

From Diana's Desk . . .

Dear Friends,

Over the last several weeks the IRIS office has been a buzz with excitement as plans for the upcoming IRIS Charity Weekend have been put into action. Volunteers have begun the long process of arranging our biggest fundraiser of the year. The IRIS Charity Weekend began 10 years ago when Krista Anderson wanted to do something to help raise funds for IRIS. Krista still helps with the "IRIS Charity Weekend" but admits that it has grown much larger than she ever expected. The first fundraiser raised \$682 for IRIS and was organized in 30 days. Last years "IRIS Charity Weekend" took approximately three months to arrange and raised \$10,280.

We hope that you, your family, and friends will be able to join us, or take part in one, or all of the events planed for February 10th and 11th. Your help is needed and welcomed!

Family Fun Night

Faribault Community Center

Saturday February 10th from 5:30 – 8:30

Pancake Breakfast

American Legion 112 NE 5th St. in Faribault

8 am – 1 pm

Bingo

American Legion 112 5th St. in Faribault

1 – 3:30 pm Huge Cash Prizes

Silent Auction and Bake Sale

Held during breakfast and Bingo

Be sure to read about each event and how you can help, including memorial silent auction baskets.

I hope to see you there!

Please Join Us at the
10th Annual
IRIS Charity Weekend
February 10th and 11th, 2007

Family Fun Night

Faribault Community Center

15 Division St. - Faribault

Saturday February 10th

5:30 – 8:30 pm

Open gym, open pool, face painting, cookie decorating.

\$3 per person or \$10 per family.

Godfathers Pizza, bars and pop will be for sale. Come have dinner with us and then run and play!

Pancake Breakfast Buffet

Sunday, February 11th

Faribault American Legion

112 NE 5th St. - Faribault

8 am – 1 pm

Adult \$6 Children (2-6) \$3

Sponsored by: Nelson's

BINGO

Sunday, February 11th

Faribault American Legion

112 NE 5th St. - Faribault 1 – 3:30 pm
Huge Cash Prizes

Bake Sale & Silent Auction

Run during breakfast and bingo. If you would like to donate items see page 2.

The IRIS Bake Sale has been a sweet treat to our Charity Weekend. Anne Pientka has again offered to chair this event. Please bring baked items to Anne's home (call IRIS office for directions) on Saturday February 10th from 1 – 4 pm or to the Family Fun Night by 7 pm. Items should be packaged securely. Ziploc bags, on plates, etc. and yes it is ok to decorate the packaging! Anne will take care of the pricing and set up at the American Legion. Popular items include cakes, cheesecake, cookies, pies, party mix, caramels, brownies, bars, breads, and cookies/cake in a Jar or cup.

The IRIS Silent Auction has become a huge part of our fundraiser. We are currently accepting items for the Silent Auction. Any new item, hand made item, and/or gift certificates will be accepted. Volunteers will take like items not already in baskets and create baskets. In the past we have had basket of gardening items, tool box full of tools, cookie jar full of items needed to make cookies, pails with items for ice fishing, fern with wind chimes and other items for a memorial garden, quilts, and gift certificates. Do you know someone who would like to make a donation? Feel free to ask them and remember donations to IRIS are tax-deductible!

When you bring your basket into the office, please include the following information Basket title, Description, Donated by, and the value of the basket. All of this information will be used on the bidding sheets. Baskets in the office by January 31st will be in the silent auction program.

MEMORIAL BASKETS

In the last few years many of you have asked if you could donate a basket in memory of your child. Yes this is an option. When you bring your basket into the office, please include the information listed above and include who the basket is in memory of. This information will be on the bidding sheets.

BRACELETS Melanie LaCanne will be making bracelets on Sunday. These beautiful Memorial Bracelets are made of Sterling Silver with Swarovski Crystals (birthstones and several other colored crystals are available). Bracelets can be made in lengths of 7", 7 , or 8" and can include your child's name.

We are currently accepting orders for the bracelets or you can place your order at the breakfast and wait while it is being made. The cost is \$25 per bracelet. Bracelets can be shipped to you if you will be unable to attend the breakfast. There is an additional \$5 shipping charge per bracelet.

Proceeds from the sale of the bracelets will go to Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Name	Size	Stone Color or Birthstone	Cost \$25
		Shipping \$5 per bracelet	
		Total Due	

Memorial Ornaments

Ornaments were purchased in memory of the following children during the holidays.

AJ Meneguzzo

Alyssa Grace Trotter

Athena Grace Wottreng

Baby Brooke Mier

Baby Bruther

Baby Drumm

Baby Kelzer

Benjamin Tolzman

Blake Joseph Stadler

Brian James Jacobson

Brice Alec Anderson

Daniel James Piepho

Danny Novak

Declan and Malachi Donahue Baby Donahue

Derek Joel Holicky

Derek Joseph Sundwall

Emma Ward

Erica Vandereide

Finley Rae LaCanne

Chase Douglas LaCanne

Gaby Thompson

Gianni Anton Carrasca

Grace Ann Olson

Greta Loren Earl
Hannah Hevon Halla
Hannah Rose Rysavy
Jacob Donald Peterson
James Patrick DeGrood
Joel Hall
Joshua
Joshuah Daniel Neubauer
JT Markman
Kayla Dusek
Kelly Vandereide
Kilian Richard, Donahue
Lizzy Sammon Dienst
McKenzie Grace Johnson
Michael Andrew Kinard
Nash Rueben Adams
Nathan Earl Cory
Nicholas Joseph Moravec
Our Angel Jack
Our Precious Angel
Preston Hugh Crooks
Sara Connelly-Jones
Scout Herndon
SJ Murry
Th irih Dimayuga
Tristan Sticha
Vicki Graves

Weston Bradley Germundson

Zachary Andrew Schmit

Caring for your Pewter Ornament

Every time you use your pewter ornament, hand wash it with mild soap and towel dry thoroughly. Do not put in the dishwasher.

It is recommended to clean the ornament once a year with pewter cleaner. After cleaning apply dry cornstarch with a soft cloth or sponge. Rub the cornstarch all over the ornament and dust off with a soft cloth.

If you get scratches on your ornament, you can blend them into the patina by rubbing the scratch with a very fine steel wool, or a pre-softened "ScotchBrite" pad.

There are a limited number of ornaments still available. If you would like to order one please contact the IRIS office at (507) 334-4748 or e-mail: iris@LL.net

Memorial Poinsettias The following children had memorial poinsettias at the IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance on December 3rd 2006.

Preston Hugh Crooks

Bethany DeGrood

William DeGrood

Kilian Richard Donahue

Declan Arthur Donahue

Malachi Donahue

Baby Donahue

Annette Marie David

Derek Joel Holicky

Shannon Marie Hermans & Grace Marie Hermans

Halen Alan Kelly

Nicholas Joseph Moravec

Alexander Pierce

Noah Ethan Priebe

Samuel Ethan Priebe

Hannah Rose Rysavy

Derek Joseph Sundwall

Kelly Jean Vandereide

Erica Kay Vandereide

William Thomas Wagner

Emma Kaye Ward

We would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who took part in the IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance including

Father Henry Doyle

Shattuck St. Mary's School

Everyone who read poems or sang

Fette Productions – sound

Reverend Garry and Linda Rosenau – ornament pick up

Teresa Moen – program cover

The girls who made the Angel for your Garland

Donahue's Greenhouse

Connie DeGrood – cookies and cider

Margaret & JD Walker for the programs

Everyone who provided treats

Everyone who brought special keepsakes for the windows

The volunteers that have helped in planning, set up, and clean up

Thank You!

Children We Lovingly Remembered

In the following names are children who were remembered during the Holiday Service of Remembrance held on Sunday December 3, 2006

Child Remembered

Eunice K. Shumway

Nash Rueben Adams

Justin Agnew

Catherine Rose Allen

Michael Joshua Almendinger

Calvin Arnold Almendinger

Brice Alec Anderson

Tyler William Anderson

Baby B

Baby Angel

Cameron Bailey

Aaron Karl Bauer

Baby Bauer

Baby Bauer

Cashe Lonnie Berge

Cole Brent Krenzke

Betty Lynn Boerner

Mariah Grace Boerner

Amaya Bonneville

Michael Norman Braun

Our Precious Angel

Dakota Brooks

Makayla Nichole Brooks

Gianni Anton Carrasca

Scott Arthur Carver

Baby C

Joshua

Baby Chlan

Belle JeanineAnna Christenson

Adry Clay

Randy Allen Clay Jr.

Sara Connelly-Jones

Nathan Earl Cory

Shayla Angel and

Shelby Tracy Marie Cota

Preston Hugh Crooks

Baby Crooks

Baby D

Luke Edward Dahlhoff

Annette Marie David

James Patrick DeGrood

William Robert and

Bethany Agnes DeGrood

Lizzy Sammon Dienst

Baby D

Th irih Dimayuga

Kilian Richard Donahue

Declan Arthur & Malachi

Donahue

Baby Donahue

Jerry Dougherty

Kayla Jamie Dusek

Baby D

Keegan Blake Earls

Nikolas Michael Fischer

Marcia Flim

Anna Lily Fridstrom

Ada Mae Froman

Weston Bradley Germundson

Victoria A. Graves

Addyson & Isabelle Gerber

Hayden James Hachfeld

Patrick Andrew Hallin

Hannah Hevon Halla

Austin J. Hanson

Jake Michael Head

Shannon Marie & Baby Grace Marie Hermans

Lindsay Rose Hermsen

Scout Nicole Herndon

Derek Joel Holicky

Mickey Ronald Ingebritson

Brian James Jacobson

McKenzie Grace Johnson

Baby

Gabriel Lee, Kevin Theodore, and Elizabeth Frances Karnick

Halen Alan Kelly

Baby Kelley

Baby Kelley

Baby Boy Kelley

Mary Kelley

Precious Baby K

Michael Andrew Kinard

Mara Anne Kolterman

Christian Joel Kriesel

Augustus Michael Kuennen

Hope Kuennen

Joseph Robert Lake

Isaac Eleazar Longest

Alexandria Marie Irish-Lamon

Baby Boy

Baby Boy

Paul Richard Malecha

Joseph Thomas Markman

Darby Parks Meier

Brooke Nicole Mier

Baby M

Baby M

Cory Moore

Nicholas Joseph Moravec

Sara Jane Murray

Gracie Ann Narveson

Jonathan Norbert Narveson

Peter Vincent Narveson

Joshuah Daniel Neubauer

Baby N.

Daniel Robert Novak

Baby

Zander James Nowak

Angel Twins

Jarrold Allen Olson

Baby Girl

Baby Boy

Ann Margaret Paukert

Jacob Donald Peterson

Baby

Daniel James Piepho

Alexander Jason Pierce

Noah Ethan Priebe

Samuel Ethan Priebe

Aiden Michael and

Owen Michael Puppe

Angel Twins

Sammy Jo Radatz

Taylor Jordan Radatz

Edgar Rios Hruska

Jodi Lynn Rickaby

Baby

Baby Girl

My Baby Sister

My Baby Brothers

Samantha Opal Rolstad

Hannah Rose Rysavy

Therese Rysavy

Baby Cole

Zachary Andrew Schmit

Paige Emily Schoenbauer

Olivia Smith

Blake Robert Stadler

Alicia Marie Stephens

Baby Snesrud

Lukas Rylan Springer-Akbar

Andrew James Stephens

Garrett Robert Sterling

Tristan Micallen Sticha

Sabrina Marie Strouth

Graham Miles Sunde

Baby S.

Baby S.

Joseph Sticha

Derek Joseph Sundwall

Precious Twins

Baby Boy

Ethan Jay Swanger

Baby Swedin

Baby S.

Dawn Thorson

Benjamin Owen Tolzman

Alyssa Grace Trotter

Baby

Baby

Kelly Jean Vandereide

Erica Kay Vandereide

Drake Michael Vickney

William Thomas Wagner

Baby Wagner

Baby W.

Samantha Ann Waldner

Emma Kaye Ward

Baby

Jarod Webster

Baby

J.J. Wolf

Baby Girl

Baby Boy

Precious Baby Boy

Baby Dillon

Our 5 Babies

Our 12 Babies

And all of the children Remembered in their parent's hearts.

Thinking of you Isaac On your 2nd birthday

Still bound in time

Our lives entwine

The sun that set and rose

And carried you away

Will yet another day

Cause our reuniting again

We are destined by His word.

Love, Mom

(Janelle Longest)

In Loving Memory of Isaac Eleazar Longest

Thank You For Your Gift

Judy Conroy - Blankets and caps

Carol Underferth - Blankets, caps, sweaters

Libby Schmit - Blankets, Angel Bears, and Office supplies

Barbara Molby - Blankets

Jean Aberly - Blankets and caps

Anna Kincade - Blankets and caps

Helen Kelley – Year end filing

Brandi Petricka – Year end paperwork

Mary Parker – Accounting services/Taxes

Natalie & Leif – Office work

Stacy Chmelik – Office Work

Margaret Walker – Office Work

Remember Me

By Libby Graham

Remember Me as the wind stirs the leaves,

Remember Me as the evening sunset

casts it's rosy glow,

Remember Me as you smell the earth after a fresh, spring rain,

Remember Me when we hear the sound of

a child's laughter,

Remember Me as the warm summer sunshine caresses your skin,

Remember Me as the first winter snowflakes

fall to the ground,

Remember Me as the smell of spring flowers tantalize our senses,

Remember Me as you awaken in the morning by the song of a bird

Remember Me as you greet a smile

on a friendly face

Remember Me as the days

gently ease, one into another

Remember Me as we walk through life

Remember Me For I Shall . . .

Remember You.

Our Wish List

Film – 35 mm (400 speed)

Baby Lotions (sample)

Baby Yarn or Sport Weight yarn in pastel colors

Shipping/postal Scale

Bottled Water

Stamps

Jar Candles for the office

Wooden shaker boxes – undecorated

Mailing labels (size Avery 8160)

High speed internet

Permanent Signs for the four IRIS windows. 33"x7" these signs will be in full sun. They can be cling on, acrylic or some type of Plexiglas, etc.

Thank You For The Memorial Gift

Given in memory of Grace Kathryn Woitas Loving and remembering her on her 3rd Birthday, January 17, 2004

Blanket, My 1st Bear Teddy, 1 package of onesies, baby bath, and baby lotion.

Given in memory of Emma Kaye Ward by her grandparents (Jeanne and Marvin Maas) a pink blanket.

The following is a note that we received at the office and is addressed to “All IRIS Volunteers.

Dear IRIS Volunteers:

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That's one big thank you for all you do ~

Los Dimayugas

“No act of kindness, no matter how small,
is ever wasted.”

Aesop

Thank You For Your Donation

Reed and Susan Anderson

Northfield Area United Way 2nd qtr allocation 2006-07

United Way of Faribault 4th qtr 2006 allocation

Owatonna Clinic – Mayo Health System

Northfield Area United Way Donor designations from 2005

St. Patrick's Church – Shieldsville – Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

Betty Mullenmeister – Donation for printing of the new IRIS book call “Sharing the Tears” How family and friends can help

Calendar of Events

February 2007

- 5th Charity Weekend Planning Meeting 6:30 pm IRIS office
- 10th IRIS Charity Weekend: Family Fun Night - Faribault Community Center 5:30 – 8:30 pm
- 11th IRIS Charity Weekend: Breakfast, Silent Auction, Bingo – Faribault American Legion
8 am – 4 pm
- 14th Midday Support Group Meeting
11 AM – 1AM at the IRIS office
- 24th Scrapbooking - RSVP Required
Call the IRIS office at (507) 334-4748
- 27th Evening Support Group Meeting
7 – 8:30 PM at the IRIS office

March 2007

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11 AM – 1AM at the IRIS office

27th Evening Support Group Meeting

7 – 8:30 PM at the IRIS office

Infant Memorials

In memory of our daughter Th irih 1/17/01 with love now and forever.

Michelle (Mama) Guadalupe (Papa)

Milani Reh (Sis) & Guadalupe (Bro)

In memory of Colton Arett

D. or C. Beranek

In loving memory of Daniel James Piepho

Happy 3rd Birthday, we love you.

Mommy, Daddy, & Caleb (Chantell & Charles)

Kathleen and Kenneth Ryks

Stacy and Johnathan Chmelik

In memory of Augustus Michael Kuennen born silently into the loving arms of Jesus on November 24, 2006 and his older sister Hope Kuennen who passed from this earth on December 27, 2005.

Mommy and Daddy (Deanna and Allyn)

Willow Terry and your loving family & friends

In loving memory of Kegan Earls

Mommy and Daddy

(Brittany Mahgnoul & James Earls)

Grandma Desiree & Tim Landrum

Father Kevin Finnegan

In loving memory of our precious little Blake Robert. We love and miss you

Grandma (Cheryl Armagost)

In loving memory of Garrett Robert Sterling.

Mommy and Daddy

(Amy and Brad Sterling)

In loving memory of Christian & Erin Kriesel

Tiffany and Joel Kriesel

Julie and Larry Kriesel

In loving memory of our sweet little Emma Kaye Ward. We held you in our arms and love you, but God called you back home.

Mommy and Daddy (Lisa and Nathan)

Grandma and Grandpa Maas (Jeanne and Marvin)

In loving memory of Ada Mae Froman

Pam, Al, Katie & Daniel Hjulberg

Emily and Dan Bakken

In loving memory of my Grandson, Derek Joel Holicky. We miss you every day.

Maureen Johnson

In memory of my beautiful daughter Sara Connelly-Jones.

Mommy (Diane Connelly)

Lovingly remembering our son Halen Alan Kelly.

Mommy and Daddy Stacy and William Kelly)

In memory of our beautiful son who we will always remember, Luke Edward Dahlhoff

Mom, Dad, and your siblings(Marie & Mark)

In loving memory of our precious children, William Robert and Bethany Agnes DeGrood. We love you.

Mom, Dad, and Sarah

(Connie and Joe DeGrood)

In loving memory of Mariah Grace Boerner

Mom, Dad and Jessica

(Lisa and Joel)

In loving memory of William Thomas Wagner.

Mom and Dad (Sheri and Tim)

In memory of our son JT Markman.

Mom and Dad (Lori Jo and Todd.)

In loving memory of my two great-grandchildren Cole Brent Krenzke and Chase Berge.

Great Grandma (Ruth Krull)

In loving memory of Scott Arthur Carver

Mom and Dad and family

(Judy and Gary Carver)

In of our precious grandchildren Sara Jane Murray daughter of Teri and Jim Murray and Joseph Thomas son of LoriJo & Todd Markman

Grandma Toni & Harold Amundson

In loving memory of Christian Joel Kriesel on your birthday January 18, 2002

Grandma and Grandpa

(Julie and Larry Kriesel)