

Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc.

Whispers of the Heart Newsletter



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8th Annual IRIS Charity Bash

What is the IRIS Charity Bash? The “Bash” is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It is one of the ways that we raise funds so that we may keep our service free of charge to the parents in our service area (Dodge, Goodhue, LeSueur, Rice, Steele, and Waseca Counties in Southeastern MN). This year you will notice many changes to the weekend, we hope that you find the changes favorable and that you will be able to join us. Mark your calendar now! The IRIS Charity Bash will be held on February 12th and 13th.

Saturday February 12th

Family Fun Night ~

At the Community Center

15 W. Division St in downtown Faribault MN

Time: 6 – 9 PM

Cost: \$3.00 per person or \$10 per family

The community center gyms will be open for basketball and volleyball. The pool will be open for your enjoyment and there will be hotdogs, chips, treats & juice for sale. Come join the fun!

Sunday February 13th

Breakfast ~

Will be held at the Faribault **American Legion**

112 NE 5th St, Faribault MN

Time: 8 AM – 1 PM

Cost: \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 2-6 years, free for children under age 2.

Menu: Pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, assorted pastries, coffee, milk, and juice. Nelson’s County Market of Faribault and Albert Lea MN are catering the breakfast.

Bingo !

That’s right, 20 games of BINGO!

At the American Legion

112 NE 5th St, Faribault MN

Time: 1 PM – about 4 PM

Break: about 2:30 PM

Silent Auction will close during the break

Silent Auction ~

A silent auction will be held during the breakfast and bingo. If you have items that you would like to donate to the Silent Auction please call the IRIS office or have the items delivered to the office by February 4th.

Bake Sale ~

Everyone loves home baked goodies! Please call the IRIS office at 507-334-4748 for the location of the bake sale drop off. Anne and Joe Pientka have volunteered again to price and deliver all items to the American Legion. We are asking that baked goods be wrapped and ready for display. Items will need to be dropped off between 1 and 4 on Saturday.

Volunteers ~

As you know, volunteers are the heart of IRIS. Without volunteers IRIS would not be able to function. Your help is needed with this event! We need help with hanging posters, notifying churches of the events, getting silent auction items, setting up all events, bussing tables, flipping pancakes, and clean up. Please let us know how you can help! Call (507) 334-4748 or visit the New Website www.irisremembers.com

Holiday Service of Remembrance

“Remembering With Love”

Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. held it's 11th Annual Holiday Service of Remembrance on December 5th, 2004 at 2 pm in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd on Shattuck Campus, 1000 Shumway Ave. in NE Faribault. The IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance is designed by and for parents, family and friends who have experienced or been touched by the death of a child in early pregnancy (miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, etc.) or from stillbirth, neo-natal death, birth defects, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), illness, accidents and all other types of infant or early childhood death. At this year's service, 191 children were remembered by the 250 people in attendance. Please visit the new IRIS website for more information on the service and slide show.

The next service will be held on Sunday December 4, 2005. The Chapel of the Good Shepherd was built 146 years ago and dedicated to the Glory of God and in Memory of Eunice K. Shumway. Eunice died on April 19, 1859 at the age of 13 months and 18 days.

Children We Lovingly Remember

Childs Name	Remembered By
<input type="checkbox"/> Nash Rueban Adams	Rebecca Adams
<input type="checkbox"/> Catherine Rose Allen	Christine & Scott Allen
<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Joshua Almendinger	April Embree & Josh Almendinger
<input type="checkbox"/> Calvin Arnold Almendinger	April Embree & Josh Almendinger
<input type="checkbox"/> Brice Alec Anderson	Krista Anderson
<input type="checkbox"/> Tyler William Anderson	Julia & Bryan Anderson
<input type="checkbox"/> Baby B	Mommy
<input type="checkbox"/> Aaron Karl Bauer	Melissa Thibodeau & Brent Bauer
<input type="checkbox"/> Taylor Jean Bauer	Tammy & Blake Bauer
<input type="checkbox"/> Mariah Grace Boerner	Lisa & Joel Boerner
<input type="checkbox"/> Arya Gabrielle Born	Carly & John Born
<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Norman Braun	Jennifer & Gary Braun
<input type="checkbox"/> Makayla Nichole Brooks	Jan Katra
<input type="checkbox"/> Baby Brooks	Jan Katra
<input type="checkbox"/> Gianni Anton Carrasca	Arlene & Gene Carrasca
<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Arthur Carver	Judy & Gary Carver
<input type="checkbox"/> Baby	Mommy & Daddy

- Baby C Mommy
- Randy Alan Bedford Jr. Carla Clay
- Audrey LeAnn Clay Clara Clay
- Sara Connelly-Jones Diane Connelly
- Nathan Earl Cory LeaAnn & Kevin Cory
- Shayla Angel and Tina & John Cota
- Shelby Tracy Marie Cota
- Preston Hugh Crooks Natalie & Leif Crooks
- Baby Crooks Natalie & Leif Crooks
- Luke Edward Dahlhoff Marie & Mark Dahlhoff
- James Patrick DeGroot Angela & Shane DeGroot
- William Robert and Connie & Joe DeGroot
- Bethany Agnes DeGroot
- Kayla Jamie Dusek Linda & Jason Dusek
- Tahirih Dimayuga Michelle & J.Guadalupe Dimayuga
- Kilian Richard Donahue Jessie & James Donahue
- Jerry Dougherty Jean & Joe Dougherty
- Baby Doyle Mommy & Daddy
- Lupita Estrada Maria & Raphael Estrada
- Isabel Estrada Maria & Raphael Estrada
- Baby Mommy & Daddy
- Nikolas Michael Fischer Debbie & Steve Fischer
- Marcia Flim Marilyn Flim
- Anna Lily Fridstrom Ruth & Guy Fridstrom
- Ethan Andrew Hagelin Mommy & Daddy
- Lauren Brooke Gefre Bonnie Mapes
- Sayer Clarence and Christine & Mike Gefre
- Bennett Charles Gfrerer Mollie & Brian Gfrerer
- Baby Gfrerer Mollie & Brian Gfrerer
- Patrick Andrew Hallin Amber & Marc Hallin
- Hannah Hevon Halla Sandra & Roger Halla
- Austin J. Hanson Annette & Troy Hanson
- Katherine Hardcopf Yelena & Rick Hardcopf
- Jake Michael Head Lisa & Greg Head
- Shannon Marie & Julie and Joe Jarvis
- Baby Grace Marie Hermans Grandma Julie & Grandpa Joe Jarvis
- Lindsay Rose Hermsen Sheila & Merle Hermsen
- Christopher Nolan Hold Amanda & David Hold
- Derek Joel Holicky Stephanie and Larry Holicky
- Kyle David Horman Barb & David Horman
- Haven Hutton Pamela & Brian Hutton
- Brian James Jacobson Yvonne & Dan Jacobson
- McKenzie Grace Johnson Megan Stitz,
Grandma & Grandpa Stitz
- Gabriel Lee, Rachel & David Karnick
- Kevin Theodore and
- Elizabeth Frances Karnick
- Baby Kelley Mom & Dad
- Baby Kelley Mom & Dad
- Baby Boy Kelley Mom & Dad
- Mary Kelley Rosie Kelley
- Michael Andrew Kinard Nicole Timmers
- Isabella Caroline Kniefel Your Family
- Christian Joel Kriesel Tiffany & Joel Kriesel
- Joseph Robert Lake Amy & Chris Lake
- Alexandria Marie Irish-Lamont Christine & David Lamont
- Baby Boy Mommy & Daddy
- Nicole Ashley Litchard Grandma / Grandpa Wick
- Jay & Baby Litchard Grandma / Grandpa Wick
- Baby Boy Grandma & Grandpa
- Paul Richard Malecha Lisa & Jon Malecha
- Joseph Thomas Markman Lori Jo & Todd Markman

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emilie Grace and | Kris & Jim Rech |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Randyll Lorraine Rech | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Boy | Mommy & Daddy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amanda Rickard | Mommy & Daddy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jessica Rickard | Mommy & Daddy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Edgar Rios Hruska | Kathy Hruska de Rios & Edgar Rios Cazares |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew James Roehl | Donna & Terry Roehl |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Roehl | Mommy and Daddy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Samantha Opal Rolstad | Roxanne & Fred Rolstad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sara Anisa Sands | Lorrie & Mark Sands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liberty John Sauerbrey | Heather&Allen Sauerbrey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dakota Raymond Scheffert | Darla & Gary Scheffert |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Schmidt | Renee & Larry Schmidt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zachary Andrew Schmit | Elizabeth & Thomas Schmit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paige Emily Schoenbauer | Jackie & Jason Schoenbauer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dustin Russel Skogen | Vicky & Russ Skogen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Smith | Becky Smith |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blake Robert Stadler | Lisa Armagost |
| | Cheryl Armogast |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew James Stephens | Michelle Stephens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abby Ann Sterling | Laura & Todd Sterling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garrett Robert Sterling | Amy & Brad Sterling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tristan Micallen Sticha | Cory Sticha & |
| | Eric Sticha |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sabrina Marie Strouth | Lori & Troy Strouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graham Miles Sunde | Jody & Miles Sunde |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby S. | Mommy |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Derek Joseph Sundwall | Diana & Mark Sundwall |

<input type="checkbox"/> Ethan Jay Swanger	Jessica & Jason Swanger
<input type="checkbox"/> Irish Rae Swanson	Victoria & Guy Swanson
<input type="checkbox"/> Lilian Rose Swanson	Shannon Swanson
<input type="checkbox"/> Madison Marie Swedin	Michelle & Bob Swedin
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<input type="checkbox"/> Dawn Thorson	Aunt Dorothy
<input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin Owen Tolzman	Nicole & Victor Tolzman
<input type="checkbox"/> Jacob Ryan Torgerud	Shanon & Mark Torgerud
<input type="checkbox"/> Alyssa Grace Trotter	Joni & Tom Trotter
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<input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Jean Vandereide	Marianne & Jay Vandereide
<input type="checkbox"/> Ashley Velazquez –Lima	Francisca Lima-Pinzon & Pablo Velazquez-Rivero
<input type="checkbox"/> Nathaniel James Wagner	Dawn Wagner
<input type="checkbox"/> William Thomas Wagner	Sheri & Tim Wagner
<input type="checkbox"/> Baby Wagner	Mommy & Daddy
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<input type="checkbox"/> Samantha Ann Waldner	Sheila R. Borwege
<input type="checkbox"/> Baby	Grandma & Grandpa
<input type="checkbox"/> Jarod Webster	Rebecca & Bill Webster
<input type="checkbox"/> Angel Maree Wilson	Shari Hill
<input type="checkbox"/> Baby	Mommy
<input type="checkbox"/> J.J. Wolf	Amy & James Wolf
<input type="checkbox"/> Joshua Clarence Zak	LeeAnn & Robert Zak
<input type="checkbox"/> Dakota Douglas Zapata	Dawn Miller & Jorge Zapata
<input type="checkbox"/> Nicky Zeipelt	Diane & Paul Zeipelt
<input type="checkbox"/> Baby Z	Gail & Mark Zollner
<input type="checkbox"/> Baby Girl	Mommy
<input type="checkbox"/> Anna Christine Zollner	Gail & Mark Zollner
<input type="checkbox"/> Baby Boy	Mommy & Daddy
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<input type="checkbox"/> Baby Dillon	Mommy & Daddy
<input type="checkbox"/> Our 5 Babies	Mommy & Daddy
<input type="checkbox"/> Our 12 Babies	Mommy & Daddy

And all the children Remembered in their parent's Hearts.

A Lifetime Wish

If I could have a lifetime wish
 A dream that would come true.
 I'd pray to God with all my heart
 For yesterday and you.

A thousand words can't bring you back.
 I know because I've tried.
 And neither will a million tears
 I know because I've cried.

You left behind my broken heart
 And happy memories too.
 I never wanted memories,
 I only wanted you.

Author unknown

Thank You

The IRIS parents and volunteers would like to thank all of those who helped with this years Holiday Service including:

- Pastor Mark Noren of St. Lukes Church in Faribault
- Natalie and Leif Crooks and Elise Kern for Singing
Elizabeth Schmit, Mandy Zweber, Lori Strouth, Brenda Nerud, Michele Priebe, Deb Heide, Rachel Karnick, and Maria Markman
for reading poems
- Kathy Hanek, Chris Petricka and Margaret Walker for reading all of the names during the Holiday Service
- Denise and Joe Moravec and Marcy and Brad Olson for assisting with the candle lighting
- The Genesis Ringers (handbells) from First English Lutheran Church in Faribault
- Josh Paul, Andy Sundwall and Jeff Sundwall for tolling the Chapel Bell
- Maria Markman, Nichole Moravec, Kayla Racine, Katie Savoie, and Caitlin Sundwall for making the angel garland and handing
them out
- Theresa Moen for the program cover
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- To Kathy Hanek, Linda Dusek, Lori Strouth, Connie DeGroot, Margaret Walker, Chris Petricka, Jessie and Jim Donahue, the
Sundwall family, and everyone who helped set up and clean up
- To everyone who provided treats

Visit the New IRIS Website

Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. is asking that you visit our new website at: www.irisremembers.com and let us know what you think of it. We would also like to know what items you would like to see on the site, your birth stories, your journal entries, poems, and links to other sites that you would like to see on the page. Please check it often as it changes daily. Please free to share the address of this new site with your, family friends, and groups that you may be a part of on the net. Include it in your profiles!

Scrapbooking

You may have seen some of the wonderful scrapbooks at the Holiday Service of Remembrance and thought "I could never do that!" Well we are here to tell you "YES you can!" You're invited to join us for Scrapbooking! This is a very informal group of IRIS mom's who are all working on their precious children's scrapbooks. Never worked on a scrapbook before? Don't have all the papers and other treatments? Thanks to wonderful donations we have everything you need including decorative papers, stamps, punches, scissors, and stickers. The only thing you need to bring is your own scrapbook pages and your photos, cards, etc. If you have an older scrapbook with sticky pages or pages that are not acid free you may want to consider redoing your book with acid free papers. So join us, we will all help you create a wonderful keepsake for your child!

Location: IRIS office ~
101 NW Third St. in Faribault MN

Time: 10 AM – 4 PM.

Dates: January 15th
February 19th
March 19th
April 16th
May 21st

Your welcome to bring you own beverages and lunch or you can get takeout and bring it back.

IRIS

Support Group Meetings

IRIS support groups are held twice each month. All Support Group Meetings are held at the IRIS office (101 NW Third Street in Faribault) Please join us, meetings are informal and a great place to vent your feeling and frustrations with other parents who understand what you feel and why.

Midday meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month from 11 am – 1 pm. These meetings are an open discussion.

Evening meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 7 – 8:30 pm. Evening meetings are designed in a topic format and open discussion.

Meeting Dates

Midday Meetings

January 12th
February 9th
March 9th
April 13th
May 11th
June 8th

Evening Meetings

January 25th
February 22nd
March 22nd
April 26th
May 24th
June 28th

I Have a Place in Heaven

Author Unknown

Please don't sing sad songs for me,
Forget your grief and fear,
For I am in a perfect place
Away from pain and tears...

It's far away from hunger
And hurt and want and pride,
I have a place in Heaven
With the Master at my side.

My life on earth was very good,
As earthly life can go,
But paradise is so much more
Than anyone can know...

My heart is filled with happiness
And sweet rejoicing, too
To walk with God is perfect peace,
A joy forever new.

Dear IRIS, Here is a poem my friend wrote for me when my brother died.

He's Still With You

Brian was really great,
But I guess he met his date.

He had a special job,
And now he is with God.

He is always in our hearts,
You will never be apart.

Just remember the good days,
And all those awesome ways.

I remember when he would say,
"I want to stay and play!"

Look at one of his old toys,
And think of all his joys.
He had an important job to do,
But don't worry he's still with you.

In loving memory of Brian
Written by Elise for her good friend Laura (ages 12 years)

~For Zachary~

Zachary, as soon as you came into our lives
You filled our hearts with joy,
You were a special gift from GOD
A precious little boy.

The moment you were born
Our tears began to flow
We were holding onto an angel
The world will never know.

God has his reasons for taking you
Although we may never understand
You are in heaven with him now
Which is the way he had planned.

The thoughts of you will always be cherished
You changed our lives forever
And we cannot wait to get to heaven
So we can again be together.....Forever!!!!

In Memory of Zachary Shane 1/08/05
Written by his Daddy

**Thank You
For Your Generous
Corporate Donations**

- Heinz Insurance Agency from
Owatonna MN ~ \$25
- Century 21 of Owatonna MN ~ \$46
- Kettering Properties from Faribault ~ \$2,100
- Knights of Columbus #889 ~ Faribault MN ~ \$100
- McGraw-Hill Companies Community Partners
Employee Giving Campaign ~ \$300
- MN Center for Philanthropy ~ \$250
- Pampered Chef ~ 48.13
- St. Patrick's Church of Shieldsville - Council of
Catholic Women ~ \$25
- United Way of Faribault – 4th Qtr 2004 ~ \$500
- Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign from
Faribault MN ~ \$50
- Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign from
Faribault MN ~ \$75

**Thank You
For Your Personal Donations**

- Dr. Ben and Pat Tuma
- Daniel Nechville
- Michael Mazur
- David and Kathryn DuChene
- Therese Jacobson
- Kathy Hanek
- Naomi Pientka for her weekly Sunday School
donation
- Alice and Philip Storm

Memorial

- In loving memory of “Big George”.
We will miss your tender heart and
will always remember you with love
and a smile. From Casey Gregor,
Alison, John, and Kathy Hanek.

In Honor Of

- In loving honor of Father Henry Doyle
from Margaret and JD Walker
- In loving honor of Father Tony Pena
from Margaret and JD Walker

Memorials

Remember our twin nieces Addy and Issabelle
From Aunty Michelle and Uncle Guadalupe Dimayuga

Remember our precious niece or nephew who died on December 29, 2004
From Aunty Michelle and Uncle Guadalupe
Dimayuga

In loving memory of Catherine Rose Allen
From Mommy and Daddy
(Christine and Scott Allen)

In loving memory of Mariah Grace Boerner
From Mommy and Daddy (Lisa and Joel)

In loving memory of Arya Gabrielle Born
From Mommy and Daddy (Carly and John)
R.A and Christine Jensen

In loving memory of Gianni Anton Carrasca
We will never forget you.
Love Mommy and Daddy (Arlene and Gene)

In love and remembrance of our precious twins William  Robert and Bethany Agnes DeGroot
Love Mommy and Daddy (Connie and Joe)

Remembering our sweet little Tahirih Dimayuga Happy 4th Heavens Birthday on Jan. 17
From Mommy & Daddy (Michelle & Guadalupe)

In loving memory of Kilian Richard Donahue
Happy 1st Birthday and 1st Heavens Birthday
We miss you and love you!
Love Mommy and Daddy (Jessie and Jim),
Gracie, Tiernan, and Delaney Donahue
Tammy and Mick Donahue

Memorials

In memory of our precious daughter and granddaughter Shannon and Gracie Hermans.
We love and miss you both.
From Julie and Joseph Jarvis

In loving memory of Derek Joel Holicky
From Maureen Johnson

In loving memory of Brian Jacobson
From Mom, Dad and Laura (Yvonne and Daniel)

In loving memory of June Kath
From Diane and Micki McCorkell

In memory of our precious little boy Christian Joel Kriesel
From Mommy and Daddy (Tiffany and Joel)
Grandma and Grandpa (Julie and Larry Kriesel)

In loving memory of Joseph Thomas Markman
Remembering you now and always!
Mom and Dad (Lori Jo and Todd), Maria and Patrick

In loving remembrance of Michael James Odenthal. We miss you very much.
Love Mommy and Daddy (Tracy and Theodore)

In loving memory of Jarrod Allan Olson
We love and miss you very much!
Love Mommy and Daddy ((Marcy and Brad)

In loving memory of our precious little Grace Ann Olson
From Mommy and Daddy
(Carrie and Robert Olson Jr.)

Memorials

In loving memory of Jacob Donald Peterson
From Mommy and Daddy
(Susan and Scott)

In loving memory of our precious little Noah Ethan Priebe. We love and miss you!
From Mommy and Daddy (Michele and John)

In loving memory of our precious little Samuel Ethan Priebe. We love you and miss you!
From Mommy and Daddy (Michele and John)

In memory of my niece Paige Madigan Renton
From Uncle Tim Madigan

In loving memory of Blake Stadler
From Grandma Armagost

In loving memory of Sabrina Marie Strouth
Love Mommy and Daddy (Lori and Troy), Josh, Shelby, and Sidney

In loving memory of Graham Miles Sunde
From your loving family

In loving memory of Derek Joseph Sundwall
From Mom and Dad (Diana and Mark), Angie, Andy, Jeff and Caitlin Sundwall

In loving remembrance of our precious daughter, Alyssa Grace Trotter
From Mommy and Daddy (Joni and Tom)

In loving memory of Kelly Jean Vandereide
We Love You!
Love Mommy and Daddy (Marianne and Jay)

Memorials

In honor and loving remembrance of William Thomas Wagner.
Love Mommy and Daddy (Sheri and Tim)

In loving remembrance of JJ Wolf
Love Mom and Dad (Amy and James)

In memory of our precious little baby Nicky Zeipelt
From Mommy and Daddy (Diane and Paul)

His Journey's Just Begun

By Ellen Brenneman

Don't think of him as gone away ~
His journey's just begun
Life holds so many facets
This earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away.

And think of him as living
In the hearts of those he touched...
For noting love is ever lost ~
And he was loved so very much.

Garden of Stone

He wiped away the snow
And laid down a single rose.
Thinking of what might have been.

Another tear falls in the
garden of stone...

He could have been president,
A ballplayer or won a Nobel prize.
But it'll never come to be,
And we'll never look into his eyes.

Another tear falls in a
garden of stone...

We watched the tubes and wires,
And they said that he was gone.
A life snuffed out too early,
Never to see another dawn.

Another tear falls
In the garden of stone.
Another day passes
And they're all alone.

The world gets older
But he's still two.
And we dream of things,
He'll never do.

He'll never ride a two wheeler,
Or take a bus to school.
All we have are our memories,
We've lost our precious jewel.

Never play in little league
Never steal a first kiss,
We think of all those things
He's going to miss.

Never go to college,
Never walk down the aisle,
Never know the joys of parenthood.
We miss him all the while.

Another tear falls in the garden of stone.

In loving memory of Max Kaner
January 18, 1991 – February 7, 1993
© By Michael Kaner 1998

Thank You For Your Kind Donation

- The Trotters for 1 year of website fees
- Mary Willaby for the 40 baby caps she knitted
- Anna Kincade for countless blanket and cap sets
- Margaret Walker for the 4 rolls of stamps and for writing countless thank you notes
- Yvonne Jacobson for baby blanket, book, lotion and shampoo set
- Marlene Hanek for crocheted baby blankets
- Christine and Scott Allan for four soft teddy bears and three brush comb sets
- To the person who fixed the office chairs!
- Claudia and John Fridstorm for journals
- To everyone who helped with the Holiday Service of Remembrance
- To everyone who is helping plan the 8th Annual IRIS Charity Bash fundraiser!

Please Return Books From The IRIS Lending Library

Recently we have been inventorying everything in the IRIS office and have found that there are some books that have been check out for a long time. If you have the following books can you please return them ASAP we have others who would like to read them. Thanks!

- Our Stories of Miscarriage by Fitton and Faldet
- Reducing the Risk of SID's Video by Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. ~ Training video
- High Risk Pregnancy and Delivery
- Mothering the New Mother by Sally Placksin ~ Doula training required reading
- Special Women Role of the Professional Labor Assistant ~ Doula training required reading

Taking Your Name Off of Mailing and Phone Lists:

It can take up to six months for you to see results from contacting the address below. Be patients.

- Direct Marketing Association
Mail Preference Service
P.O. Box 9008
Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008
- Direct Marketing Association
Phone Preference Service
P.O. Box 9014
Farmingdale, NY 11735-9014
- Direct Marketing **Website:** www.dmaconsumers.org
- DMA **Phone Number:** 212-768-727



How you can help IRIS with Milk Moola

IRIS has been accepting Kwik Trip Milk Moola coupons for the past several months. What is the Milk Moola Program? For every Milk Moola cap or bag top found on milk and juice products from Kwik Trip, IRIS will receive 5¢. Please mail us or drop off your Milk Moola coupons. Visit the new IRIS website for more info. www.irisremembers.com

Yes you can mail them from any location that has a Kwik Trip!

Special thanks to the students at the MN School for the Blind who will be counting the coupons and bottle caps for us.

IRIS Wish List

- Cash donations
- Bottled Water
- Translators for IRIS literature into Russian, Spanish and other languages
- 35MM film ~ 400 or 800 speed
- Baby lotion (sample size)
- Baby Brush/Comb sets
- Onesies ~ White, in preemie newborn sizes
- Baby yarn or sport weight yarn in pastel colors
- Baby Blankets and caps
- Folders with pockets and center tabs
- Books for the IRIS Lending Library
- Stamps
- Volunteers for the IRIS program
- Volunteers for the IRIS Bash Fundraiser
- Baked goods for the IRIS Bake Sale at the bash
- Items for the IRIS Silent Auction to be held in February. (Quilts, Afghans, needlework, woodcrafts, gift certificates, Meat, etc.)
- DSL Internet service
- Stuffed Bears – Small
- Milk Moola
- Old Cell Phones for the Midwest Wireless fundraiser

One caring heart...

Can make all the difference!

Lost and Found

Following the IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance the cleaning crew found several items including a pair of women's gloves and a small keepsake figurine that was left in one of the windows. Please call the IRIS office at (507) 334-4748 to claim the items.

Remembering the future is difficult especially when you can't have it.

IRIS Calendar of Events

January

- 15th **Scrapbooking**
at the IRIS Office 10 am – 4 pm
- 25th **Evening Support Group Meeting** 7 – 8:30 pm

February

- 9th **Midday Support Group Meeting**
- 12th **IRIS Charity BASH Fundraiser**
Family Fun Night ~Faribault Community Center
Corner of Division St and Central Ave.
- 13th **IRIS Charity BASH Fundraiser**
American Legion 112 NE 5th St. in Faribault
*Pancake Breakfast 8 am – 1 pm
*Silent Auction 8 am – 2:30 pm
*Bake Sale 8 am – 4 pm
*BINGO 1 – 4 pm
- 19th **Scrapbooking** at the IRIS office 10 am – 4pm
- 22nd **Evening Support Group Meeting** 7 – 8:30 pm

March

- 9th **Midday Support Group Meeting** 11 am – 1 pm
- 19th **Scrapbooking** at the IRIS office 10 am – 4 pm
- 22nd **Evening Support Group Meeting** 7 – 8:30 pm

April

- 13th **Midday Support Group Meeting** 11 am – 1 pm
- 16th **Scrapbooking** at the IRIS office 10 am – 4 pm
- 26th **Evening Support Group Meeting** 7 – 8:30 pm

May

- 11th **Midday Support Group Meeting** 11 am – 1 pm
- 21st **Scrapbooking** at the IRIS office 10 am – 4 pm
- 24th **Evening Support Group Meeting** 7 – 8:30 pm

Could You Please Just Listen?

Could you please just listen?

My baby has died. Please don't tell me you know how I feel. You don't. You can't. I hope you never do. Don't tell me that she's with God and I should be happy. How can I be happy when every time I go to her nursery all I see is an empty crib and toys that will never be played with? How can I be happy when my arms ache to hold her?

Please don't tell me God needed another angel it's hard for me to understand why God would take away this little one who was so loved. Maybe I will understand later. But for right now... let God find another angel. Please, please, please don't tell me I'll have another child. Maybe I will... but my daughter was not a puppy that ran away... she can't be replaced.

Maybe you could just listen when I remember out loud all the things we did together ... the walks, the early morning feedings, the first time she rolled over. Maybe you could just sit with me while I cry over all the things we'll never do together.

Please don't tell me it could be worse. How?

I really don't want to hear about your grandfather's death. It's not the same. Don't think my pain will be eased by comparison. Of course I'm glad that she didn't suffer, but I'd be a lot happier if she hadn't died at all.

I know it must be hard for you, but would you mind looking at her pictures just one more time, we don't have many of her and I'm just a little bit afraid that I may forget what she looked like. She wasn't here that long you know.

Could you please just listen?

Don't tell me I'll get over it. There is no "over it", only through it. Maybe you could just be with me while I take my first steps through it. Please don't tell me I should be glad she was just a baby, or that at least I didn't get to know her. I knew her before I saw her. She was a part of me. And now she's gone. I haven't just lost a four-month old baby. I lost a part of myself.

I know you mean well, but please don't expect me to tell you how to help me. I'd tell you if I knew, but right now I can hardly put one foot in front of the other. Maybe if you looked around, you could find some things to do, like taking my dog for a walk, or doing the dishes, or making some coffee.

Please don't try to remove my pain or distract me from it. I have to feel this way for now.

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In A Baby's Castle

In a baby's castle,
Just beyond my eye,
My baby plays with angel toys,
That money cannot buy.
Who am I to wish him back,
Into this world of strife?
No, play on, my baby,
You have eternal life.
At night when all is silent,
And sleep forsakes my eyes,
I'll hear his tiny footsteps,
Come running to my side.
His little hands caress me,
So tenderly and sweet,
I'll breathe a prayer, close my eyes,
And embrace him in my sleep.
Now I have a treasure,
That I rate above all others,
I have known true glory,
I am still his mother!

~ Author Unknown~



Baby Tears

We cried tears when we learned that a child would be, that
God had allowed you to quicken in me.

We cried tears with our loved ones as they shared in our joy and we thought about names for a girl or boy.
I cried tears as I thought of the things that we would do, all the things your Daddy would pass on to you.
And I cried as I thought of each inch you had grown, as I pondered the day you'd make yourself known.
Then, to think of the world you must enter brought fears. Once again, little loved one, your Mother cried tears.
Something's wrong, I can tell - once again there are tears, and I'll not get the chance of your love through the years.
Oh the ache and the sorrow and all of the pain, and again, yes again, my tears fell like rain.
When His peace comes to me as I think of you there, gently rocking with Father in his favorite chair.
Your sweet little fingers clenched tight in His palm and His SON softly singing to help keep you calm.
Our FATHER knew your days before they came to be, and He knew, little one, you would not stay with me.
So, I cry but I know that when this life is done, I will greet and embrace you my little sweet one.
There's a time to be born and a time to die, and the joy and the sorrow both make me cry!

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- Join us for the 8th Annual IRIS Charity BASH on February 12th and 13th**

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 Faribault, MN 55021

Or call the IRIS office with changes:
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February 12th Family Fun Night ~

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Corner of Division St and Central
Faribault, MN
\$3.00 per person or \$10 per family
(Open gym, swimming and food!)

February 13th Buffet Breakfast ~

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Adults \$5.00
Children 2 – 6 years \$3.00

***Silent Auction 8 am – 2:30 pm**

***Bake Sale 8 am – 4 pm**

***BINGO 1 – 4 pm**