Founded in 1996 by Dr. Joanne Cacciatore following the death of her baby daughter, Cheyenne, the MISS Foundation is an international, 501(c)(3), volunteer-based organization providing counseling, advocacy, research, and education (C.A.R.E.) services to families experiencing the death of a child.

How does MISS help?

Our aim is to offer programs that serve to strengthen families and communities when a child has died, and that through education and research, we will help to reduce the number of child deaths. No family should have to endure the pain of a child family member’s death alone. The MISS Foundation is committed to building interdisciplinary communities that provide long-term support to families after a child’s death. We are committed to the memory of the children who lived, who died, and who continue – even in death – to matter. For more information, visit our website: www.missfoundation.org.

How does MISS support families?

In our MISS community, we offer support in a myriad of ways. You’ll find areas on the website to request support group information, to be matched with a HOPE Mentor, to access family packet information and other resources, plus forum membership information and so much more. Please be gentle with yourselves and explore all that our support programs have to offer. For more information, visit www.missfoundation.org/support/about or email info@missfoundation.org.

How does MISS honor your children?

The Kindness Project is a worldwide movement to share our children (and other loved ones) with those who never had the honor to meet them. Since 1996, almost two million Kindness Project cards have been left by those performing acts of kindness in memory of a child, parent, friend, or spouse who died. This beautiful movement has helped thousands of families to heal and find positive outlets for their overwhelming grief. The Kindness Project is a legacy that transcends death. It is a legacy of love. For more information and to print Kindness Project cards for use in your own Kindness Projects, visit www.missfoundation.org/support/kindness/participate. For photographs documenting past acts of kindness performed all over the world, please visit the Facebook page dedicated to the Kindness Project: www.facebook.com/MISSFoundationKindnessProject.