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2010 MISS FOUNDATION CONFERENCE REVIEW

By Kara L.C. Jones

Being at the MISS Conference is intense and life-changing. I don't think most people understand this. From the outside, they think, "Ew, why would you attend a conference all about death?" But they didn't bother to read the materials about the conference that clearly stated this was about learning how the HEART BREAKS OPEN!

Even by Day 2, I can't tell you how many professionals came up to me and said some version of this: "I thought I was coming to this conference for my work. I did not realize I was coming here to get into my own heart. Thank you." WOW. Imagine if all caregivers could work from this experience, could take that heart into their work as they encounter bereaved parents? Eleven years ago, when our Dakota died, the social worker assigned to us

refused to facilitate ways we changed our minds, she stuck to protocol, and said things like, "Sorry, you can't do that now because you signed the paperwork." Imagine if she'd been in her heart and able to see US instead of seeing paperwork. I suspect it would have been a very different experience for all of us.



The start of Day 2 at conference was with Dr. Joanne Cacciatore calling for a Bereavement Revolution. Between looking at her empirical, research evidence one moment AND then translating that to HEART and what it means on an emotional level, she showed all the room that: CLEARLY THE SYSTEM IN

PLACE IS NOT WORKING! She went on to suggest that the agents of this revolution will be the bereaved

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"There's no tragedy in life like the death of a child, things never get back to the way they were."

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower

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people themselves. It is very difficult to learn to advocate for ourselves, but as we do this -- and model for other newly bereaved people -- we all learn to change the system by DEMANDING something different. We have to do this. Because no one inside the system can or wants to do it for us. We can learn to do it and go inside the system ourselves to try and change within -- OR we can protest on the outside to raise awareness. But however we decide to do it, we ourselves are the agents of this revolution.

We see more and more professional settings, drawing up these check lists of "protocol" on how to deal with bereaved parents, DO this, DO that, etc. But auto check lists are NOT the answer. Rather the human RESPONSE-ABILITY is the answer. This means caregivers MUST learn to BE with patients rather than DO for them. Dr. Jo suggested that there is GREAT FREEDOM in this approach for caregivers -- because you no longer need to memorize lists and protocols, but rather you get to JUST SHOW UP and be present. But being present is the key.

Dr. Jo shared many quotes and evidence from other writers and researchers to prove her points. For example, from Lynch she talked about how using platitudes "manipulates the mourner into silence...thereby losing the authentic" experience of being with the mourner in the moment. If you reach out to your patients with things like:

- It was meant to be.
- These things happen for a reason.
- You are young, you can try again.
- This rarely happens.

...chances are you will find the mourning person in front of you shuts down. They are hit in the gut with the reality that you, as their caregiver, are NOT able to be present with them. You are trying to manipulate them into being okay, to rationalize the unrational. You are not willing to sit with the black hole of grief, you are not able to be with whatever the TRUTH is for that patient, but have instead imposed your platitude upon them. NOT COOL AT ALL. And often very damaging in the long run as the bereaved person will have to work through your inability to BE with them. You've set a tone for their grief to not be okay. Instead of just BEing with them, you've imposed upon them. This is revolutionary stuff. If we as caregivers don't delve deep and work on this stuff ourselves, to be better available to others, how in the world can you expect your patients to trust you?!



Dr. Jo ended by sharing excerpt with us from Rebecca Solnit's book "A Paradise Built in Hell" all about how extraordinary community can come out of disaster experiences, again illustrating how the heart has the capacity to break open:

"Disasters are cracks in the walls that normally hem us in..."

This has been true for so many bereaved families I've known and worked with along the way. If we can just stop treating these events as pathology, something to be fixed, or to get over or to heal our patients from them?! If we could just let the events crack open the walls that naturally crack open with any loss -- and BEEEEEE BE BE with people during this process, how much of a different world we'd live in today?!

As bereaved parents ourselves, in TS Elliot's words, "We shall not cease exploring..." our options for becoming advocates to ourselves and others to force these changes if we have to. But I would like to encourage caregivers to consider joining the revolution, too. As many professionals said: They thought they were coming to this conference for their work, but really they were there to change their own lives!

If you would like to read all of Kara's follow-up of the conference, please visit her blot spots at:

<http://motherhenna.blogspot.com/2010/09/miss-foundation-conference-2010-day-1.html>

AND

<http://motherhenna.blogspot.com/2010/09/miss-foundation-conference-2010-day-2-3.html>

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From Daddy to My Little Slugger Charles

By Brian Smith

My Baby Boy
My Life, My Joy
You were
everything life
was to be
I could see me in
you and you in
me.



Your precious
smile warmed my heart
I still can't believe we're apart
I know you are with Jesus now
But I still question Why and how
How are you not with us
and why did you die
I still find myself starting to cry
There's nothing in life more did I love
Than to hold you and give you a hug
My heart is broken and has a huge hole
I miss being your daddy as my role
I never had as much pride in anything
You made me feel like I was a king
I can't wait to see you again one day
When that time comes I hope you say
I love you daddy, I'm proud of you
Then our time together can start anew
so that when we meet again
I won't have to feel this pain.

October is Infant & Child Death Awareness Month

We are remembering the deaths of all children who died at all ages, and remembering them and their families who mourn in their absence. Please remind others of this important month, and may this remind those non-bereaved to cherish each and every moment with your precious ones. This moment is the only moment you have.

~ Dr. Joanne Cacciatore

*Safe Arrivals...
We Celebrate our Rainbows*

Elan Jared Edber.

September 21, 2010

1 lb 15 oz, 13 3/4 inches long

Son of Sari, Daniel, and big sister Talia
and watched over by big brother Jacob

Whatever is unnamed,
undepicted in images,
whatever is omitted from biography,
censored in collections of letters,
whatever is misnamed as something else,
made difficult-to-come-by,
whatever is buried in the memory by the
collapse of meaning
under an inadequate or lying language
-- this will become, not merely unspoken,
but unspeakable.

~Adrienne Rich

*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 a 20" or 24" chain. Now available with or without a birthstone. Orders for the Sacred Hearts Pendant can be placed on-line in our store at www.missfoundation.org. 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



Position Statement of the MISS Foundation Regarding “Pregnancy Loss” Campaigns

Co-Authors, Dr. Joanne Cacciatore & Kara LC Jones

Whatever is unnamed, undepicted in images, whatever is omitted from biography, censored in collections of letters, whatever is misnamed as something else, made difficult-to-come-by, whatever is buried in the memory by the collapse of meaning under an inadequate or lying language – this will become, not merely unspoken, but unspeakable.

- Adrienne Rich

Definitions for purposes of this document:

Stillbirth: The intrauterine death of a baby after twenty completed gestational weeks until birth. Stillbirth is always a naturally occurring event and often occurs at or near full term for no apparent reason.

Miscarriage: The intrauterine end of a pregnancy anytime from conception to twenty completed gestational weeks. Miscarriages are also spontaneous, naturally occurring and unpreventable events.

Qui tacet consentit:

In response to the promulgation of the term “Pregnancy Loss” used in Awareness Campaigns:

The MISS Foundation has been asked its position on the Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Campaigns. Several years ago, after careful consideration with the bereaved parents advisory board, the MISS Foundation made an executive decision for our organization not to utilize the term “pregnancy and infant loss,” but rather recognize October as Infant & Child Death Awareness Month. We use this language to describe all the awareness campaigning we do for the month of October and on the day of October 15th.

The key reason relates to the use of the vernacular “pregnancy loss” when addressing the issue of a sudden, intrauterine death of a child. Language chosen to describe social problems is very powerful. Historically, euphemisms are used to sanitize social problems. Yet, if we do not call it what it is, in the case of stillbirth, the birth of a dead baby, society will never pause to pay attention and the ‘cause’ will take longer to establish firm roots and gather the necessary support for research and improvements in care. For most of our members, the use of the phrase “pregnancy loss” was not an acceptable description of their personal, traumatic losses. Rather, the language, for them, felt dismissive. In dissecting the phrase, there is an inference that a child, in fact, did not die. Rather that a pregnancy was “lost.” For many women, the phrase



decries and derogates their very personal tragedies: they did not lose a pregnancy. Their babies died.

We also found that even some women who have experienced the loss of a child to miscarriage also reported feeling offended by the term “pregnancy loss.” Author and artist Kara LC Jones says, “I did not lose my children or my state of pregnancy in a crowd. With my stillborn son, I had a c-section. With my miscarried

son, I was in full, natural labor for two days before he was born. When I chose to raise awareness about the life, death, grief experiences, I wanted to use a term that gave full gravity to what happened. Infant & Child Death Awareness expresses my experience, because so much more happened here that is deserving of honest language.”

Scientists illuminate some important factors to consider when addressing the issue of perinatal death:


1. Loss is complex. The responses to loss are even more complex. Bowlby’s theory posits a continuum of responses seen in parents who lose children to death more closely associated with the degree of attachment than “time” spent with a child. In other words, quality of the attachment not quantity of the attachment informs the psychological responses of the bereaved. Ambiguous losses (Boss, 1994) may incite “complicated mourning” and these are often the most difficult to resolve. There isn’t ‘more love or attachment,’ rather, mixed or ambiguous emotions, either from internal or external sources (meaning that often society assigns taboos and stigma to some losses), that exacerbate the parent’s response (they know they feel overwhelmed, bereaved, and desperate but may not feel their feelings or loss are acknowledged and they struggle for validation from the ‘social group’ which they often do not receive). These are often disenfranchised losses such the death of a “less than perfect child,” AIDS deaths, deaths by suicide, stillbirths, and even some highly conflicted relationships that end in death.

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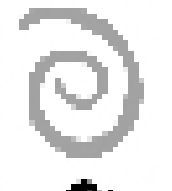



Mckenna, Our little M-bug


By Ashley Santi




Wow, how can it be that two years ago we lost Mckenna? Looking back on these two years, I can honestly say it has been a big blur. Two years ago I would have never thought I would survive without Mckenna, and yet here I am still living and breathing when some days I wish I didn't have to wake another day without her.





In the beginning I did what I could to just get by. I put on a mask to show that I was "ok," when in reality I was dying inside, struggling to breathe each breath because it hurt so much to breathe.





I had people in my life that would help me along the way when I needed them, but over time that put a strain on my relationships. So it was easier to just avoid the pain and live life like it never happened.




When in reality it DID happen. I buried a child, I held my daughter while her heart stopped, I lost the love of my life in a matter of seconds. How could I just cover it up like it didn't happen?




One thing I have learned in these past two years is that you can't avoid the pain that comes with losing a child. The emotions that come along with losing your child are so deep and powerful that avoiding them would be a lot easier, but it also makes you avoid all aspects of their life. Like the pure joy of seeing her face, watching her on video being so curious and happy, remembering the way she felt in my arms. To the pure torture of what life is like without her here, the thoughts that go through my mind that can bring me to my knees, what it feels like to not have her in my arms. All of those emotions are a part of her. So avoiding them is avoiding all of her good and bad.




She changed my life in ways that I can't even





try to explain. I lived and breathed for her in life and now I must do the same in her death. She was and is the reason I wake up every day. She is the reason I will help parents that are facing this same tremendously exhausting journey.





Now, two years down this road, I am still trying to find a balance between the pain and the joy. This is a tricky balance that is hard to bring together, because the things that give you joy also bring you pain.




No matter what anyone believes, I will be living with this for the rest of my life. She may have only been here for nine months but she changed me as a person and who I thought I was. I miss her everyday and think of her every day. This is a growing process, and it takes a lot of time to find your way and what works best for you.




There have been new people that have come into my life that *get it* and for that I am forever thankful. These angel mommies that have been placed in my life are my saving grace. They give me strength on the days that I feel I can't face the pain, they are on this



same journey and know what to say because they too are facing the same struggles I am facing. As for the old friends and family in my life, I am thankful to them as well because they make me feel *normal* sometimes when I am not sure what *normal* is. So thank you all for being here for me for the past two years. Remember Mckenna today and send her some lovin' as she will send her Mckenna lovin' your way.



Mckenna, mommy loves and misses you with all my heart and soul. I am sending you love to heaven above. Hugs and kisses baby girl, you are missed dearly.



Arizona Support Groups

Phoenix area Support Groups

Phoenix, North West Valley
3rd Thursday of the month: 6:45 p.m.
Peace Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
18265 N. 89th Ave, Peoria, AZ
Contact: Michele Newton 623-329-2970 or
Michele@missfoundation.org

North Phoenix/Anthem/Carefree - Bereaved parent and grandparent support group

1st Thursday of every month: 7:00 p.m.
2525 W. Carefree Highway
Bldg 7 Suite 148 @ the Center for Loss and Trauma
Contact: Dr. Joanne Cacciatore 623-979-1000
joanne@missfoundation.org or Co-Facilitator
Dr. Melissa Delgado mdlgado7@msn.com

Phoenix- Native American Support Meeting

MISS Foundation Co-Facilitators Judy Yazzie Haines
and Shannon LaRance, MSW are offering a culturally
sensitive and respectful grief support group once or
twice a month to Native American parents and families
whose children have died.
Contact: Shannon LaRance 602-405-2261 or
Judy Yazzie Haines 480-362-5718

Far West Valley

Contact: Wendy Peters
623-853-9170 or 623-297-2186
wendy@missfoundation.org

Tempe - East Valley Support Group for Child Loss

1st Thursday of the month: 6:30 p.m.
Day Spring United Methodist Church
1365 E. Eliot Rd Room #110
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Joe Spadafino 602-618-8786
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Scottsdale Christian Grief Support

1st Wednesday of the month: 7-8:30 p.m.
La Casa De Cristo Church
6300 E. Bell Rd. room 208
(NW side of campus, 2nd floor)
Childcare available w/ reservation 1 week in advance
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Phoenix - AGAST Grandparents Support Meeting

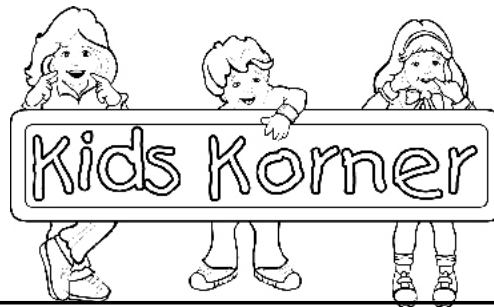
Call for more details
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KISS – Kids In Sympathy and Support Bereaved

Children's Group
3rd Thursday of the month: 6:45 p.m.
Peace Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
18265 N. 89th Avenue, Peoria, AZ
Support for children 5 years and older
Contact: Robin or Ed Kennedy 602-799-6481
robin@missfoundation.org
Pam DeGaff 602-291-5996
robin@missfoundation.org

Grupo de Ayuda en Espanol

2nd Monday of each month: 6:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish
1421 S. 12th St., Phoenix, AZ 85034
(12th St. south of Buckeye)
Por Favor llame a Roberto Sanchez para mas
informacion: 602-518-2262
roberto@missfoundation.org



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

Letter to My Sister

By Sierriah Smith

-Cheyenne Autumn Smith-
I think about you everyday that goes by, Sis! I only knew you for a year of my life but it was enough to make me MISS you more and more everyday and wish I could see your smiling face again. We're close in age so I couldn't imagine how great it would be to grow up with you still here. Even though you're not really here and we can't see eye to eye, I know you're always here looking over me in everything that I do! I would do anything to see your beautiful face again. Blue eyes, long blonde hair... I wish it wasn't all just a dream. Me and mommy are best friends! I could only imagine what all three of us would be like! Pretty fun I do know that. But, we will both be with you again someday and we love and miss you Shawnee♥

I wish I wasn't so young, and could remember more of that year we had together but unfortunately all I have are faded pictures and stories I've heard from Mom and Nan about the times when we were little watching Teletubbies together. I heard you used to pull my hair too, ha-ha its okay though I forgive you! And if I ever said anything mean or yelled at you then I'm sorry. I miss you so much, it wasn't long enough together!

It never would have been long enough! I would do anything to come up there and see you right now but I gotta stay down here and take care of Momma. I don't know what she would do without both of her girls! I don't know what Nan would do either! We all miss you an unbelievable amount and wish every day that you were here with us.



This year was my first year of high school, Sis! It's pretty fun! A lot different, but in a good way. You would be in 8th grade right now, just a year behind me but next year you would get to come to the high school with Sissy! You would like it though, I know you would. And you would love my friends! Especially the close ones: Summer, Kharley, Annalee, Becky, Kyle, Josh, Brittany, and Kylee! And there's this one boy Paul, he makes your sissy really happy, so I'm sure you would have liked him :) So those are the people that keep me on my toes! Well anyway, your birthday is in four days!!! Are you excited? 13!!! Finally a teen-

ager! :) We love you Cheyenne! Forever & always in our hearts! ♥♥♥

10-11-97 ~ 11-30-98

❁ Baby's Breath: Because Each Breath Is A Gift ❁

GRACO RECALLS QUATTRO™ AND METROLITE™ STROLLERS DUE TO RISK OF ENTRAPMENT AND STRANGULATION

Four Infant Strangulation Deaths Reported

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), in cooperation with Graco Children's Products Inc., of Atlanta, Ga., is announcing the recall of about 2 million Graco strollers due to risk of entrapment and strangulation. CPSC and Graco have received four reports of infant strangulations that occurred in these strollers between 2003 and 2005. In addition, CPSC is aware of five reports of infants becoming entrapped, resulting in cuts and bruises, and one report of an infant having difficulty breathing.

Entrapment and strangulation can occur, especially to infants younger than 12 months of age, when a child is not harnessed. An infant can pass through the opening between the stroller tray and seat bottom, but his/her head and neck can become entrapped by the tray. Infants who become entrapped at the neck are at risk of strangulation.

The recall involves older versions of the Graco Quattro Tour™ and MetroLite™ strollers and travel systems manufactured prior to the existence of the January 2008 voluntary industry standard which addresses the height of the opening between the stroller's tray and the seat bottom. This voluntary standard requires larger stroller openings that prevent infant entrapment and strangulation hazards.

This recall involves Graco Quattro Tour™ strollers and travel systems manufactured prior to November 2006 and MetroLite™ strollers and travel systems manufactured prior to July 2007. The strollers and travel systems were distributed between November 2000 and December 2007. The model numbers are printed on a label at the lower portion of the rear frame, just above the rear wheels or underneath the stroller. The name "Graco" appears on a label on the stroller tray and the headrest. Models included in the recall are listed below in the chart.

NOTE: Quattro and MetroLite strollers ending with the number 3 are NOT affected by this recall. The strollers were sold at AAFES, Babies R Us, Burlington Coat Factory, Fred Meyer, Meijers, Navy Exchange, Sears, Target, Walmart and other stores nationwide between November 2000 and December 2007 for between \$90 and \$190 for the strollers, and between \$190 and \$250 for travel systems.

The strollers were manufactured in China. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled strollers and contact Graco for a free repair kit. To order a repair kit, contact Graco toll-free at (877) 828-4046 anytime, or visit the firm's website at www.gracobaby.com. Consumers can continue use of the stroller as a "travel system." When the stroller is used with the infant car seat, the entrapment and strangulation hazards posed by the space gap are not present.

For additional information, consumers can contact Graco at (800) 345-4109 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

Quattro Stroller \$100-\$190 Distributed Between Nov 2002 – Dec 2007	Quattro Stroller Travel System \$200-\$250 Distributed Between Oct 2002 – Oct 2007	MetroLite Stroller \$90-\$190 Distributed Between Nov 2000 – Dec 2007	MetroLite Travel System \$190-\$250 Distributed Between Dec. 2000 – June 2005
35735	35760	1104	1070
35759	7411ATR	1240	7000KSB
7111ASB	7411BGN	6110DW	7308DEL
7111BKW	7411BGN2	6110F3	7308DEL2
7111CLN	7411BLB	6110S7	7308DELA
7111CUN	7411BKB	6110TS7	7308TYR
7111DIA	7411BKB2	6111FKB	7308TYR2
7111HEA	7411LV	6111VIN	7406PLT
7111HIG	7411MCH	6113SCR	7408MRT
7111LAG	7411MCH2	6114HAV	7409GRG
7111KSH	7411MLY	6114JAM	7410CON
7112CNP	7411MLY2	6114LAG	7413CML
7112MTR	7419LIM	6114NGS	7413MRN
7113CJR	7419LIM2	6116NRF	C7413CML
7113CMR	7419OWD2	6120SHL	
7113COT	7B00BDA	6121CJG	
7119GGG	7B00DRB	6121CNP	
7119WSR	7B00KAS	6121GGG	
7121MAY	7B01MNS	6121MTR	
7125QST	7B03CST2	6123EME	
7126RNS	7B03LTC2	6124LRD	
7127LEG	7B03TFE2	6125SMB	
7132RXY		6901DAI	
7134SMB		6901HRL	
7138RNS		6903RRT	
		6904JEN	
		6905MIN	

Remembering our September & October Children...



September

Abbey L. Pawelkiewicz
 Adam C. Williamson
 Addison Grace Kreklau
 Adrian Robert Lewis
 Aidan Dwight O'Brien
 Aidan Javier B. Briones
 Alec Ellson
 Alexander Kendall
 Alexander Paul Lauhon
 Alexander Scott Morin
 Alyssa Michelle Brown
 Alyssa Plummer
 Andre John Kelly
 Andrew McCobb Grey
 Angel Starre Crowkiller
 Annie Christine Oliver
 Anthony Josiah Tally
 Ariel Jessica Tello
 Ariel M. Victoria Buchanan
 Aryssa Brianna Rutherford
 Ashley Karin Marie Allen
 Ashlyn Rebekkah Brooks
 Austin Earick
 Austin Scroggins
 Austine Lane McLendon
 Ava Grace Dezelic
 Azaria Daniels
 Azucena L. Angel Padilla
 Baby Boy Lopez
 Benjamin Elijah Nyberg
 Benjamin S. deNormand
 Bernice Celis
 Beth Marie Stukejurgan
 Binah Q. Bongiovanni
 Blake "Peanut" Cash
 Brandon D. Lane-Mullenax
 Brandon Robert Kirk
 Breckin Riis Hummel
 Brian Edward Benton
 Bridget Somers
 Britton Elise Tandy
 Brycen Randolph
 Cade Combs
 Caitlin Anne Cardany
 Carmen Andrea Cruz
 Carmen Jimenez
 Carol Michelle Mickelson
 Caylee Marie Cepero
 Chadwick File
 Charlee Branch
 Charles "Nicky" Hall

Charles Moore
 Chase Tyler Shelley
 Chloe Kiara Bennett
 Christopher Lee Milford
 Christopher T. Albergo
 Christopher Werner
 Cody Ledon Albritton
 Cody Robert Windmiller
 Cody William Charles
 Colton John Marr
 Corinna Martin
 Courtney Lynn Beisner
 Damiana Sabori
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We will continue to make every effort to print your child's full name. Thank you for understanding.**

Memorial Donations

In Loving Memory of...

Ismaelito Vasquez Milstein

Ismaelito
Mi precioso bebe
Tu eras hecho del amor
Y tu mami y tu papi te aman mucho
Papi dice que ahora tu eres un angelito
Jugando con los otros en el cielo
Y que cuando Dios te ve, El dice,
"Que hermoso bebe!"
Yo se que algun dia te tendre en mis
brazos
Cuando nos vemos otra vez
Hasta entonces te quedare en mi corazon
Para siempre
Mi Ismaelito
By Soledad Vasquez Milstein
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My beautiful beloved and
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Grandson of Margo Einsig and
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10/27/91

And

Jacy Carolina Hoagland

2/13/92 to 1/26/06

"See you in Heaven"

By Patty Hoagland

In Memory of our sweet Nephew,

Skyler Kirby Schmidt,

who came and went too quickly.

Yet in that quickness a forever place was
sealed in our hearts & lives. We miss you
Skyler and we wish we were celebrating
your birthday with you here on earth with
us. Know you are loved, missed & never
forgotten. Love your forever family,
The Sweet B's.

In Loving Memory of Our GrandSon
Fredrick Delgado Montoya,
We Miss him and will always be Loved
and carried in our hearts.

WE MISS YOU MIJITO

LOVE YOU

GRANDMA AND GRANDPA

Nia Murphy

Nia who touched my heart even before she
was born. I held her mother's hand when
she was born, and watched mom hold her
hand to say goodbye. I see yellow butter-
flies and think of her. She still lives in our
hearts and is loved.

By Kimberly Filiaggi

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This donation is in support of Sari Edber's
current pregnancy & hoping Sari and her
husband have a healthy baby.

By Peggi & Bruce Glaser

Position Statement of the MISS Foundation Regarding “Pregnancy Loss” Campaigns

Co-Authors, Dr. Joanne Cacciatore & Kara LC Jones
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2. Stillbirth has been empirically demonstrated to evoke strong and enduring psychological distress and emotional responses in women, similar to any child’s death. In addition, there is a physiological paradox stemming from the many physiological responses that occur during the final trimester of pregnancy and in the postpartum period to prepare the woman’s body to give birth and to facilitate the many changes that occur, including pain receptor preparation. These nuances coupled with the final outcome, a dead baby, at the end of the birth process, seems to incite an impasse for many women. Her body knows she gave birth and responds accordingly however there is no baby.

3. Miscarriages evoke a variety of responses in scientific data. The continuum ranges from grief responses similar to any child’s death to little or no grief responses. There are many hypotheses in the scientific world about this phenomenon. One posits that women who conceive easily and are younger handle early miscarriages “better.” Thus, older mothers or the women who endured years of infertility might respond differently. Some studies demonstrate that women with unplanned pregnancies who miscarry report feeling “relieved”. Other women who were not particularly trying to conceive but who were happy with the pregnancy appear to be somewhere in the middle of the continuum. Another hypothesis has to do with spiritual beliefs about when life begins. For women who believe enthusiastically that life begins at the moment of conception, the miscarriage, at any stage, is the death of their child. For another woman who may not hold the same spiritual values, or who may not “attach” early in the pregnancy, the miscarriage may be viewed as a “pregnancy loss” and not the death of a child. Yet, even in these studies, there are varying responses.

Because love and loss are so nuanced and complicated, and because language is so powerful, the MISS Foundation chooses to channel its energy into campaigns that align with our philosophies about supporting women, men, and children after the death of a child at any age and from any cause. Indeed, love – and sometimes predictive grief- are not always measurable in a scientific test.

There is never a good age or a good time to lose a child to death. Whether at birth, one year, ten years, thirty years, or sixty years, it is simply out of life’s natural order. Simply, the death of a beloved child is life’s most painful experience of suffering. This is the cornerstone principle of the MISS Foundation.

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Grief Ate Me Up

by Janis Tan

Grief ate me up and then, she spat me out. Part by part.
First, the eyeballs came rolling. Blinked. Blinked again.
Glared. Uncertain of that dim light, they wobbled.
Next, came the hands, writhing.
Then, the toes, curled in disbelief, still.
The hair, thick with dust and agony, came after.
Randomly, others followed—Intestines, twisted and knotted.
Ankles, swollen with insanity.
Knees, who quivered to touch the ground again.
The uterus: empty, but heavy with echoes of a distant heartbeat.
Arms, empty yet achy from yearning to hold.
Lips--Quivering, and burning to kiss, to sing, to speak the name.
Ears, that strain to hear the phantom calls of “Mama! Mama!”
The spine, all crooked and hunched over with love, lost.
The breasts, dripping milk, one swollen, one deflated, followed... weeping, dying to nurture.
The kidneys, the liver, the innards and all what-not’s,
They came, spit from the yonder dark, emerged, all discombobulated.
They huddled, panting, heaving, hollering, and they waited.
Finally—out it came.
The heart: Scarred. Beautiful, with a hole, that sang with ghostly ethereal echoes of grief, quivering.
Like a tin soldier it soldiered on, keeping the beat.
And all gathered, to hear the song of death and rebirth.
Coming together again, after being eaten by grief.
And then spat out.
Put together again. But the mirror, it did not recognize.

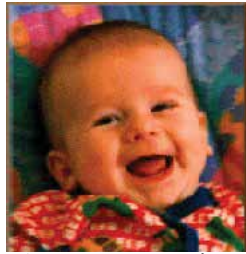
About the poem:

Janis describes this poem, “I ought to subtitle this poem ‘After Mark Strand’, whose poems I recently revisited again, and laid the seed of this poem. And the inspiration came when I was hiking with my family, feeling all parts of my body alive, and full of ache.”

About the poet:

Janis Tan writes on Ferdinand’s Gifts. She is still trying to put together the puzzle of her life after her son Ferdinand died, but there is always a missing piece.

Remembering...



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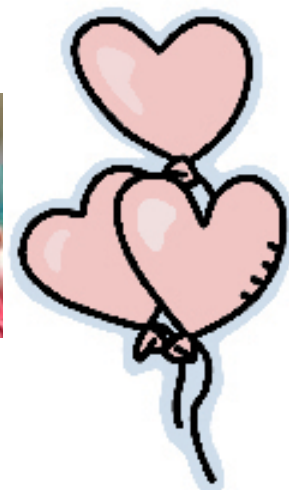
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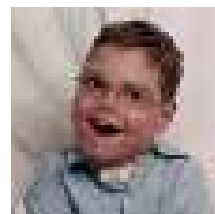
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MISSing Ingredients Cookbook

A re-member-ing cookbook is now officially released and available through the MISS site at www.missfoundation.org. Retail copies are \$20 + shipping. We are so excited to see this book come to print and honored to tell you that funds raised from sales of this book benefit the MISS Foundation.

NEW OPTION AVAILABLE: Please note that any trained MISS volunteer who has access to the Training Materials page will now find a new option available under the Finances & Fundraising section of that page!! You and your local groups can get copies of the cookbook at a discounted rate to resell locally. Please check out that section of the Materials page.



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

Jaida Grace Leighton

Akeelah Arellano

Rosemary Loc

Serenity Unique Byrnes

Jonathan Liam VanDenBossche

Amyah Martinez

Announcements!

Contact your congressperson today about US House and Senate bills addressing stillbirth, sudden unexpected infant death, and children's health

Dear Grieving Family Members Who Have Lost an Infant,

A U.S. Senate and House bill addressing stillbirth deaths, sudden unexpected infant death and children's health is the most powerful awareness our issues have seen. Sen. Frank Lautenberg and Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. asks all MISS members help to generate as many Congressional Legislative Co-sponsors as possible. The more co-sponsors, the more chance of passage.

Please contact your U.S. Senators requesting co-sponsorship and passage of – S. 1445.

Please contact your U.S. House of Representative requesting co-sponsorship and passage of – H.R. 3212.

To find out who your Representative and Senators are, please see:

<http://preventstillbirth.wordpress.com/grassroots-advocacy-tips>

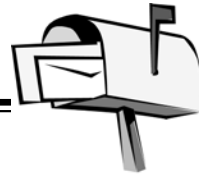
HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

CALL your 2 U.S. Senators D.C. offices, ask for the staff member who deals with Health issues. Ask the "Health Issues" staff member for the Senator's co-sponsorship of S. 1445 to prevent SUID, SUDC and stillbirths. Tell your personal story. Tell them what the bill would do. Ask for the Senator's co-sponsorship. Ask for their e-mail so they have it in writing then immediately e-mail them. Then follow up in two weeks.

CALL your 1 U.S. House of Representative D.C. office, ask for the staff member who deals with Health issues. Ask the "Health Issues" staff member for the Senator's co-sponsorship of H.R. 3212 to prevent SUID, SUDC and stillbirths. Tell your personal story. Tell them what the bill would do. Ask for the Senator's co-sponsorship. Ask for their e-mail so they have it in writing then immediately e-mail them. Follow up in two weeks.

To find out who your U.S. House of Representative, U.S. Senator and tips on how to communicate with your Congressperson go to <http://preventstillbirth.wordpress.com>.

Letters From The MISS Mailbox...



Dearest MISS Family and Friends,

With pride, joy, love, awe, and hope, we have gratefully welcomed our son and brother, Elan Jared Edber.

He was delivered into the world on Sept. 21st, at 10:32am, via emergency c-section.

At just over 27 weeks, he weighed in at a tiny 1 lb 15 oz. and measured 13 3/4 inches. Our beautiful boy has been doing pretty well in the NICU for his gestational age. We know that we have a long journey ahead of us - and, realistically, we expect there to be some health setbacks and bumps in the road along the way. So far, thankfully, he has remained in stable condition. We will continue to use the CaringBridge website as a way of updating you on his progress. I have not had a chance to post since his birth, but, will try to write more details very soon of how he is doing. <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/edberfamilyupdates/journal>

Please send Elan all of your thoughts and positive energy so that he can grow,

thrive, and come home with us when he's stronger, healthy, and ready.

I am attaching a link to the pictures that we have so far of the newest addition to our amazing family. <http://picasaweb.google.com/sariedber/ElanJaredEdber?authkey=Gv1sRgCO-lwOWzsvOovwE#>

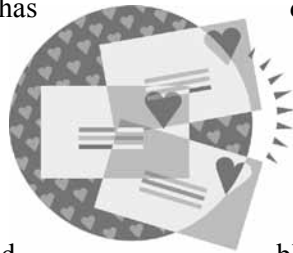
We are so thankful for the tremendous support from each of you and for the amazing care that our doctors have given us.

Our family is so blessed to be surrounded by such an amazing network of love, comfort, strength, and encouragement.

From the bottom of our hearts, we can't thank you enough.

With so much love and hope, Sari, Daniel, and big sister Talia.

Watched over with love by big brother Jacob



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