sarah Kathleen (March 2003)		
Laura Butts	Kenneth James Butts (7/31/82 - 8/2/82)		We remember you as your new sister comes into this world on Monday, 1-3-04 like MISS you.
Heather Aoki	Ol Dixon Aoki (12/31/2003 - 1/1/2004)		

# Remembering...



Alexander Michael Swartz



Daniel Fritea



Daniel Mark Spadafino



Alyssa Marie Furman



Danielle Marie



Brandon Boettcher



Dakota Jones



Amanda Faith Olson



Amanda Truxell



Francis Baldoz



Cody Alan Oldham



Carina Kurtz



Chadwick William File



Elizabeth Renee Stewart



Esai Edward-Michael Jacquez



Courtney Eileen Sanders



Gunnar & River Daugherty



Hunter

# ...Our Children



Jillian



Joey Anthony



Kalinda Marie Hicks



Kody Stevens Rye



Jon Dukes



Madison Elaine McInerney



Rachel Hage



Lili Claire Resnick



Joseph Damien 'JD'



Kimberly Deanne Orta



Mary Palmer



Jakob Detwiler



Sammy Seaney



Teighlor Janae Brock



Megan Wondra



Zane Allen White



Shane Clause



Kaylee Dawn Burch  
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Taylor McClure



Tara Ellen Young



## *Living in the Summer Mountains*

*I have moved to this home of Immortals.  
Wild shrubs bloom everywhere.  
In the front garden, trees  
Spread their branches for clothes racks.  
I sit on a mat and float wine cups  
In the cool spring.  
Beyond the window railing  
A hidden path leads away  
Into the dense bamboo grove.  
In a gauze dress  
I read among my disordered  
Piles of books.  
I take a leisurely ride,  
In the painted boat,  
And chant poems to the moon.  
I drift at ease, for I know  
The soft wind will blow me home.*

- Yu, Hsuan-Chi -

## *Safe Arrivals... We Celebrate our Rainbows*

**Hansen Luke Collins**

January 2, 2005

Son of Liesel and Jeff,  
and watched over from Heaven by big sister Amara

**Elliott Lawrence McInerney**

November 4, 2004

Son of Brian & Krista and big sister in Heaven,  
Madison Elaine~We remember always

**Nicholas Evan Nielsen**

January 21, 2005

Watched over by his big brother in heaven - Evan Walter  
Son of Ellen & Eric

**Alesia Monique Dickey**

Precious granddaughter of Gregg and Marsha  
And niece of our beloved Alesia Dawn Carder

## Announcements!



### Fund Raiser!

The MISS Foundation will be working on embroidering sweatshirts with the MISS logo that can be personalized. (For example, Tyler's Mom etc...) They will be sold online in the MISS Store as a fundraiser. To get us started we need donations of WHITE sweatshirts, of all sizes. Zippered sweatshirts are preferred, but pullovers are okay too. If you can help please send the sweatshirt donations to:

Kim Lotz/Merced Chapter MISS  
569 Leslie. Ct.

Merced, Ca 95348

Any questions can be sent to  
[kim@missfoundation.org](mailto:kim@missfoundation.org)

The MISS Foundation would like to thank those of you who made donations in your child's memory this past year. With the continuing growth of MISS, there is an on-going need for donations to keep this non-profit organization running.



We need your help to replenish our accounts so we may continue our good work in communities around the world.

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# Letters From The MISS Mailbox...



Hello,

Many thanks to all for your thoughts and prayers this past year.

My daughter died one year ago from a fatal diagnosis, a severe malformation of the brain. I used to put a lot of effort into research and education of her birth anomaly.

But now, in the face of her death, I know that the cause is secondary to the reality of losing her. Whether the cause was accidental, an illness, or a birth anomaly, the pain is the same. My child is dead. Though each of us traveled in a different ship, we are all in the same boat now. Yes, we are fast approaching the one year anniversary of Kylie's death. It is hard to believe. I have not traveled that far away from her in this year. I still carry myself and my thoughts very close to our life together. It is such a difficult separation for me since she was the center of my life, heck, our whole family's lives. This loss not only of my little girl but also of my occupation, my role, has been doubly hard to deal with. Caring for her was my full time job. It was the job that I feel I was born to fulfill, and now that she is gone I feel incomplete. I feel that a big part of me is buried with her.

So, after I make it through the 'first year', the goal will be to discover who I am without her, and where to take my life from here. The ups and downs, the intensity of the grief at times, the longing, the aching, the emotions that sometimes take over my life, have been unexpected. I fully bought into one of the myths about grief. It was the myth that an "anticipated grief" should



be easier to handle. I fully thought that I would be able to sail through the grieving period thinking only wonderful thoughts and sweet memories of how blessed I was to have had her, and what a miracle child she was.

And yes, I do hold on to those thoughts. But they have not been enough to extinguish the pain of losing her. I am different now. I will always be different from those untouched by child death. I know depths of depression, hopelessness, loneliness, sadness, and pain that is simply not in the natural order of life.

In this past year, I have learned the hard way to allow myself to grieve, to not expect me to be able to accomplish the things I used to. I've had to lower my expectations of myself as my mind is constantly filled with thoughts of Kylie, of her life, of her death, of our experiences together, both good and bad. It takes a lot of mental energy to process these thoughts. I do not accomplish on a daily basis, even half of the things I used to do. My self worth has been slammed, my confidence has suffered, and it is from a very low point that I must slowly, rebuild myself into the me that I will become without her. Don't buy into the myth that because our children are born with a fatal diagnosis, that their eventual death will be easier to handle. I grieved for the loss of my perfect child every day that she was alive. I cried a little each day, for 1,215 days. But even knowing that it would end in her death has not made

this reality any easier. I was so intertwined with her existence, that it truly was as if part of *me* died with her. It seems sometimes that it was all of my good parts. These emotions, or "stages" if you will, from denial, to loneliness, to anger, have left me very humble and weakened. I gave myself completely to her, 100%. And I suppose that learning to live without her will be a lifelong journey. I do not expect to ever "get over" her death, but hope to get through the pain to the place where I can think of her and not cry; think of her and be filled more with gratitude than with sorrow.



January 18th is the one year anniversary of the death of my beloved child. Our family and a few friends will gather at the funeral home. They have a large bird aviary and we plan to release three finches in her memory. One for each year of her precious little life. Gentle days to you all, as together we grieve for our special children.

Dana Southworth-Douglass  
Mom to 3 ~ 2 who walk and 1 who soars!

Dear MISS Foundation,

Just a note to express how much your web site touched me. you are doing such great things to help people.....

Dwight R. Cordero, M.D.

# Letters From The MISS Mailbox...



Dear MISS Foundation,  
This web site has touched my heart. Thank you for all of the work you all do in this area of nursing. As an EMS provider, nursing student, and father of five, I am so grateful for your foundation's work.



My name is John Benjamin, I am a Norwich University nursing student doing a research paper on "effective teaching programs for parents and families of end-of-life PICU patients". Would any one from your organization be able to lead me to some very recent "research studies" on effective teaching programs for families of dying children?

I am doing all of the journal searches, but have only found some information from 1990 - 1995. While this is certainly pertinent data, I am hoping to incorporate some more timely data in my project.

Please let me know if may be able to help.  
John Benjamin

Dear John,  
Thank you for visiting our site. We are happy to provide you with some guidance. I'm directing you to Shayla Dugan, MSW, Mom and Director of our CARE program. She will assist you in your quest for the most recent research.

Keep up the good work!

Joanne Cacciatore for  
the MISS Foundation



Dear MISS,  
Someone on the forums posted something about how "good" they were doing because they have gone on with their life, implying that those of us who still cry for our children who died are not doing "good."

I dont know what to think. I just can't move on right now and I am offended when others suggest that mourning, or crying, is not okay.

What is your feeling about this?  
Sad in Seattle

Dear Sad in Seattle,  
*One of the cornerstone beliefs of the MISS Foundation is that expressing grief is not a sign of weakness or instability. Rather, grief is commensurate with each individual's experience and degree of love and attachment. The expression of mourning is certainly different from one person to another as well, and often is culturally sanctioned. One person may not be able to speak of the feelings- another may not be able to withhold their feelings.*

*One thing is certain, however, and that is our belief that the expression of grief is a sign of strength - great and insurmountable courage- not weakness.*

*I will share two quotes, both by Washington Irving, a man who experienced tremendous grief and loss but who also demonstrated tremendous courage and strength:*

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*"The sorrow for the dead is the only sorrow from which we refuse to be divorced. Every other wound we seek to heal - every other affliction to forget: but this wound we consider it a duty to keep open - this affliction we cherish and brood over in solitude. "*

*"There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love. "*

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*Someday, when I am an old woman sitting quietly, waiting for Death to take me, someone will come and ask about my life. I will tell them about my childhood- my Italian heritage- my childhood- my rebellious spirit. I will share my life of aspirations and my educational background. I will talk about my family- most importantly, how I love and raised my children. And I will tell them about the little girl who died, so many years ago, in 1994, who would now be about 65 or 70 years old, but still my baby. And I am certain, without any doubt, that I will shed tears for my little child and hold within my heart an unspeakable grief that neither distance, nor distractions, nor time can steal from me. And that is okay.*

*And that is also real and absolute strength and fortitude. Grief is the price that we pay for true love.*

Thank you for your thoughtful email,  
Joanne Cacciatore, Founder

# *New Study Links Antidepressants to Withdrawal in Infants*

*submitted by Shayla Dugan*

A recent study published by the British journal the Lancet, indicates that antidepressants used to treat depression during pregnancy may in fact cause withdrawal-like symptoms in newborn infants. After reviewing records kept by the World Health Organization, researchers of this study discovered 93 cases in which infants who were exposed in utero to antidepressants had symptoms of heightened agitation, fever, and quickened breathing. 13 of the 93 infants

had experienced seizures. All of the infants recovered completely within 24 hours. Experts criticize the study, stating that untreated maternal depression can have a harmful effect on the development of infants in utero and leading into early childhood. It is estimated that a quarter of women who suffer from depression during pregnancy are treated with medication. Of the medications most commonly prescribed, Paxil was the drug most often reported to have withdrawal symptoms.

## **"Navigations"**

from Safe Passage by Molly Fumia

This is not the end of joy.

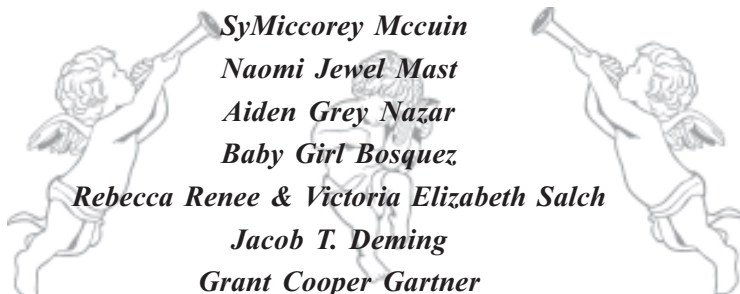
Grieving is bits of many things - memories, regrets, reminders - each of which bears its own special weight in our burden of sorrow. And each bit has to be gone through, patiently, silently, painfully, as one goes through old papers in a long-forgotten trunk, considering each one separately, remembering and assigning it to some new box within our hearts.

Healing, too, is bits of many things - smiles which multiply as the days pass; chilling remembrances turned warm by

the returning sun; new loves. A day will come when there will be more bits of healing than of grieving, and reasons for joy will begin to pile up in the freshly swept rooms of our lives.

We cannot allow just one attitude to dominate us forever, especially unending melancholy, smoldering regret, or eternal penitence. Grieving calls forth all the stations of the self, to remind us of our complexity; any single facet of who we are cannot be solely sovereign over the spirit. We may be fragmented, but we are still complete...

*To the families of these children,  
our sympathies for your recent loss...*



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# Arizona MISS Foundation Chapters

## Phoenix, Arizona

3rd Thursday of each month,  
Community Church of Joy  
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Portable 6 behind the chapel  
6:30 p.m. Contact: *Anna Kennedy* at  
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## Peoria, AZ - Inner Peace/Interfaith

**based** 2nd Thursday of the month, at  
Peace Lutheran Church, in the church  
library. 18265 N. 89th Ave., Peoria, AZ  
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487-4275 or *Anna Kennedy* at  
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## Tempe, Arizona

1st Monday of the month, DaySpring  
United Methodist Church, 1365 E.  
Elliot Rd, Room #201, Tempe, AA  
6:30 p.m. Contact: *Lee Ann Morlan*  
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## Central Phoenix, AZ - Child Drowning

1st Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Francis Xavier Church  
Parish Office Building, 4715 N.  
Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ, Contact:  
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## Phoenix, AZ - Subsequent Pregnancy

Church of the Beatitudes  
7th Ave and Glendale, SE corner  
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## Tempe, AZ East Valley Subsequent Pregnancy Group

First Saturday of each month, 2:00pm  
DaySpring United Methodist Church  
1365 E. Elliot Rd, Room #201 (on  
Elliot, between McClintock and Rural),  
Tempe, AZ. Contact: *Angelique*  
*Watson*, 480-792-6705.  
Babies are welcome!

## Phoenix, AZ KISS—Kids In Sympathy & Support

For Kids in  
Grief - Northwest Valley. *Please*  
*email us for time/dates*  
Community Church of Joy, 21000 N.  
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## Spanish-Speaking Support Group

2nd Monday of each month at Saint  
Francis Xavier Church, 4715 N.  
Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ @ 6:30 pm  
In the Parrish office (the two story  
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## Phoenix, AZ - Central Valley

1st Thursday of each month,  
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## Parker, Arizona

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## Prescott, Arizona

1st Thursday of each month, 5:30pm  
Prescott Public Library, 3rd Floor  
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## Scottsdale, Arizona

4th Tuesday of each month 7-9pm.  
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## Coming Soon New MISS Foundation Support Groups:

### Starting January 2005!

### Central Phoenix - Child with Special Needs

For families experiencing the death of a  
child with special needs. Offices of  
Stepping Stones of Hope. 2nd Thursday  
each month at 6:45 p.m. 4000 N. 7th Street  
Suite 108. Facilitators: *Dana Southworth*  
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### Anthem/North Valley

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Ed & Robin Kennedy ( <i>Kids</i> )	602-547-1244
Heidi & Doug Cass	928-778-2528
Joanne Cacciatore	623-979-1000

### Subsequent Pregnancy & Family Planning:

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### Drowning/Accidents:

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## Letters From The MISS Mailbox...Continued

Dear MISS Foundation,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jennifer Roger-Flynn and my son Kyle was stillborn August 17th of 2002.



I began to attend MISS meetings 7 months after his birth. I found great comfort in attending the meetings facilitated by Leslie Clemensen. I was then fortunate enough to be asked by Caprice Bass to help with SB04-095. What an amazing and gratifying experience!

I am now ready to give back. I have spoken with Leslie about the new Denver MISS group. We are thrilled with this opportunity.

I would like to thank you for everything you have done for so many grieving parents/families. You have made such a difference!



Thank you!  
Jennifer Roger-Flynn

## Newsletter Articles

*If you would like to submit an article to be published in the MISSing Angels Newsletter, you may do so by sending it to the attention of Andra at: [info@missfoundation.org](mailto:info@missfoundation.org).*

*The deadline for the Newsletter is the 15th of the month prior to publication. For example, all articles for the March/April issue are due February 15, 2005.*

*All articles are subject to editing, and the MISS Foundation reserves the right to not to publish any article or photograph due to space limitations.*



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*"The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us, and we only know them when they are gone.*

*—George Eliot*