
Perinatal Palliative CARES Program Goals:

- To help families understand the diagnosis and probably outcomes for their baby
- To help families make decisions based on the love that they have for their baby
- To assist families in cherishing the time between the diagnosis and death of their baby
- To honor the unique and special qualities of each baby
- To emphasize the quality of life over the quantity of life
- To reduce the emotional, spiritual and psychosocial suffering using interventions sensitive to cultural, religious and personal beliefs

Because even in death, they still matter...



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*When Birth and
Death Merge*

Families Affected by Fatal Birth Anomalies

Perinatal Palliative CARES Program



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Why My Child?

Fatal birth anomalies are amongst the most painful losses we can experience. They can deny us a chance at a family and can leave sightless our vision for immortality through generations of the future. It may be difficult for parents not to blame themselves for the fatal diagnosis. This is compounded due to the fact that fatal birth defects are caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors. It is important to remember that your baby is unique, special, and loved. No one should expect you to “forget” or “get over” their existence, but rather, encourage you to acknowledge their life as **your child**.

The Perinatal Palliative CARES Program is committed to helping families who are facing a poor prenatal diagnosis.

We realize the heartbreaking reality encountered when families are told their baby will not survive. Parents may feel an overwhelming sense of loneliness and despair when confronted with decisions that must be made concerning the poor prognosis of their child.

*Gone from our sight,
but never our memories.
Gone from our touch,
but never our hearts...*

How We Can Help...

- Care Coordination between the medical community and the family
- Creating Birth Plans to express your wishes for your care and your baby’s care
- Individualized childbirth education
- Memory box containing keepsakes
- Memory book for capturing details of your journey
- Connections with community resources
Strengthen Social Support Systems
- Anticipatory Grief Education & Emotional Support
- Creative activities to aid the expression of grief
- Book suggestions
- Journal & Journaling education
- Sibling resources and gifts for surviving siblings
- Assist in scheduling of professional photographers
- Connections with spiritual support within your belief system
- HOPE Mentoring with other families with similar experiences
- Assistance with funeral planning and memorialization ideas
- Support Groups
- Sliding Scale Grief Counseling

If you are a clinician or if you know of a family facing a poor prenatal diagnosis, please call:

602.279.MISS (6477)

or email:

info@missfoundation.org

“The love of a parent is not contingent upon the amount of time we had with our child. Love simply cannot be measured in time.”

- Joanne Cacciatore

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More than 120,000 children die every year in the United States. After the death of a child, families experience significant trauma and grief that can complicate and send ripples of grief through a community.

The MISS Foundation is a 501c3 organization that CARES for families and communities before, during and after the death of a child.

We provide family packets, outreach, support groups, HOPE Mentors, an online support forum, one-on-one counseling, newsletter, events, conferences, research, advocacy, Perinatal Palliative CARES Program, and opportunities for volunteerism that allow people affected by child death a place to begin to heal.

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