



M. E. N. D.

Mommies Enduring Neonatal Death

Getting Through the Holidays

I remember the holidays of 1996, my first holiday season following the loss of Jonathan, as if it were just last year. As we entered into the month of November, the song, “Give Thanks” seemed to ring in my ears continuously. It was played on the Christian radio station, sung at church, and seemingly hummed by strangers everywhere I went.

The tune begins with the words, “Give thanks with a grateful heart...”. A *grateful* heart? In my sad state of mind, I honestly could not think of a single thing for which I was grateful. I was *glad* I had a loving husband and a beautiful four-year-old son, but my deep sorrow blurred my perspective of how much I truly had been given, despite what I had lost.

The song continues with, “...give thanks to the Holy One...” Oh, now that was a very touchy subject with me. Again, my grief-stricken heart and mind could not thank God for anything. In my confusion, I felt He had betrayed me a few months earlier by taking my little Jonathan to heaven, and I was still not talking to Him much, let alone thanking Him.

The first stanza of the song concludes with, “...give thanks for He has given Jesus Christ, His Son.” That last part is a prelude into celebrating the birth of Jesus: Christmas. Yes, I knew I was supposed to be rejoicing the birth of my Savior, but during this time of year He is pictured as a baby, not our Almighty Redeemer. The church Christmas cantata nearly killed me. Seeing someone else’s baby boy playing the Messiah as an infant was more than I could take. I convinced myself that Jonathan was the director’s first choice, but because he died, they had to go with the alternate.

It makes me sad when I think back to those months 12 years ago. My perspective of life and the true meaning of each holiday were skewed by anger, bitterness and sorrow. I approached Thanksgiving and Christmas with a sarcastic atti-

tude that I am ashamed of today. Was I justified for my negativity? Yes. But I don’t like to revisit those days in my mind very often. I wondered then if I would or could ever rise above the deep, dark pit I was in. And honestly, I wasn’t sure if I really wanted to.

After months of grieving and sorting through my emotions, I finally emerged from the black hole that had imprisoned me for so long. When the holidays rolled around the next year, certainly I was sad, but I was able to enter the season with a fresh outlook. I was ready to resume our holiday schedule and plan where we would spend each special day. I could joyfully shop for family members and friends, and I could once again sing, “Give Thanks” and truly mean each and every word.

If a dark abyss is where you find yourself this year, hold on. You will not be there forever, I promise! The darkness eventually fades. I assure you one day you will see light again. Does that mean you’ve gone on and left your baby behind? No. It means your broken heart has begun to heal enough to start moving forward with your life. Your baby will be with you in your heart forever. No amount of healing can ever change that, so don’t be afraid to move on. Take comfort in knowing that your precious baby, whom you so desperately miss, is with the Holy One. Remember that some day soon you’ll be able to gratefully thank Him for the assurance we have of joining our babies for eternity because of the birth of His Son. ♥

Rebekah Mitchell

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The Miracle of Christmas

By Clara Hinton

From <http://www.silentgrief.com>

There are times when we feel like we cannot face one more day of loneliness. The sting from loss hurts too much. We hear the laughter coming from people all around us, and that only adds to our pain. When grief enters our world, everything seems upside down and nothing feels right.

During this time called the Christmas season, we hear songs about joy, peace, and hope. When a heart has been broken by the death of a child, it is often humanly impossible to experience the wonder of this joyous season. God, in His infinite wisdom, knew that we would need a reason to go on during times of despair so He gave us this time to celebrate His Son—the most wonderful miracle ever!

Take time to reflect on the meaning of Christmas and the true miracle of this special occasion. We have been given every reason to hope—especially when we have been thrown into the dark valley of despair and need to be personally touched by a miracle.

Place your trust in the only One who can take the void in your life and fill it with peace. Look to the heavens and see His mighty works. Listen to the singing of Christmas carols and hear the sound of the angels rejoicing. Open your heart to God's love and be filled with His spirit.

Focus on the miracle of Christmas and grow strong as you are replenished with new hope! ♥

"God sent His son to earth so that we might experience the miracle of hope!"

--Clara Hinton

"Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul." --Psalm 25:1

M.E.N.D.'s Christmas Candlelight Ceremonies

December 3

M.E.N.D. - Texarkana Christmas Ceremony at First Baptist Church
in Texarkana, Texas

December 4

M.E.N.D. Christmas Ceremony at Calvary Church in Irving, Texas

December 7

M.E.N.D. - Houston Christmas Ceremony at Metropolitan Baptist Church
Youth Building in Houston, Texas

December 11

M.E.N.D. - NW Arkansas Christmas Ceremony at the Jones Center for
Families Chapel in Springdale, Arkansas

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Carmel, NY 10512

Merry Christmas, Little One

By Jana Spigener

Jingle bells are ringing
across the town tonight.
Everywhere the children are singing,
Their faces are rosy and bright.

It is always a sweet occasion,
Yet this year I feel so sad and blue.
Just three months ago
I had to say good-bye to you.

My precious baby daughter,
I can't help but wish you were here with me.
An ornament with your name engraved
hangs proudly on our tree.

I always imagined our first Christmas together.
We'd tell you of Jesus and His birth.
God sent His one and only Son,
the greatest gift to earth.

Even though my heart is broken,
I know there is reason to celebrate.
My child you are with Jesus now.
Everyday there is Christmas joy for you
within Heaven's gates.

So Merry Christmas, little one.
I'm most grateful you were given to me,
if only for a while.
I know every Christmas from now on
I will remember you.
I'll thank God for you and smile.

*Remembering Mercedes Ruth Spigener, stillborn September 21, 1995,
due to intramembranous insertion of the umbilical cord;
Twin Blossoms, miscarried July 1996 and August 1996;
and Baby Spigener, miscarried February 2004*

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January/February Topic
When Your Loss Is Your Last Child
Deadline: December 10, 2007

March/April Topic
Helping Children Deal with Loss
Deadline: January 31, 2008

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Birthday Tributes

Happy 3rd Birthday Cole, Kaylyn, and Hannah

We can't believe that you would be three years old. It seems like yesterday when we last held you so tight. We miss you so much and send our hugs and kisses to heaven! We love you always and forever.

Love,
Mommy, Daddy, and Ally

Cole Michael, Kaylyn Rial, & Hannah Elizabeth Busker
Stillborn December 10, 2004
Parents: Mike and Kim Busker
Big sister: Ally



Our Sweet Caleb Scott,

It seems like only yesterday we were anxiously awaiting your arrival, but that was four years ago. Life is so different than we had expected it to be, but God continues to bless our family with memories of you and the new life of your little sister, Madison Grace. I look at her and treasure each new experience while silently wishing we'd had those chances with you. Nevertheless, you remain in our thoughts each day, and your sister looks a lot like you. We long for the day when our entire family is reunited, and until then pray that you know how much we love and miss you, our firstborn.

Happy 4th Heavenly Birthday, Caleb!

Love, Mommy, Daddy and Little Sister Maddie

Caleb Scott Fann
December 1, 2003, PROM
Also remembering Baby August
Miscarried August 13, 2004
Parents: Jonathan & Heather Fann
Sister: Maddie



Happy 1st Birthday, Roy!

Hey, Mama's baby. I miss you so much, wishing you were here with me every day. I will never forget the time I shared with you, when you were in my arms sleeping. I knew it would be hard to let you go. I can't believe it's been a year since I had you in my arms and said goodbye. I wonder what your first word would have been. Mommy would have been so proud of you, watching her son growing up to be a big boy. It hurts me that you will never be in my presence here. But Mommy still loves you with all my heart. Not one second passes that I don't think about you. You are always on my mind, even when I sleep. I thank God for the time I had with you and look forward to the time when we meet in heaven. I hope you enjoy your birthday in heaven. It will be hard throughout my life knowing you are gone, but I know you'll be in my heart. We would have had so much fun together.

Happy birthday, Mama's baby. I love you!

Roy Lee Foard IV
December 29, 2006, Weak lungs/prematurity
Mom: Shanara Moore



Remembering my precious Baby Prado

I so waited for the day when I would get to meet you. I was sure that you were going to be absolutely beautiful. Though I am sad that you are gone, I know that you are with the Lord and with all your family there who loves you. Until we meet again, watch over me and know that I love you always!

Your mom,
Manuela Prado



Happy 6th Birthday Catherine Mary

You would be six years old this year, our precious little one. You should be playing with Alex and Allison, going to school and playing dress up.

Catherine Mary, the emotions are still with us everyday, and it is amazing how the pain can still be so overwhelming. But, there are also feelings of joy because we always have you in our hearts. Mommy and Daddy feel so close to you, and there is so much we want to say and even more we would love to hear from your beautiful voice.

You went straight to God, so we did not see your lovely eyes open or hear that wonderful baby cry when you were born. We held you in our arms and kissed your sweet face... a moment I wish could have lasted forever. We know that we will see you again in Heaven. We love you and miss you every day.

Angel in Heaven, we will send six pink balloons to you on your birthday. With love in our hearts and tears in our eyes, we wish you a happy 6th birthday, sweetheart.

Love,
Mommy and Daddy
and Alex and Allison

Catherine Mary Martin
Stillborn December 15, 2001, Trisomy 18
Parents: Nancy and Glenn Martin
Siblings: Alex and Allison



Happy 6th Birthday, Jameson!

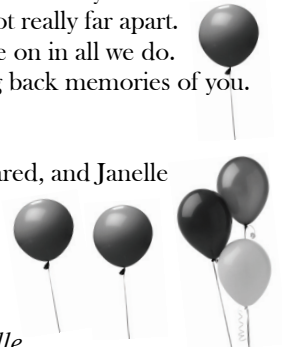
Till we're holding hands in heaven, we hold you in our hearts... Till we meet again in glory, we're not really far apart. For sure reminders of your love live on in all we do. And all life's special moments bring back memories of you.

Happy Birthday little man!

We love and miss you so much.

Love, Mommy, Daddy, Julianna, Jared, and Janelle

Jameson Cole Ripple
December 14 - 22, 2001
Campomelic Dysplasia
Parents: Dawn and Kevin Ripple
Siblings: Julianna, Jared, & Janelle



Happy 2nd Birthday Hopie!

We can't believe it was two years ago that we held you, our little pink bundle, in our arms. We love you so much! Every day we remember you, our spunky little girl. We can only imagine how big you are growing and your great-grandpas chasing you around Heaven. We are looking forward to the day when we are called home to Heaven and can hold you in our arms once more.

Love,
Mama and Daddy

Hope Kirkpatrick,
November 5-8, 2005
Amniotic Band Syndrome
Parents: Kirk and Aly Kirkpatrick



Carter,

Mommy and Daddy love you and miss you each day. You will always be our precious little boy.

Love,
Mommy, Daddy and little sister Erin

Carter Patrick Outen
Stillborn November 6, 2000
Unknown cause
Baby Outen
Miscarried April 3, 2001
Baby Outen II
October 5, 2001
Parents: Chris and Shannon Outen

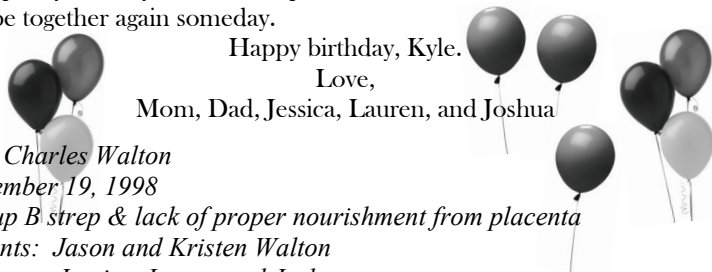
**In Memory of Kyle Charles Walton**

It has been nine years since you came into our lives and left so quickly and quietly. And yet, we are at peace because families are forever, and we will be together again someday.

Happy birthday, Kyle.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jessica, Lauren, and Joshua

Kyle Charles Walton
November 19, 1998
Group B strep & lack of proper nourishment from placenta
Parents: Jason and Kristen Walton
Siblings: Jessica, Laura, and Joshua

**Happy 2nd Birthday Rylie Grace!**

Our precious baby girl,

I can't believe another year has come and gone. I have images in my mind of you running around heaven with curls in your hair and a big smile on your face. We still miss you so very much, sweet girl. The light you brought into our lives will never grow dim. We think of you each and every day. We pray that God is keeping you safe in His arms until we can hold you again.

I'm sure you already know, but you are a big sister now. On January 25, we were blessed to welcome your little sister Landry Ann into our family. You two would have so much fun playing together. Blake is the best big brother. He is always the first to tell everyone that he has two sisters; one down here and one in heaven. He misses you, too.

Always know that you are cherished in our hearts forever and ever. Have a wonderful 2nd birthday celebrating with Jesus.

Loving you always,
Momma, Daddy, Blake and Landry

Rylie Grace Addison
Stillborn November 21, 2005
Parents: Blaine and Shannon Addison
Siblings: Blake and Landry
Also remembering Baby Addison
Miscarried December 22, 2004

**Joshua and Jeromy,**

Happy birthday, my sweet boys. I love you and think of you each and every day.

Miss you both,
Mom

Joshua and Jeromy Barsanti
Stillborn November 21, 1996
Anencephaly
Parents: Randy and DaLana Barsanti
Brothers: Taylor, Collin, Harrison, and Riley

**Happy 3rd Birthday, Celeste!**

Three years ago,
You came in to our lives
And touched our hearts with your presence.

Although your life was short,
You have left a legacy
That will never die.

There isn't a day that goes by
That we don't think of you
And wonder what you would have become.

Although we don't hold you in our arms,
You are always in our hearts.

Happy Birthday, Celeste.

Love,
Mommy, Daddy, and Ally

Celeste Kimberly Reid
December 7 - 8, 2004
Neonatal Hemochromatosis
Also remembering Connor Boston Reid
Born to heaven April 27, 2006
Parents: Skip Reid and Andie Boston
Sibling: Allyson Kate

**Logan,**

Happy 1st birthday in Heaven. Mommy and Daddy miss you dearly and keep you close to our hearts. We are looking forward to the day when we meet again. Your little brother Landon is expected to arrive in February, and we can't wait to tell him all about you and how special you are. We love you!

Hugs and Kisses,
Mommy and Daddy

Logan James Brewer
December 18-22, 2006
Prematurity
Parents: David and Heather Brewer

**Happy 1st Birthday Janelle!**

Janelle,

It is so hard to believe that a year has passed since you went to heaven. We think about you and miss you everyday. We think about all the first things that we didn't get to experience with you and that saddens our hearts. At the same time, we have great joy knowing that you're safe and cared for in your heavenly home. We know you will have a wonderful birthday celebration with Jesus, Mary, and all the angels and saints. Janelle, know that we will celebrate your birthday here. Mass will be said in your memory that Saturday evening. We will visit your grave and release balloons. Also, your brothers want to have a princess cake for your birthday. This will be the most difficult birthday celebration we have ever had, but your short life will always be remembered and celebrated in our home.

We love you so very much!!!
Daddy, Mommy, Will and Andrew

Janelle Marie Gibson
Stillborn November 17, 2006
Possible placental blood clot
Parents: Scott and Jodie Gibson
Brothers: Will and Andrew



Our Dearest Laiken,

Can it be that it has been five years since we held you, five years since we saw your precious face and touched your soft skin? It seems like only yesterday. That day is frozen in our minds. Each year Mommy relives that day minute for minute, remembering how we had to say hello and goodbye to you at the same time. It was the hardest thing we will ever have to do.

This year, you would have started kindergarten. I watch the other children who would have been your classmates as I pick up your brother and sister from school. What backpack would you have picked out? Who would be your best friend? What would your favorite subject be? These are questions that parents of angels will always have.

We miss you so very, very much, Baby Girl. We pray that you have a wonderful birthday up in Heaven and that you feel our love for you each and every day. Someday we will all be together again and we will never let you go.



*Laiken Riley Madison Kale
Sept 15, 2002*

*Prematurity due to Severe HELLP Syndrome
and Pulmonary Failure*

Parents: Rick and Alysha Kale

Siblings: Arianna, Jarod, Gavin, and Alyvia

Happy 5th Birthday Princess!!!
With All of Our Love,
Mommy, Daddy, Arianna, Jarod,
Gavin, & Baby Alyvia



Our Darling Cassandra,

On 11/11/1992 my life changed forever. I lost my firstborn daughter unexpectedly and spiraled into grief, mistrust and despair. Since then your loss has changed my life for the better. Without you I would never have become the person I am today...without you I wouldn't have the husband and the beautiful children I have. Without you I wouldn't have gone on to educate myself, finish my life's goals that came undone, become a successful businesswoman and a kind and loving mother. Without you I wouldn't have had the opportunity to be there for others who were in the same situation I found myself in all those years ago. You see, without you I would be nothing. Having you, holding you, loving you and keeping you close to my heart and keeping your memory alive has made me the person that I am today. I miss you so much..every birthday, every "angel" day, every celebration, every setback I imagine what it would be like to have a fifteen year old dark haired, blue eyed beauty in our midst. Would you fight with your siblings? Surely! Would you teach your baby sister how to do her hair? Absolutely! Would you aggravate your baby brother one day and cheer him on in football games the next? I know you would. I dream of the person you would have become but I also know that you are watching over us in an amazing place with no pain or sorrow. I miss you with all of my heart. I love you with all of my soul. I thank you for all of the blessings that you've bestowed and that God has given us and for the strength we've received to handle anything that comes our way because of our loss.

Happy 15th Birthday Sweetheart!

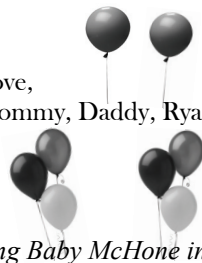
Love,
Mommy, Daddy, Ryan and Eryn

Cassandra Voulis

November 11, 1992, Cord Accident

Parents: Michelle and Gary McHone

Siblings: Ryan, Eryn, and remembering Baby McHone in heaven



Scarlett Jean Lovejoy

Little I knew that morning, God was going to call your name,
In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you; you did not go alone,
For a part of me went with you the day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories; your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

-Anonymous

We love you and miss you and think of you every day!

Mommy and Daddy

Scarlett Jean Lovejoy

Stillborn November 24, 2006, Unknown Cause

Parents: Jeff and Emily Lovejoy



Happy 11th Birthday Our Son

Sometimes it seems like yesterday
And others it seems like forever ago
You came into our life
And left your mark on us and changed us forever.

Even though we missed seeing you grow
And now wonder what you would be like
We know you were truly the one blessed
For the toils of this life you never knew.

Every day we are closer to seeing you again
For you made Heaven more real for us.
Did you welcome your little brother, Jonathan
And your Uncle Jimmy at the Golden Gates?

Until we meet again
May God keep us all in His care.

We love you,
Mom & Dad

Joshua, Andrew, Kaitlyn, and Madison

*Christian Moehlman
December 5, 1996*

*Also remembering Jonathan Moehlman
July 16, 1997, Antiphospholipid Antibodies*

Parents: Mike and Tammy Moehlman

Siblings: Joshua, Andrew, Kaitlyn, and Madison



Happy 1st Birthday Parker and Riley!!!

We can't believe it's already been a year since we held you in our arms. Though you were with us for only a couple of hours, our lives will never be the same. We wonder every day about what your first words would have been, when you would have taken your first steps, and whether you would have had straight or curly hair. Mommy and Daddy miss you so much, and we thank you for telling God to send a little baby brother or sister to us.

We love you both,
Mommy & Daddy

*Parker Logan and Riley Carter Davis
November 14, 2006*

Prematurity

Parents: Cheryl and Rob Davis



Subsequent Births

Dan and Catherine Arnspurger, along with big brother Ethan, of Springdale, Arkansas, joyfully welcome Eric David, born October 1, 2007, weighing 7 lb., 1 oz., and measuring 20 inches long. The Arnspurgers lovingly remember Abigail Grace, with the Lord January 28, 2005, APA Syndrome.

C.J. and Jennifer Vergara of Grapevine, Texas, joyfully announce the arrival of Carlos Javier, born September 25, 2007. He weighed 7 lb., 2 oz., and measured 19 ¾ inches long. The Vergara family lovingly remembers Ysenia Celeste, stillborn August 22, 2006, unknown cause.

Jonathan and Heather Fann of Springfield, Missouri, announce the birth of Madison "Maddie" Grace, August 30, 2007. She weighed 6 lb., 8 oz., and measured 20 ½ inches long. The Fanns lovingly remember Caleb Scott Fann, December 1, 2003, PROM, and Baby August, miscarried August 13, 2004.

Shane Vandercruyssen of Houston, Texas, joyfully announces the birth of Cameron Shaw Kozlek. She was born September 11, 2007, weighing 7 lb., 8.2 oz., and measuring 19 inches long. Shane lovingly remembers Aidan Shaw Vandercruyssen, October 2 - December 3, 2005, kidney disease.

Monica and Carlos Rivera of Flower Mound, Texas, joyfully announce the adoption of Tristan Rice (15 months) and the birth of Dejah Sedari, born July 18, 2007, weighing 5 lb., 13 oz., and measuring 18 inches long. The Rivera family lovingly remembers Jordan Isaiah, stillborn January 8, 2004, cord accident.

Jeff and Kimberly Adams, along with big sister Caroline, of Spring, Texas, joyfully announce the arrival of Joshua Daniel, born August 30, 2007, weighing 7 lb., 12 oz., and measuring 20 inches long. The Adams family lovingly remembers Anna, miscarried August 29, 2005, Benjamin Daniel, stillborn February 14, 2006, and Baby Adams, miscarried July 20, 2006.

Joe and Marie Stockdale, along with siblings Caleb and Audrey, of Atlanta, Georgia, joyfully announce the arrival of Claire Violet, born on August 28, 2007, weighing 8 lb., 7oz., and measuring 20 inches long. The Stockdales lovingly remember Michelle Grace, August 22 – September 16, 2002, Ebstein's Anomaly, CHD, and Baby Stockdale, miscarried February 2003.

Resource Review

Grief and Grace: A Journey Through Pregnancy Loss

By Amanda Axelby
Mummy Comfort, 2007
ISBN: 9780646480183
wwwmummycomfort.com.au

The story of Grace's birth is captivating, full of love, sorrow, and hope. It's a common misconception that having a big family lessens the hurt of losing a baby. In fact, we've had several moms avoid coming to a M.E.N.D. support group simply because they feel the number of kids they have at home would make fellow grieving moms uncomfortable. Amanda shows that although you may have a houseful of living children, they do not, nor will they ever, replace the one you lost. ♥

Review by Rebekah Mitchell

M.E.N.D. has a complete list of books, Web sites, organizations, and music resources available online at www.mend.org.

My Little Angel,

You came into our lives May 9, 2003. We were all so proud of this tiny human being. The family had a hard time pronouncing your name, Kirsten, so I started calling you "Cassie." I enjoyed every moment I spent holding you and telling you about your huge family. Then twelve days later, God decided He needed you in His heavenly kingdom. My heart was shattered. I thank God for all the precious memories and time we had with you.

Well, my heart is shattered again. Your mommy went to heaven in April of last year. It's very hard, but I'm at peace knowing you are both with God. No more tears, no more pain, just loving and enjoying each other. Nothing will ever separate ya'll again. Love is forever.

Love,
Me Me

Written by grandmother Janet Franklin in memory of Kirsten Cassidy "Cassie" Terrazes May 9—21, 2003

*Congenital Heart Disease
Parents: Jamie and Mario Terrazes
Also remembering Cassie's mother, Jamie, who passed away April 2006*

Deanna Cochran is a jewelry designer in Frisco who lost her son Jackson in 2004 when he was born four months early. After Jackson's death, Deanna created a jewelry piece that she calls "Jackson's Leaf." It is based on a maple tree she planted in memory of her son.

Deanna's jewelry has been spotlighted on *Good Morning Texas* and was recently featured in *Lucky* magazine. Her work is of good quality and fine artistry. She has graciously offered 20 percent of her sales of Jackson's Leaf to M.E.N.D.

To see Jackson's Leaf, visit www.deannacochranjewelry.com.

In Loving Memory



Jordan Alexander Booker

Stillborn January 11, 2007
True Knot in Cord
Parents: Norma Jordan
and Mark Booker
Given by Robertson, Grieger,
and Thoele

Olivia Kady Braezell

Stillborn April 23, 2005
Placental Abruption
Given by mom Suzette Braezell

Wendy Arlene Burnett

September 19, 1963
Given by mom Patricia Daidone

Cole, Kaylyn, and Hannah Busker

Stillborn December 10, 2004
Ecoli Infection
Given by parents
Mike and Kim Busker
and big sister Ally

Elizabeth Ellen Cox

October 25, 2001
Polycystic Kidneys
Given by parents
Scott and Kathryn Cox
and siblings Graceanne and Jillian

Abigail Grace Crump

July 1, 2003
Trisomy 18
Given by parents
Jaimie and Gerald Crump
and little sisters Cami and Karli

Riley and Parker Davis

November 14, 2006
Prematurity
Given by parents
Rob and Cheryl Davis

Baby Dill

Miscarried May 2002

Cooper Dill

May 26, 2003
Twin to Twin Transfusion Syndrome/
Cord Accident
Given by parents Jim and Brandee Dill
and siblings Avery, Tate,
and Cooper's twin, Paxton

Kyler Paul English

Stillborn January 20, 2006
Cord Accident
Given by parents Laurie and Bob English
and brothers Justin, Kinser, Kelson, and Kayden

Hallie Anne Fantine

Stillborn September 22, 1997
Cord Accident
Given by parents Laurie and Richard Fantine
and brothers Alex and Brandon

Gift of Support

First Baptist Church of Texarkana, Texas

Logan Wayne Fish

September 17, 2002
Skeletal Dysplasia
Given by parents David and Brittney Fish
and brothers Landry and Hudson

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September 17, 2002
Skeletal Dysplasia
Parents: David and Brittney Fish
Brothers: Landry and Hudson
Given by Sterling Sales & Solutions

Roy Lee Foard IV

December 29, 2006
Weak Lungs/Prematurity
Given by mommy Shanara Moore
and grandmother Michelle Byrd

James Forner

Stillborn January 5, 2007
Cord Accident

Baby Forner I

Miscarried May 2007

Baby Forner II

Miscarried June 2007
Parents: Jennifer and TJ Forner
Given by grandparents Carolyn and Don Hess

James Forner

Stillborn January 5, 2007
Cord Accident
Baby Forner I
Miscarried May 2007
Baby Forner II
Miscarried June 2007
Parents: Jennifer and TJ Forner
Given by Aunt Brigitte and cousin RJ Haas

James Forner

Stillborn January 5, 2007
Cord Accident
Baby Forner I
Miscarried May 2007
Baby Forner II
Miscarried June 2007
Parents: Jennifer and TJ Forner
Given by great-grandparents
Cliff and Ione Forner

Michael Garabedian, Jr.

Stillborn February 2, 1998
Cord Accident / Velamentous Cord Insertion
Adam Michael Garabedian
Stillborn July 25, 2001
Cord Accident
Parents: Mike and Cindy Garabedian
Sisters: Victoria, Elizabeth, and Catherine
Given by Garabedian Properties

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Stillborn February 2, 1998
Cord Accident / Velamentous Cord Insertion
Adam Michael Garabedian
Stillborn July 25, 2001
Cord Accident
Parents: Mike and Cindy Garabedian
Sisters: Victoria, Elizabeth, and Catherine
Given by Douglas and Roberta Aitelli

Michael Garabedian, Jr.

Stillborn February 2, 1998
Cord Accident / Velamentous Cord Insertion
Adam Michael Garabedian
Stillborn July 25, 2001
Cord Accident
Parents: Mike and Cindy Garabedian
Sisters: Victoria, Elizabeth, and Catherine
Given by Mary Oliveti

Elizabeth Gentry

Stillborn August 24, 2006
Cystic Hygroma & Anasarca
Baby Gentry
Miscarried May 10, 1997
Meghan "Meggie" Elizabeth Gentry
June 3, 2001
Kidney Abnormality
Given by parents Shary and John Gentry
and siblings Alison and Mark

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Thank you so much!

*In Loving Memory**Continued from page 9***Ethan Lloyd Gereke**

Stillborn October 23, 2000
Group B Strep
Parents: Wendy and John Gereke
Siblings: Matthew, Will, and Celeste
Given by grandparents
Lloyd and Sandy Hoffman

Janelle Marie Gibson

Stillborn November 17, 2006
Possible placental blood clot
Given by parents Scott and Jodie Gibson
and big brothers Will and Andrew

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Stillborn November 17, 2006
Possible placental blood clot
Parents: Scott and Jodie Gibson
Big brothers: Will and Andrew
Given by grandparents
Mama Jan and Ed Provancha

Daniel Grieger

September 7, 1997
Prematurity
Parents: Mark and Peggy Grieger
Brothers: Ryan, Jordan, and Luke
Given by Robertson, Grieger, and Thoele

Lauren Paige Grimes

Stillborn March 6, 1999
Unknown Cause

Baby Grimes (Raleigh's twin)

Miscarried January 25, 2001
Given by parents Paula and John Grimes
and sister Raleigh

James Jackson "Jack" Henvey

July 4, 2001
Tetralogy of fallot
Baby Henvey
Miscarried October 2003
Parents: Renee and Chris Henvey
Siblings: Evan and Luke
Given by grandparents
Jim and Sandy Henvey

Baby Hoyler I

Miscarried May 2007

Baby Hoyler II

Miscarried August 2007
Given by parents Barry and Whitney Hoyler

Gift of Support

IBM Charities

Jordan Claire James

September 29 - October 15, 2003
Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome
Given by parents John and Julie James
and siblings Bailie and Lauren

Jordan Claire James

September 29 - October 15, 2003
Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome
Parents: John and Julie James
Siblings: Bailie and Lauren
Given by Verizon Foundation
Matching Program

James Anthony Junginger

December 15 - February 15, 2006
Pulmonary Hypertension
Given by parents
Elizabeth and Mark Junginger
and big sisters Jessica and Christina

Hope Kirkpatrick

November 5 - 8, 2005
Amniotic Band Syndrome
Parents: Aly and Kirk Kirkpatrick
Given by Jennifer Stuart, Lucy Kennedy,
and Mary Dart

Joseph Charles Libby

May 26, 1999
Cord Accident
Given by parents Wim and Sharlene Libby
and siblings Will, John, and Mary Grace

Garrett Anthony Mayer

October 12 - December 18, 1999
Tetralogy of Fallot
Given by parents April and Tony Mayer
and little sister Samantha

Gift of Support

Metropolitan Baptist Church
of Houston, TX

Joel Mifflin

Stillborn June 6, 2003
True Knot in Cord

Little One

Miscarried
February 6, 2006

Lil' Rosebud

Miscarried March 10, 2007
Given by parents Janet and Dennis Mifflin
and siblings Thomas and Michelle

Jonathan Daniel Mitchell

Stillborn June 24, 1995
Cord Accident

Baby Mitchell

Miscarried December 2001
Given by parents
Byron and Rebekah Mitchell
and big brother Byron, Jr.

Jonathan Daniel Mitchell

Stillborn June 24, 1995
Cord Accident

Baby Mitchell

Miscarried December 2001
Parents: Byron and Rebekah Mitchell
Big brother: Byron, Jr.
Given by grandparents
Dennis and Sue Brewer

Jonathan Daniel Mitchell

Stillborn June 24, 1995
Cord Accident
Baby Mitchell
Miscarried December 2001
Parents: Byron and Rebekah Mitchell
Big brother: Byron, Jr.
Given by Aunt and Uncle
Rachael and Mark McClelland
and cousins Markie and Mia

Christian Moehlman

December 12, 1996

Jonathan Moehlman

July 16, 1997
Antiphospholipid Syndrome
Given by parents
Mike and Tammy Moehlman
and siblings Joshua, Andrew, Kaitlyn,
and Madison

Baby M Moreton

Miscarried October 15, 1999

Baby Boy Moreton

Miscarried March 17, 2000

Angel #3

Miscarried August 1, 2000
Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome
Given by parents April and Sam Moreton
and little siblings Asher, Ava, and Brock

Timothy "Schuler" Morren II

September 28 - December 23, 1997
Parents: Tim and Pam Morren
Siblings: Ashton, Alexa, and Benjamin
Given by All American Motor

Ashley Nicole Muirhead

Stillborn January 15, 2007
Infection
Given by parents
Craig and Daphne Muirhead

Loukas Mulkey

Stillborn October 25, 2005
Two-Vessel Cord
Given by parents Bruce and Elaine Mulkey
and siblings Atticus, Aspasia, Demetrius,
Ariadne, and Briseis

Carter Patrick Outen

Stillborn November 6, 2000
Unknown Cause

Baby Outen I

Miscarried April 3, 2001

Baby Outen II

Miscarried October 5, 2001
Parents: Chris and Shannon Outen
Sister: Erin
Given by grandmother Patricia Boedecker

Christopher Michael Peplinski II

Stillborn September 25, 2006
 Umbilical Cord Blood Clot
 Parents: Chris and Chrissy Peplinski
 Given by Claudia Clark, Carolina and Juan Laracuente, Timothy and Carolyn Hughes, Suzanne and Mark Kinney, Katrina Megahan, Marian Homrich, Rebecca Peterson, Monica and Uriel Acosta, John and Judith Sorota, Sarah Bannon, Pedro Morales, Diane and Raymond Peplinski, Cadbury Adams, Lauren Peterson, Andrew and Marnie Pfeifer, Ellen and Matthew Forsyth, Dirk Gerdes, Juan and Lucy Laracuente, Frank and Cindy Gallo, Cristina De Mendoza, ML Crosek, Deguzman Medical Corporation, Jody Roff, Kent Pilakowski, Barbara Jenos, and Frederick and Kristine Mendoza

Hannah Rachelle Ries

February 6 - 8, 2007
 Trisomy 18
 Parents: Anthony and Kristin Ries
 Given by Carl and Sara Austin

Jameson Cole Ripple

December 14 - 22, 2001
 Campomelic Dysplasia
 Given by parents Dawn and Kevin Ripple and siblings Julianna, Jared, & Janelle

Samuel Rakestraw Roach

Stillborn November 18, 2001
 Cord Accident
 Given by parents Mark and Geniffer Roach and siblings Cameron, Collin, Evan, Caroline & Erin

Alexis Leigh and Nicole Leigh Rudeen

Stillborn March 11, 2002
 Unknown Cause
 Given by parents Sherri and Randy Rudeen and sisters Julie, Sara, Jordyn Leigh and Sydney Leigh

Christian Allen Scott

June 1, 2005
 Bilateral Renal Agenesis

Savannah Scott

Miscarried January 7, 2003
 Given by parents Scotty and Mary Scott and siblings Lenny, Will, and Ariel

Theo Shannon

August 10, 2006
 Stroke
 Given by parents Geri and Ted Shannon

Riley Marshall Sharpless

September 3, 2001
 Placental Abruptio
 Given by parents Ken and Lisa Sharpless and siblings Tyler, Cameron, Caroline, and Suzanna

Hannah Grace Sherman

August 12, 2005
 Cystic Hygroma due to Turner Syndrome
 Parents: Randy and Toni Sherman
 Big sister: Kaitlin
 Given by grandparents
 Tommy and Patricia Sherman

Mindy and Maggie Smith

Stillborn November 4, 1997
 Twin Transfusion Syndrome and Polyhydramnios
 Given by parents Scott and Karla Smith and siblings Travis and Julia

Aiden Xavier Sohn

October 13, 2002
 HELLP Syndrome
Hope

Miscarried May 2003

Whisper

Miscarried October 2003
 Given by parents
 Angelique and Doug Sohn and brothers Joshua, Sebastian, and Benjamin

Savannah Kate Stanley

January 3, 2004
 Prematurity/Incompetent Cervix
Baby Stanley

Miscarried November 10, 2004
 Parents: Calli and Joel Stanley
 Siblings: Colton and Danika
 Given by grandparents
 Tim and Debra O'Brien

Jaden Terry

Miscarried August 23, 2005
 Given by parents Aaron and Releane Terry

Gift of Support

West Conroe Baptist Church of Conroe, TX

Alivia Elizabeth-Grace Walker

July 24, 2006
 Incompetent Cervix
 Given by parents Robert and Liz Walker

Alivia Elizabeth-Grace Walker

July 24, 2006
 Incompetent Cervix
 Parents: Robert and Liz Walker
 Given by Eric and Jennifer Bussey

Alivia Elizabeth-Grace Walker

July 24, 2006
 Incompetent Cervix
 Parents: Robert and Liz Walker
 Given by Clarice Sanders

Alivia Elizabeth-Grace Walker

July 24, 2006
 Incompetent Cervix
 Parents: Robert and Liz Walker
 Given by Matthew and Leslie Barton

Alivia Elizabeth-Grace Walker

July 24, 2006
 Incompetent Cervix
 Parents: Robert and Liz Walker
 Given by Audie and Virginia Williams

Alivia Elizabeth-Grace Walker

July 24, 2006
 Incompetent Cervix
 Parents: Robert and Liz Walker
 Given by Jinel Munoz

Michael Francis Welsh

Stillborn October 16, 2006
 Possible Placental Insufficiency
 Given by parents Mary and Austin Welsh and siblings Tommy, Marty, Peter, Charlie, Anna, Eva, Naomi

Luke and Zach Wingert

August 22, 2003
 Mom: Stacey MacDonald
 Given by Terri MacDonald

Adrian Joseph "AJ" Zuckerman

Stillborn March 30, 2007
 Cord Accident
 Given by parents
 Amber and Al Zuckerman

Adrian Joseph "AJ" Zuckerman

Stillborn March 30, 2007
 Cord Accident
 Parents: Amber and Al Zuckerman
 Given by Jane Gartenhaus

Adrian Joseph "AJ" Zuckerman

Stillborn March 30, 2007
 Cord Accident
 Parents: Amber and Al Zuckerman
 Given by Marie Bannister

Adrian Joseph "AJ" Zuckerman

Stillborn March 30, 2007
 Cord Accident
 Parents: Amber and Al Zuckerman
 Given by D'Z Party Rental

Adrian Joseph "AJ" Zuckerman

Stillborn March 30, 2007
 Cord Accident
 Parents: Amber and Al Zuckerman
 Given by Azteca Tacos

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 Sherwin Williams
 Bizy's Burger Paradise
 Smiley's Shakin Shack
 JLA Home

The Christmas Story

1 About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. **2** This was the first census when Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for. **4** So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's town, for the census. As a descendant of David, he had to go there. **5** He went with Mary, his fiancé, who was pregnant. **6** While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. **7** She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the hostel.

8 There were shepherders camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. **9** Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. **10** The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: **11** A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. **12** This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger." **13** At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises: **14** Glory to God in the heavenly heights, Peace to all men and women on earth who please him. **15** As the angel choir withdrew into heaven, the shepherders talked it over. "Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us." **16** They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. **17** Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. **18** All who heard the shepherders were impressed. **19** Mary kept all these things to herself, holding them dear, deep within herself. **20** The shepherders returned and let loose, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen. It turned out exactly the way they'd been told!

Luke 2: 1-20, *The Message*



M.E.N.D. Chapter Corner

Chapter Meeting Information

M.E.N.D. - NW Arkansas

Meets the 1st Tuesday from 7:00—8:30 p.m.
Jones Center for Families, Room 206,
922 East Emma Avenue,
Springdale, AR 72765
Director: April Moreton
April@mend.org, (479) 524-3500

Subsequent pregnancy group meets in the same place the 4th Tuesday, 7:00—8:30 p.m., led by Pam Morren (pam@mend.org).

M.E.N.D. - Kansas

Meets the 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
at Cora Miller Hall/Newman
Division of Nursing, Room 107
1127 Chestnut, Emporia, KS 66801
Director: Stephanie Metzger
Stephanie@mend.org., (620) 343-6357

M.E.N.D. - Houston

Meets the 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
HEALTHSOUTH Houston
Rehabilitation Institute
17506 Red Oak Drive, Houston, TX 77090
Director: Jaimie Crump
Jaimie@mend.org, (281) 374-8528
Subsequent pregnancy group meets in the same place the 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m., led by Sarah Winebrenner (swinebrenner2004@yahoo.com).

M.E.N.D. - Georgia

Offers peer support through phone and e-mail contact.
Director: Marie Stockdale
Marie@mend.org, (770) 954-1115

M.E.N.D. - Texarkana

Meets 3rd Thursday 7:00 p.m.
CHRISTUS St. Michael Rehab Hospital
2400 St. Michael Drive
Texarkana, TX 75503
Director: Monica Davis
Monica@mend.org, (903) 490-1210

M.E.N.D. - Nacogdoches

Meets the 2nd Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
The Badders Law Firm
4002 North St., Nacogdoches, TX 75961
Director: Lori De La Torre
Lori@mend.org, (936) 569-1739

To find other organizations that offer support groups in your area, visit www.mend.org or call Rebekah at (972) 506-9000.

M.E.N.D. Chapter Updates

NW Arkansas

Our first major fundraiser was a big success. We had several businesses, companies, and individuals donate generously to M.E.N.D. A special thank you goes out to our organizers and everyone else who helped make this event happen.

We are now preparing for our Christmas ceremony, which promises to be a meaningful event. It will be held December 11. For more information or to RSVP, contact April at april@mend.org.

April Moreton

Kansas

Our first benefit Bunco Bash in October turned out to be a nice evening of fellowship and fun. We had many generous donations from area merchants for prizes. Many thanks go to all who helped contribute to this enjoyable evening.

Stephanie Metzger

Houston

The Houston chapter had our 2nd annual Walk to Remember on October 6. Though the rain kept us from releasing balloons or hanging ornaments, it was still an emotional time of remembrance. Thanks to everyone who put forth the effort and resources to make our Walk happen.

Now we are looking ahead to our Christmas ceremony, which will be held December 7 at the Metropolitan Baptist Church youth building. To make your reservation or find out more details, contact Jaimie at jaimie@mend.org.

Jaimie Crump

Georgia

Our chapter approaches the holiday season with Thanksgiving and hope in the promise of eternal life, thanks to the gift of a Savior. My prayer is that as we reach out to hurting families in our area, the Lord will continue to bless bereaved families and that they will be led to know the hope that only He can give.

Marie Stockdale

Texarkana

Texarkana is getting ready for our Christmas candlelight ceremony, which will be held December 3 at First Baptist Church in Texarkana. Many people with willing hearts are working to ensure that this ceremony is a special time when we can remember our babies and share their lives with others. To find out more or make reservations, contact Monica at monica@mend.org.

Monica Davis

Nacogdoches

We completed our first fundraiser in September. I'd like to thank everyone who participated in this effort to build resources so that we can reach out to more bereaved families in Nacogdoches.

We are getting closer to our one-year anniversary as a M.E.N.D. chapter. It's humbling to know that God is using our ministry to show others the love He has shown us.

Lori De La Torre

Members of the Arkansas chapter at their recent fundraiser:
April Moreton, Chrissy Peplinski, Aly Kirkpatrick and Pam Morren



M.E.N.D. would like to recognize the following sponsors for their assistance in making our Walk to Remember such a beautiful, memorable event.

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 Marcia and Dudley Calhoun
 Jeralyn Carter
 David and Marie Crowe
 Tonya Culton
 D'Zs Party Rental
 Ashley Davis
 Catherine Davis
 David and Brittney Fish
 Cheryl and Tom Forner
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 Highland Park Presbyterian Church
 IB Roof Systems
 Samantha Iliff of Arbonne
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 Norma Jordan
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M.E.N.D. *Support Group Meetings*

Join us for a time of sharing experiences.

M.E.N.D. main chapter meetings
 are held the 2nd Thursday of every month
 from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Daddies group

meets the 2nd Thursday of

March, June, Sept. and Dec., 7:30—9:00 p.m.
A time for dads to meet together and discuss topics relevant to them as fathers. Our moms and dads meet together for introductions before dividing into two groups for discussion.

Food and Fellowship

A time to relax and meet with other M.E.N.D. parents in a social setting
 Contact Brittney Fish: brwniefish@aol.com

Subsequent pregnancy group
 meets the 4th Tuesday from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Led by Suzanne Schramm:

Suzanne@mend.org

For families who are considering becoming pregnant or are currently pregnant after a loss.

Playgroup

For families with children born prior to or subsequent to a loss. Meeting at various locations.
 Contact Mary Steen or Brandee Dill for more info: Mary.Steen@hotmail.com
 or dillsforchrist@yahoo.com

Mommies AND daddies are both welcome at all M.E.N.D. meetings.

All main chapter support group meetings are held at:

Suggs Law Firm
1522 W. Airport Freeway, Suite 200
Irving, TX 75062

(Located on the south side of the highway,
 Between MacArthur Boulevard
 and Story Road)

For more information, call (972) 506-9000.

Infertility group

Meets the 3rd Monday from 7:30—9:00 p.m.

Led by Melissa Stephens:

Melissa@mend.org

For families experiencing infertility after a loss.

M.E.N.D. Mommies Enduring Neonatal Death
 P.O. Box 1007, Coppell, TX 75019
 USA
 (972) 506-9000
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"... that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God" (2 Corinthians 1:4)

M.E.N.D. Fundraisers

As a non-profit organization, M.E.N.D. is funded solely by private donations and fundraisers. Any assistance you can give us by participating in any or all of these fundraisers is greatly appreciated.

- **Kroger grocery stores** donate a percentage of all purchases of those shoppers who have and use a Kroger Share Card in Texas and Louisiana back to M.E.N.D. To obtain your Share Card, contact Rebekah (Rebekah@mend.org) and let her know how many you need.
- **Tom Thumb** also has a program in Texas that can benefit M.E.N.D. If you have a Tom Thumb Reward Card, please ask your Tom Thumb cashier to link your card with M.E.N.D. Our number is **6265**. Reward cards can also be used at Randalls and Simon David stores.
- Shannon Outen, a M.E.N.D. member, operates **Oh! For Keepsakes**, which offers photographic keepsakes and quilts. For every order that is placed in which the purchaser mentions M.E.N.D., Shannon will donate \$2 to M.E.N.D. Visit her business at www.ohforkeepsakes.com.
- **Glenn Martin** is looking for M.E.N.D. families willing to grant space for small gumball machines in order to raise funds for M.E.N.D. If you have a retail business or connections to a high traffic location in the Grapevine, Southlake, or metroplex area, Glenn will place, stock, and service the equipment and give M.E.N.D. 35 percent of the proceeds. Glenn can be contacted at (817) 874-5366 or glmartin@attg.net.
- M.E.N.D. can now earn funds through **i.think inc.**, an online marketing research firm. You can help by signing up as a survey panel member and designating us as the recipient of your fee. Just go to the website at <http://www.ithink.inc.com> and choose "Sign up to become an i.think inc. panel member." Fill out the sign-up survey. Under the "Funds for Charity" section, select M.E.N.D. from the list of names.
- **Little Beads & Macaroni & Cheese**, owned by M.E.N.D. member Marilyn Brown, offers custom jewelry. Her keepsake angel bracelets are \$20 each, and ten percent of each angel bracelet sale will be donated to M.E.N.D. Marilyn can be reached at 817/996-1920 or msbrown16@hotmail.com.
- M.E.N.D. member Michelle McHone is a consultant with **Arbonne International**, offering pure Swiss skin care, color, nutrition, and aromatherapy. E-mail her at michellemchone@msn.com to place any order and 35% of the sale will go back to M.E.N.D.
- **IBM** employees may now make charitable donations to M.E.N.D. through automatic payroll deductions. Choose Charity Code 0M562 from the *IBM Employee/Retiree Approved Charity List*.
- **GoodSearch.com** is a search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Powered by Yahoo!, it is used like any other search engine. To earn money for M.E.N.D. using Goodsearch.com, go to www.goodsearch.com and designate M.E.N.D. as your charity of choice.
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