

2011 Holiday Service of Remembrance Registration Form

To have a child's name listed in the program, please have this information to the IRIS office by November 25, 2011. Mail, e-mail, bring to the Turkey Trot, or drop off at the IRIS office (101 NW 3rd St. Faribault MN 55021)

Names are Not held over from year to year. You must submit names every year.

Names received after November 25th will be listed on a program insert Names will be accepted through the start of the Service on December 4th.

Parents Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____

If you are not the child's parent, you name: _____

Your E-mail Address _____ Phone #: _____

- I / We will be attending this year's service. Family & friends are welcome.
- I / We would like to take part in the Holiday Service of Remembrance by:
 - Bringing my pictures, keepsakes and/or holiday items to decorate the chapel windows
(This is highly encouraged, please read description for more info. No flames or water please)
 - Reading a poem – please send in a copy of the poem with this form.
 - Reading a Scripture – Scripture number and verse: _____
 - Singing – Title and Author: _____
 - Playing an instrument – Instrument and song: _____
 - Bringing cookies/bars for the reception following the service
 - Set up on Saturday afternoon
 - Clean up on Sunday afternoon
 - Other: _____
 - I / We would like to have the following child / children remembered during the service.

Child's full name	Phonetic pronunciation

Holiday Service Poinsettias Order Form

Order your poinsettias for the IRIS Holiday Service and for loved one. Poinsettias are available in white, red, or Marble. They have 4 -7 blooms, and are grown by Donahue's Greenhouse in Faribault. Poinsettia's will be tagged and delivered to the Chapel for the holiday serve. You are encouraged to take them home following the service. Order as many as you would like for yourself or gifts. (\$15.97 each)



Poinsettia 1. Red White Marble _____
 In memory of / in honor of

Poinsettia 2. Red White Marble _____
 In memory of / in honor of

Poinsettia 3. Red White Marble _____
 In memory of / in honor of

Poinsettia 4. Red White Marble _____
 In memory of / in honor of

Make A Donation

Make a memorial donation to IRIS in the amount of \$20 or More and you will receive this lovely 1/2 pint jarred, "Angel" Scented, Soy Candle. Each Candle is adorned with a charm with your child's name, date, or message. This delightful charm is perfect for added to your remembrance necklace.

I / We would like to make a tax-deductible donation in Memory of or in honor of:

I will be unable to attend the Holiday Service and would like the items mailed to:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

I will pick the candle up at the IRIS office after December 4, 2011



2011 Memorial Stained Glass Dragonfly



IRIS is currently taking orders for our 2011 Holiday Memorial. This year's memorial is a beautiful Stained Glass Dragonfly! Each dragonfly is lovingly made by Jim Pichner whose studio is located in the same building as the IRIS office. Because these dragonflies are 100% custom made, each one is truly unique! The colors and reflection of each dragonfly changes with its surroundings and is influenced by the amount of direct and indirect light. Each dragonfly can be personalized with your child's name and date(s) if you wish.

If ordered by November 25th, Your dragonfly(s) will be available for pick up at the December 4th Holiday Service. Dragonfly's can also be picked up in the IRIS office in the days following the Holiday Service, or mailed to you before Christmas.

Order Online at: www.irisRemembers.com or mail form & fee to:
IRIS, 101 NW 3rd St., Faribault MN 55021

Please use separate piece of paper if you would like to order more than three dragonflies.

1st Dragonfly:

Name : _____
14 letters/spaces

Dates or message: _____
14 letters/spaces

2nd Dragonfly:

Name : _____
14 letters/spaces

Dates or message: _____
14 letters/spaces

3rd Dragonfly:

Name : _____
14 letters/spaces

Dates or message: _____
14 letters/spaces

	Item	#	Sales Tax included in Price	Total
1	Red Poinsettia		\$15.97	
2	White Poinsettia		\$15.97	
3	Marble Poinsettia		\$15.97	
4	Stained Glass Dragonfly		\$19.99	
5	Donation (Candle) \$20 or more		\$20.00 of more	
			Shipping Per Dragonfly \$8	
			Shipping Per Candle \$8	
Total Due				



Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc.

Whispers of the Heart Newsletter

November 2011

Remembering and Honoring Your Precious Child

101 Third Street NW, Faribault MN 55021 . (507) 334-4748 . E-mail: iris@qwestoffice.net . Website: www.irisRemembers.com

17th Annual IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance



IRIS would like to invite you, your family and friends to our annual Holiday Service of Remembrance on

Sunday
December 4, 2011

Chapel of the Good Shepherd
Located on Shattuck Campus
1000 Shumway Ave. NE
Faribault MN

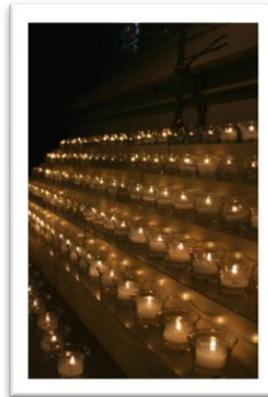
2 pm

The IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance has been held annually since 1994 and is known as a unique service that can help with the emotions, fears, frustrations, loneliness, and anxiety of the holiday season. Many parents feel that by attending this service they are given permission to endure the rest of the holiday season/year knowing that they have honored their child that has died first.

The Holiday Service 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, etc.) or from stillbirth, premature birth, neo-natal death, birth defects, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), sudden unexplained death of a child (SUDC), illness, accidents and all other types of infant or early childhood death. Everyone is welcome regardless of how long ago the child died or the cause of death.

Those attending are encouraged to participate by decorating the chapel windows, reading poems, providing music, and/or bringing treats for the reception that follows the service.

Consider Helping to Personalizing the Service!



Having Your Child Remembered

If you would like to have a child/children remembered and listed in the program please complete the enclosed form and return to the IRIS office by November 25, 2011.

Please Note:

- ♥ Names are not held over from past years.
- ♥ Names that are received after November 25th will be listed on an insert to the program.
- ♥ Names of Children to be remembered will be accepted at the service.

Decorating Chapel Windows



Decorating the Chapel Windows has become a very special tradition of the IRIS Holiday Service. You are encouraged to bring any keepsake items that you would like to display in the windows. Keep in mind that you will be sharing the window area and working with other parents. You are requested to place your child's keepsakes in a window and clear the area when the reception is over. Suggested items for window displays include: scrapbooks, blankets, pictures, poems, holiday items, etc. There will be volunteers on hand to answer questions and help you however they can. No flames or water allowed in the displays. Due to the magnitude of this project, IRIS will not be able to return items sent to us. Everyone is welcome to visit the displays during the reception that follows the service. The Chapel will be open at 1 pm for window setup.



Participation Is Needed

One of the things that make the Holiday Service so very special is the participation of parents, family and friends. We would love to have your help with the reading of poems, singing, playing an instrument, reading a scripture, decorating the chapel windows, and/or providing treats for the

reception that follows the service. You will find signup information on the registration form. Please help make this a very special service by sharing your time and talents.



Memorial Poinsettias

IRIS will again be selling poinsettias from Donahue's Green House. Poinsettias will be labeled and delivered to the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. You will be able to take them home following the reception. If you would like to order a poinsettia for yourself or as a gift for family and friends please fill out

the Holiday Service Registration



Sharing Information on the Holiday Service

Please feel free to share the information on the Holiday Service of Remembrance with others including bereaved parents & grandparents regardless of where they live.

Remember, you are welcome to invite your family and friends to the service.

We would like to ask your assistance in publishing the service, please feel free to contact your local churches, newspapers, TV and radio stations and ask them to run public service announcements about the service. If you would like to hang posters or need additional information for the Holiday Service please contact the office.

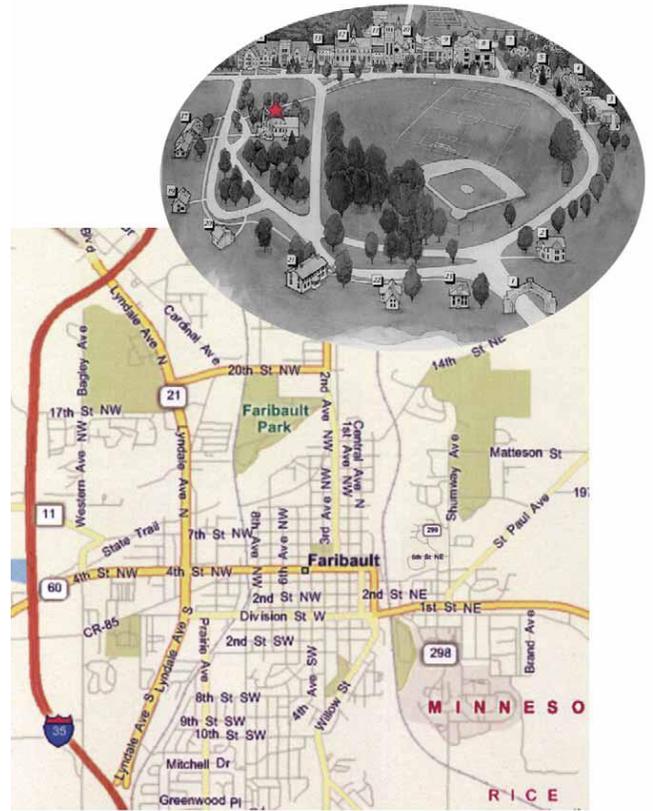


Siblings and Children at Memorial Service

This is a difficult topic to approach, and it brings up many emotions for everyone involved. Because of concerns voiced in previous years, parents with children under the age of 6 years of age are lovingly requested to sit in the back of the chapel close to the exit. Children who can sit

quietly for two (2) hours are welcome to attend the service. Out of consideration and compassion for other grieving parents, you are asked to take children out of the Chapel if they are crying, talking, making noise of any kind, or disrupting others in any manner. If you have questions, concerns or would like to discuss the issue please call Diana at the IRIS office (507) 334-4748.

Directions to the Chapel of the Good Shepherd (1000 Shumway Ave, Faribault MN)



From the North: I-35 South to the second Faribault Exit (Exit 56) Hwy 60

From the South: I-35 North to the second Faribault Exit (Exit 56) Hwy 60

Follow Hwy 60 East through Faribault. You will be crossing the viaduct (bridge) to Faribault's east side.

Turn Left (North) onto Shumway Ave.

The entrance to Shattuck Campus will be on your left.

Pass under the Arch and follow the one way circle to the right.

Parking is available on both sides of the road and on both sides of the Chapel.

You will be able to follow IRIS signs through Faribault to the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

IRIS Turkey Trot

5K

Run & Walk



Thanksgiving Morning

November 24, 2011

All proceeds benefit Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. (IRIS), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization offering parents, families, friends and professionals support, education, and resources on pregnancy loss, infant and early childhood death.

This event will be held regardless of weather conditions!

All runners/walkers are guaranteed a Turkey Trot T-shirt with paid registration received by Thursday, November 10th. Entrants registered after this date will have the opportunity to purchase a t-shirt at the event, please sign-up early to guarantee your t-shirt!!!

Start and finish will be at Faribault Middle School (704 17th St. SW) Routes will be posted on the IRIS website.

- **Day of race:** 7:30 am Check in and Registration begins at Faribault Middle School Gymnasium.
8:00 am Tot Trot & Kids Gobble Wobble
8:30 am 5K Timed Run and Walk

- **Entrance Fees:**

Event	Age	After November 10 th	
5K Run/Walk	Adult (ages 12+)	\$30 (No t-shirt)	Day of registration welcome
5K Run/Walk	Youth (up to age 12)	\$25 (No t-shirt)	Day of registration welcome
Gobble Wobble	Ages 5 – 10	\$20 (No t-shirt)	Day of registration welcome
Tot Trot	Ages 0 – 4	Free (No t-shirt)	Day of registration welcome

Turkey Trot Registration

Entry fees are non-refundable

Name: _____ Birth date: ___/___/___ Age: _____ Gender: M F

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Choose one Event: Tot Trot Kids Gobble Wobble 5K Timed Run 5K Walk

Choose T-Shirt Size: Youth: S M L Adult: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Extra shirts for sale: Kids ~ \$10 Size/Qty _____ Adult ~ \$15 (Small through XXXL) Size/Qty _____

WAIVER AND RELEASE – PLEASE READ AND SIGN I know that running/walking are potentially harmful activities. I certify I am medically able and properly trained to participate in this 2011 IRIS Turkey Trot Run/Walk. I agree to abide by any decision of an event organizer as to my ability to safely complete the run/walk. I assume all risks associated with running/walking in this event, including but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, conditions of the course, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and release, knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release Infants Remembered in Silence, Inc. (IRIS) and Faribault Public Schools, together with their employees, agents, affiliates, race officials, event sponsors and volunteers, from any and all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event, even though such claim or liability may arise from the negligence of these organizations, their employees, agents, affiliates, race officials, event sponsors or volunteers. I grant permission to IRIS, its employees, agents, affiliates, and event sponsors to use my name, likeness and identity in any photos, videos, or recordings of this event, in perpetuity, for legitimate promotional purposes.

Signature (Parent or Guardian if under 18) _____ Date: _____

Donations: I would like to make a donation to IRIS \$ _____

In memory of _____

- Online registration with PayPal payment: www.irisremembers.com
- OR Make checks payable to: IRIS and mail/drop off registration: IRIS, 101 3rd St. NW, Faribault, MN 55021

For more information: contact the IRIS Office at (507)334-4748 or email: trot@irisremembers.com

IRIS Calendar of Events



- 22 Evening Support Group 7 –8:30pm
- 24 3rd Annual IRIS Turkey Trot (5k walk & run)
7:30 AM - Registration
8:00 AM - Kids events
8:30 AM - 5K Walk and Chipped Timed Run
704 17th St. SW
Faribault, MN
- 25 Holiday Service Paperwork Turn in Date!



- 4 IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance
2 pm
Chapel of the Good Shepherd
Shattuck Campus
1000 Shumway Ave NE
Faribault, MN
- 14 Midday Support Group 11 – 1 pm
- 27 NO Evening Support Group



- 11 Midday Support Group 11 – 1 pm
- 24 Evening Support Group 7 –8:30pm

Many events will be announced in January as IRIS begins its 25th Year of service!



- ♥ Labels (Avery 8160)
- ♥ Stamps
- ♥ Bottled Water
- ♥ Books for the lending library (New & Used)
- ♥ Cash donations and memorials
- ♥ Fabric Tote Bags for parents to take keepsakes home in.
- ♥ Volunteers for Turkey Trot, and Holiday Service.
- ♥ Blank CD's



Without you

By Gary Boehling ~ Adam Boehling's Father

Family gathers around the new Christmas tree,
to talk about the love of a sweet memory.
Sometimes laughing inside, for you can see the smile,
resting upon their lips as they daydream awhile.

Thinking of a wonderful past or cherished thought,
as they hang the 'Glass Angel' that you had bought.
It completes our tree every year and forever will...
though you are not with us, your memory is still.

Many times tears slip out "Aching for the vision of you"
doing without you at Christmas is ~so hard to do!~
Holiday's are important to family, each of us play a part,
this year we are "One less" and that breaks our heart!

During this Christmas time, we visit you, One by one
to speak from the heart of how ~We miss you Son~
Your picture has been placed
upon the mantle with care,
and the, candle flames dance, as we give prayer.

The presence of your spirit is throughout this room,
with the beauty of poinsettia's beginning to take bloom.
As Christmas becomes closer, your memories do too,
I wish we could express how much... "We miss you!"



We had planned to dress you

By Yolanda Castro-Arce o dress you

We had planned t like a pumpkin for Halloween.

It was your father's idea,
I preferred dressing you like a lion.

We had planned to take a picture of you
holding a turkey leg for Thanksgiving.
All the time, thanking God for you,
our miracle baby.

We had planned to dress you
like an elf for Christmas.
That was my idea,
your father preferred dressing you like Santa.

We had planned a big first birthday
with balloons, a clown and lots of gifts.

We had never planned
to say goodbye to you.

Now we fear the holidays
and your anniversaries.
No matter how much time goes by
or what the future brings,
You will always be absent during those days.

We will always miss you and the things we planned
but were never able to do.

Love, Mommy



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We at IRIS wish you a gentle & peaceful
Holiday Season.



Join us for this touching

2012 IRIS Advocate Training Conference

The *premier* training event of the year!

“Extend Infant/Child Death Services across the Country”

Presented by

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April 20 – 22, 2012

**Gainey Conference Center
Owatonna, MN**

Preliminary Program