



M. E. N. D.

Mommies Enduring Neonatal Death

Remembering Our Babies During the Holidays

I'm writing this article one week following our (Dallas/Fort Worth) 18th annual Walk to Remember, and M.E.N.D.—Houston's 9th annual Walk to Remember. Over the past several days I have viewed numerous beautiful pictures of both of these ceremonies on Facebook. I especially love seeing the photos of the absolutely breathtaking balloon release, as each balloon represents one of our little ones flying to heaven. The mementos displayed on the memory tables are bittersweet. I smile at some and wipe away tears while looking at others. The main objective of this ceremony is remembering and acknowledging our babies who died too soon. Since we cannot make memories with our babies' milestones, such as their first smiles, waves, and words, we must make our memories with them by collecting special keepsakes such as pictures, sonogram images, blankets, stuffed animals, Walk ornaments, etc. As the holidays near, we as parents have a need to acknowledge and remember our babies during this time of year, which oftentimes requires creativity from us, since our babies are obviously not here for family pictures around the dinner table or sitting on Santa's lap.

This will be my 20th holiday season without our Jonathan. I remember our first Thanksgiving - just five short months after his stillbirth. Oh, how angry I was that Thursday in November! I dared anyone to ask me to rattle off all I was thankful for. Even though I had my little four-year-old son and loving husband by my side, I was bitter and mad. Now, 19 years later, I can honestly say I am so thankful for Jonathan and the little baby I miscarried 6 1/2 years later. I'm thankful for what their short lives have taught me, how their losses have molded me, and for what the Lord created with M.E.N.D. out of my sorrow. Some day when I'm in heaven with them, I hope my fellow loss moms will remember my children in heaven and be thankful, too, for what came from their deaths.

My pregnancy with Jonathan was confirmed a few days before Christmas in 1994. Taking advantage of the

after-Christmas sales, I purchased four new stockings, excitedly knowing I'd get to hang an additional one the following year and wanting them all to match. When Christmas rolled around a few months after Jonathan's stillbirth, I remembered the new stockings with tags still on them up in the attic. I could barely muster the strength and energy to go through my decorations, knowing I would see these four new stockings. As I pulled them from the box, it felt natural and right to hang all four on our mantel, as if Jonathan were with us. I could not bear the thought of packing up one of the unused stockings and putting it back in the attic. I didn't care if anyone thought it was weird or morbid. For several years we kept this tradition of hanging his stocking on our mantel in his memory and to acknowledge his place in our family. But over time, I felt okay about not hanging it on the mantel, and instead it hangs from a large angel's fingertips in my entryway. Likewise, I have a tiny stocking that hangs from another angel's fingers in my office in memory of Baby Mitchell, who was miscarried during the holidays in 2001. We also have numerous tree ornaments in our babies' memories, and I have what I call, "my M.E.N.D. tree" in my office, which contains all the ornaments I've collected from the Walk. All these things I do to keep our babies' memories alive during the holidays.

This may be your first holiday season without your baby or, like me, your 20th or more. Whichever the case, never feel embarrassed or not permitted to remember and acknowledge your sweet little one. Creatively incorporate your child's memory and existence in family holiday traditions. Thank the Lord for that little life, and rejoice that one day because of Whose birth we celebrate, we will see them again!

♥ *Rebekah Mitchell,*
Mommy to Jonathan Daniel and Baby Mitchell
M.E.N.D. President/Founder

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A group of 46 people spent an evening at "Painting With a Twist" in Grapevine, Texas, to help raise funds for M.E.N.D. Each person painted a beautiful scene of trees in the snow. This activity helped M.E.N.D. raise \$2,525. Thank you to all who participated and supported M.E.N.D.

Stay Connected!

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Tulsa Balloon Release

M.E.N.D.—Tulsa recently held our 4th Annual Balloon Release to commemorate our babies. We had 33 people present representing 23 babies. We enjoyed sharing memorabilia of our babies. It was a meaningful time of remembrance during Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.



Kathryn and Mark Johnson with balloons for Baby Johnson I, Baby Johnson II, and Baby Johnson III



Memorabilia for Brooke Sophia Daily



Memorabilia remembering Keiran David Cobler



Johnson Babies' memorabilia



Cupcakes with Infant Loss Ribbon

January/February Topic
 Infertility/Loss of Life at Embryo Stage
 Deadline: November 30, 2014

March/April Topic
 Early Diagnosis and Carrying to Term
 Deadline: January 31, 2015

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Notes from our Readers



"I don't know how I would have made it through those early dark times without M.E.N.D. (even all these states away - living in California) and was even fortunate enough to attend the 2004 Walk to Remember in Texas when I stayed with my dear friend, Angelique. M.E.N.D. is very dear to my heart. Sending you much gratitude and love, Alysha."

♥ Alysha, Mommy to Laiken

Birthday Tributes: M.E.N.D. publishes heavenly birthday tributes in the corresponding newsletter. Tributes must be submitted via the online form at www.mend.org.

| <u>Heavenly Birthday</u> | <u>Deadline</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| January/February | November 30 |
| March/April | January 31 |
| May/June | March 31 |
| July/August | May 31 |
| September/October | July 31 |
| November/December | September 30 |



Birthday Tributes

Happy 1st Birthday, Kenneth!

You were due to arrive March 18, 2014, but a higher power saw fit to take you from us sooner. Mommy and Daddy love you. You will live in our hearts forever.

*Kenneth Raymond Polanco Jr.
November 17, 2013, at 22 weeks
Premature labor/incompetent cervix
Parents: Kenneth and Alicia Polanco
Siblings: Elaina, Jazmine and Kelani*



Happy 1st Birthday, Kayden!

Happy birthday to our baby girl, Kayden Grace Bowers! We love you to the moon and back!

Love,
Mommy, Daddy, Landyn and Bentley

*Kayden Grace Bowers
November 14, 2013
Unknown cause
Parents: Zach and Jena Bowers
Siblings: Bentley and Landyn*



Happy 3rd Birthday, Isabella!

To our loving angel who was taken from us to soon, know that there is not a day goes by we don't think and pray for you. We carry you in our hearts always and forever, for you will always be part of us. We love you, our little angel.

*Isabella Yessil Salazar
November 8, 2011
Turner's Syndrome
Parents: Juan and Marisela Salazar
Siblings: Annetth, David and Silvia*



Happy 3rd Birthday, Aria!

Although it has been three years since you left us, we will never forget the love you left behind. Happy 3rd birthday in heaven, Aria!

*Aria Jace Zambrano
October 11, 2011
Premature labor/incompetent cervix
Also remembering
Angel Zambrano
Miscarried June 15, 2012
Unknown cause
Parents: Zachary and Tiffany Zambrano
Siblings: Violet, Ariana and Peyton*



Happy 1st Birthday, Naleigh!

We never met you, baby girl, but we still love you.
Have fun in heaven!

*Naleigh Elizabeth Phillips
Miscarried December 5, 2013
Parents: Ben Phillips and Amy Faust*



Happy 3rd Birthday, Charlotte!

Charlotte, I can't believe it has already been three years. I remember the night of your birth like it was yesterday. Daddy and I miss you so much! We think about you every day. And now you're a big sister! We love you, Charlotte Grace, and look forward to holding you in our arms again.

Love,
Mommy, Daddy and Evan

*Charlotte Grace Harrison
December 28, 2011 – January 4, 2012
Unknown cause
Parents: Luke and Amanda Harrison
Little brother: Evan*



Happy 3rd Birthday, Parker!

We are so blessed to be able to honor you and share you with your little brother Kaleb, born October 4, 2013. He is going to know about his amazing big brother Parker, and how blessed he is to have an angel for a brother. We love you and miss you, sweet angel.

*Parker Houston Mitchell
Stillborn November 26, 2011
Also remembering
Baby Mitchell
Miscarried May 20, 2012
Parents: Kris and Beth Mitchell
Little brother: Kaleb*



Happy 13th Birthday, Elizabeth!

Wow, it's hard to believe you would be a teenager now.
We miss you so much!

With much love, hugs and kisses!
Mommy, Daddy, Graceanne and Jillian

*Elizabeth Ellen Cox
October 25, 2001
Polycystic kidneys
Parents: Scott and Kathryn Cox
Sisters: Graceanne and Jillian*



Happy 2nd Birthday, Angel!

My sweet Angel, I never got to hold you in my arms, but I will forever carry you in my heart. Losing you was one of the hardest things I have ever been through, but I know you are in heaven watching over me and smiling. Mommy will be with you one day, but until then, know that you mean everything to me, and I will always love and miss you. Happy birthday, my love.

Angel Yzaguirre

Miscarried November 29, 2012

Parents: Ernest and Charly Yzaguirre

Sibling: Aaliyah



Happy Birthday, Fowler Babies!

November is the month we remember all our little ones as precious as they were. They are now in heaven, in Jesus's arms and having the childhood that was meant to be for all of us before sin came into the world. No pain or sorrow, just love and laughter, and no death can dwell in heaven. Thank you, Lord, for giving us four sons on earth while you take care of our four precious angel babies.

Poppy Fowler

Miscarried April 2011 at 8 weeks and 5 days

Low progesterone

Aaron Fowler

Miscarried July 2011 at 5 weeks

Low progesterone

Phoebe Fowler

Miscarried October 2011 at 7 weeks

Low progesterone

Anna Fowler

Miscarried November 2011 at 3 weeks

Low progesterone

Parents: Liam and Davina Fowler

Siblings: Joshua, Caleb, Noah and Joseph



Happy 7th Birthday, Kenny!

Happy 7th birthday to my sweet angel baby Kenny! Even though our time together was so brief, I wouldn't trade that time for anything! I never got to hear you cry, I never got to see your beautiful eyes, I never got to see your smile or your feet kick, but I did feel your soft skin against mine. I held you for as long as I could and gently kissed your beautiful face a million times. I will hold on to these moments and will miss you until I see you again. You are in my heart and on my mind every day. One day we will be together again. Until then, Mommy will keep loving you to the heavens and beyond!

Kenneth Weddington, Jr.

November 7, 2007

Unknown cause

Parents: Kenneth Weddington and Louisa Garza



Happy 8th Birthday, Keegan!

Happy birthday to our son. We miss you each and every day. Please continue to watch over your sisters, and save a big hug and kiss for Mommy. We love you!

Keegan Marshall Tatum

November 11, 2006

Tetralogy of Fallot

Parents: Brian and Danielle Tatum

Sisters: Abigail and Aubrey



Happy 3rd Birthday, Avery!

Happy 3rd birthday, my sweet boy!

"We can't know why the lily has so brief a time to bloom in the warmth of sunlight's kiss upon its face before it folds into its fragrance and bids the world good night to rest its beauty in a gentler place. But we can know that nothing that is loved is ever lost and no one who has touched a heart can really pass away because some beauty lingers on in each memory of which they've been a part."

-Ellen Brenneman

You are loved and missed more
than anyone will ever know.

Love forever and always,
Mommy and Daddy



Avery Alexander Napaluch

Stillborn October 24, 2011

Parents: Kenneth and Adrianna Napaluch

Happy 2nd Birthday, Isaiah!

Your tiny footprints never touched the ground at all. Not one tiny footprint, for now you have wings. Your tiny footprints were meant for other things. Your tiny footprints are found on Mommy and Daddy's hearts. Even though you're gone now, we'll never truly part.

We love you!

Mommy, Daddy, Ayden and Sevyn

Isaiah Domenic Broussard

Stillborn December 1, 2012

Parents: Domenic and Aanitrius Broussard

Siblings: Ayden and Sevyn



Happy 3rd Birthday, Juelz!

Hey, baby boy, Mom and Dad and your big brother miss you dearly. I wish that you could be here with us but other plans were made for you. We love you dearly.

Juelz Kiyann Woods

December 26, 2011, at 23 weeks

Also remembering

Juliann Eva Woods

July 21, 2012, at 21 weeks

Parents: Shandell and Celeste Woods

Siblings: Jesus Bivings and Major Woods



Happy 4th Birthday, Khloe Peyton!

Happy 4th birthday/angelversary, Khloe Peyton! Daddy and Mommy miss you every minute of the day! We send you lots of hugs and kisses your way! Gone but not forgotten ... until we meet again, mija, we love you, Khlo-Bug, to infinity and beyond! Forever in our hearts...

Love,

Daddy and Mommy

Wilson and Willow (fur brother and sister)

Khloe Peyton Calderon

December 21, 2010

Potter's Syndrome

Parents: Erik and Angie Calderon

**Happy 9th Birthday, Aidan!**

Your life may have lasted only a few months, but your memory will last forever! Happy 9th birthday, Aidan!

Aidan Vander Cruyssen

October 2—December 3, 2005

PKD

Mom: Shane Meyer

Little sister: Cameron

**Happy 2nd Birthday, Zoe!**

As the years go by, there hasn't been one day I stopped thinking of you. I will always look to the sky and remember you are our angel. Every moment I spent with you gave me a lifetime of happiness. Happy birthday, Zoe!

Zoe LaRose Storms

Stillborn October 27, 2012

Unknown cause

Parents: Josh Storms and Madison Moore

**Happy 2nd Birthday, Mason!**

Baby boy Mason, you are 2! Your 2nd birthday here on earth has come and gone. How we wish so much you were here; we are comforted knowing you are safe, happy, and comfortable where you are. Not a single day goes by we do not think of you. We celebrate you as often as possible and we know some day soon we will all be reunited. Until then, son, continue playing with your big sister. We are not far behind. Happy birthday, beautiful boy!

All of our love,

Mommy, Daddy and Jake

Mason Ormiston

November 23, 2012

PPROM

Also remembering

Olivia Ormiston

Stillborn January 14, 2012

Parents: Chris and Angie Ormiston

Brother: Jakob

**Happy 8th Birthday, Rachel!**

As each year passes, we recognize the hole left in our family without you here, but we also give thanks for the privilege of being your family. Your brief presence changed our lives forever. At first it was so very painful, and we could not see how any good could come out of losing you, but over the years we have seen how powerful your life was and how many people your short life has touched and continues to touch. We are blessed for having known you. Happy birthday, sweet angel, and know you are thought of and missed every single day.

Rachel Stephanie Blaney

December 5-6, 2006

Head trauma due to automobile accident

Parents: Sam and Lori Beth Blaney

Siblings: Jake and Shane

**Happy 18th Birthday, Joshua and Jeromy!**

Joshua and Jeromy, so many firsts have come and gone... so many memories we will never share! This would be your senior year of high school. I should be making homecoming mums and ordering senior pictures. I should be attending project graduation meetings. I should be helping you with graduation details. I should be cheering for you at varsity football games. Your dad and I should be helping you guys pick colleges and choose career paths. But we will never experience these and many other things with you. My heart hurts! You will never be forgotten!

Happy 18th birthday,

Mom

Joshua and Jeromy Barsanti

November 21, 1996

Anencephaly

Parents: Randy and DaLana Barsanti

Brothers: Taylor, Collin, Harrison and Riley

**Happy 2nd Birthday, Callen!**

Happy 2nd birthday in heaven, sweet baby! Mommy and Daddy miss you so much and think about you every day. We know you and Garrison are looking down and watching over your little brother. We can't wait to hold you for eternity!

Love,

Mommy, Daddy and baby brother Lawson

Callen Michael Penley

October 5, 2012

Incompetent cervix

Also remembering

Garrison William Penley

March 10, 2012

Incompetent cervix

Parents: Joseph and Kelsie Penley

Brother: Lawson Reed



Happy 15th Birthday, Ashley!

We love you and miss you...

Ashley Renee Dedear

October 29—November 1, 1999

Extreme prematurity

Parents: Tim and Cindy Dedear

Sisters: Laura (Ashley's twin) and Katherine

**Happy 14th Birthday, Moonlight!**

We can't believe you are 14. My, how time flies! I remember it like yesterday when your dad and I found out we were pregnant. We were so excited to start our family, starting with you. Well, this year you would have been starting 8th grade, doing wonderful things, helping Heaven adjust to starting 7th grade, praising Joana on her accomplishments as a 5th grader, and you would probably be one of the loudest ones, supporting your little brother JoJo at one of his baseball games. Wow, I miss you so much. Happy 14th birthday!

All my love,
Momma

Claire DeLune Pilgrim

September 30, 2000

Fetal Hydrops

Parents: Joseph and Modesty Pilgrim

Siblings: Heaven, Joana and JoJo

**Happy 2nd Birthday, Rylan!**

Missing the pattering of tiny feet, chubby fists gripping a bouquet of weeds, nighttime snuggles and sloppy kisses. Mommy is trying not to wish the years away; what matters is that your life mattered. Happy 2nd birthday, baby.

Love,
Daddy and Mommy

Rylan Doucette

November 27, 2012

Ectopic pregnancy

Parents: Aaron and Kristian Doucette

**Happy 3rd Birthday, Riley!**

Not a day goes by we don't think of you, sweet Riley. I know you are celebrating in glory! We love and miss you every day. Happy 3rd Angelversary, our sweet Riley.

Love,
Mommy, Daddy and baby brother Carter

Riley Peyton Fugitt

Miscarried November 2011

Also remembering

Jordan Taylor Fugitt

Miscarried July 2011

Parents: Justin and Barbara Fugitt

Baby brother: Carter

**Happy 12th Birthday, Laiken!**

Our sweet Laiken, we miss you as much today as the day we held you and had to say hello and goodbye all at once. We feel you in the soft breeze and the warm sunshine. We see you in the twinkle in your brothers' and sisters' eyes. We love you so much and pray you have a blessed 12th heavenly birthday, Baby Girl. You are forever in our hearts.

Love,
Mommy, Daddy, Arianna, Jarod, Gavin and Alyvia

Laiken Riley Madison Kale

September 15, 2002

*HELLP syndrome, antiphospholipid syndrome,
severe prematurity, pulmonary failure*

Parents: Rick and Alysha Kale

Siblings: Arianna, Jarod, Gavin and Alyvia

**Happy 1st Birthday, Airrington!**

Though our dreams of you on this earth are broken, you are living in the ultimate dream. Looking forward to the day we can celebrate your birthday holding you. We love you always and never not. Happy birthday.

Kisses and hugs,
Mommy, Daddy and big brother Gable

Airrington Hope Fumagalli

December 22, 2013

Unknown cause

Also remembering

Jakoebi Michael Fumagalli

November 21, 2011

Ectopic pregnancy

Parents: Michael and Kirsten Fumagalli

Big brother: Gable

**Happy 5th Birthday, Kavya!**

Kavya baby is 5 years old! You could have been one of the "big kids" in your little brother and sister's class by now—how fun that would have been. I know you would have looked out for them all day long; I am sure you probably are now from your home in the sky. I wonder if you are running around, up to all kinds of tricks like your siblings; pretty sure you are a beautiful and very gentle little girl, but a determined one. I see your "reflection" in your sister's sweet face all the time. We miss you always! Cyrina Ammama and Ravi Uncle are with you now. You guys have fun at your party!

Mommy, Daddy, Jacob, Kyra
and doggies Appu and Daisey

Kavya Kurishinal

December 17-31, 2009

Complications from omphalocele

Parents: Tina and Pravin Kurishinal

Siblings: Jacob and Kyra



Happy 5th Birthday, Serenity!

The big "5" is something I can't even wrap my mind around. Five years since we learned our little family of two was growing to three. Five years since we saw you on that little screen and that flashing light showing us your heartbeat. Some days are still hard, especially now as I plan for your little sister to arrive, but I know your life is making an impact as we try to comfort other families who have traveled the same road, and that brings me comfort. We hope you are having fun in heaven, and once our work is done on earth, we will be up there chasing you through the wildflowers in heaven!

*Serenity Harrison
Miscarried December 3, 2009
Parents: Curtis and Jennifer Harrison
Siblings: Leviticus Aaron
and Zivala Rose (due November 4)*



Happy 11th Birthday, Caleb!

Caleb, 11 long years since we held you. Some days it feels as if it were yesterday; others seem a lifetime ago. We miss you so much and thank God He chose us to be your parents. We hope we have made you proud along our grief journey. Until we see you in heaven, know that we love you eternally.

Love,
Daddy, Mommy and Maddie

*Caleb Scott Fann
December 1, 2003
PROM
Also remembering
Baby August Fann
Miscarried August 13, 2004
Parents: Jonathan and Heather Fann
Little sister: Madison Grace*



Happy 3rd Birthday, Elliot!

Dear Elliot, we thank God every time we think of you. Our time and experience with you has grown our relationship and faith with the Heavenly Father. We still grieve we don't have you here with us, but we are so thankful you are with Jesus! There is no better place. Thank you for having such a profound impact on our lives. We love you more than words can express.

*Elliot Wood
Stillborn December 21, 2011
Unknown cause
Also remembering
Livvy Diane
March 1993
Parents: Ron and Halee Wood
Sibling: Reese*



Happy 1st Birthday, Anferney!

Happy 1st birthday, Mommy's Sweetness! It's been a year since I met the love of my life. I miss you, Sweetness! You will always be the best part of your daddy and me. I love you endlessly and thank God for choosing me to be your mommy. Continue watching over us.

Mommy

Anferney, you were an amazing gift. Nineteen days seems so long when you're in a hospital every day. Nineteen days of watching my boy be strong and courageous. I love you for all you've taught me in such a short time. You have inspired me to be the best father I can be, to take advantage of the time we have here and to fight for what I want. I love you and miss you so much.

Daddy

*Anferney Keiron Daniel Crabtree
November 30—December 19, 2013
Septic shock, extreme prematurity*

Also remembering

Baby Ekobena I

October 2011

Ectopic pregnancy

Baby Ekobena II

Miscarried May 23, 2011

Baby Ekobena III

Miscarried February 2008

Baby Ekobena IV

Miscarried April 30, 2007

Baby Ekobena V

Miscarried June 2004

Parents: Anthony Crabtree and Queen Ekobena

Sibling: Amari



Happy 2nd Birthday, Caroline!

Two years have gone by so fast
since the day of your birth,
But never will we forget your precious life
here upon this earth.

Eighty-eight days were all we had
to share with you our love,

Because Jesus needed you to be with Him
in heaven up above.

What would you look like? How tall would you be?
Sadly we will never know here.

But you got the best part,
to be whole and healed and to never again shed a tear.

'Til we meet again in heaven,
our Sweet Caroline, for that day we cannot wait,

Until then, we will carry on,
but your memory is forever safe.

*Caroline Elizabeth Ann Davis
December 29, 2012—March 27, 2013*

Trisomy 13

Parents: Kenneth and Gabrielle Davis

Siblings: Cody, Owen, Claire, Kate, Nathan and Jake



Happy 1st Birthday, Baby Johnson II!

Happy birthday, Sweet Baby! We miss you so much and are so proud to be your parents. We planted a white rose for your June due date in our memorial garden in memory of you. It was so beautiful this year, and we can't wait to see it every year! We hope you have a great heavenly birthday with your siblings in heaven. Eat lots of cake, and we will see you soon, baby!

"We have this hope as an anchor
for the soul, firm and secure."

Hebrews 6:19

We love you forever,
Mommy and Daddy
xoxo

Baby Johnson II
Miscarried November 2, 2013

Also remembering

Baby Johnson I

April 8, 2013

Missed miscarriage

Baby Johnson III

Miscarried February 25, 2014

Parents: Mark and Kathryn Johnson

Sister: Karlie



Happy 1st Birthday, Lily!

Happy 1st birthday, our precious baby girl! Mommy and Daddy are so proud of you and so thankful you are ours; we are so honored to be the ones chosen to carry you, birth you and love you.

Lily, your epic life has changed so many others and even history itself is marked forever because of you. We join in with all of heaven today, on the day you were born to celebrate beautiful you!

We will always love you, always want you, always miss you and always carry you in our hearts forever. Until we see each other once again may you know how much we adore you.

Xoxo Mommy, Daddy and Arrow xoxo

Lillian Ember Stewart

November 23, 2013

Parents: Derek and Bethany Stewart

Baby Brother: Arrow (Due Christmas 2014)



Happy 1st Birthday, Malik!

Happy 1st birthday to Mommy and Daddy's little angel. Not a day goes by we don't think of you and not a day will go by we don't miss you. We love you with all our hearts.

Malik James Saba

December 11, 2013

Blood clot abruption caused by incompetent cervix

Parents: Kyle and Cara Saba

Brother: Talon James



Happy 1st Birthday, Scarlett!

We think of you daily, baby Scarlett. You will be forever missed. Love you always.

Scarlett Grace Binnion

October 10-14, 2013

Lack of oxygen due to small placenta

Parents: Eric Binnion and Sara Bannister

Sibling: Hero



Happy 7th Birthday, Teighton!

We carry you in our hearts forever. We love you.

Happy 7th birthday, our tater tot.

Teighton William Hoffart

December 9, 2007

Preeclampsia

Parents: Matthew and Kimberly Hoffart

Brother: Drayke Presten



Happy 1st Birthday, Amya!

From the moment you were born my life changed. I'm so grateful all you knew was love. I thank God every day for allowing me to be your mommy. You taught me a lot. You left a big impression on my heart. You endured suffering and that was painful to watch but I am so grateful for the 4 1/2 months I had you. I love you, my beautiful angel.

Name: Amya Elizabeth Hawley

Dates: July 28—December 16, 2013

Premature

Mommy: Emily Hawley



Happy 5th Birthday, Madilynn!

Happy 5th birthday in heaven, Madilynn! Five long years have gone by since you were born sleeping, and we miss you so much. You are going to be a big sister next spring! Your little brother or sister will have an amazing guardian angel in you, sweet girl. We only wish you could be here with us to celebrate. Enjoy your birthday party in heaven! I bet your Pepaw is teaching you all sorts of things since he joined you last December. He so looked forward to meeting you. Hugs and kisses, sweetheart! We love you and look forward to the day we will be reunited!

Love,

Mommy, Daddy and Baby K.

Madilynn Isabell Kelley

Stillborn December 3, 2009

Cord accident

Parents: Cherish and Jeremiah Kelley

Sibling: Baby Kelley due May 17, 2015



Happy 9th Birthday, Hopie!

I can't believe it was nine years ago that I held you, my little pink bundle, in my arms. Whenever I see a girl who is 9, I wonder what you would be like and what type of celebration we would plan together. Your little siblings love to hear stories about you. I look forward to holding you in heaven one day.

Love,
Mama
xoxo

I can't believe you'll be having your 9th birthday up in heaven! It seems like just the other day I was holding you and singing your favorite song, *Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam*, to you.

We'll be decorating your magnolia tree and eating cupcakes to celebrate your special day! We love and miss you!

Grammy, Teepa, Mimi,
Uncle Ryan, Aunt Kasey and Uncle Jake

Hope Kirkpatrick
November 5-8, 2005
Amniotic band syndrome
Parents: Kirk and Aly Kirkpatrick
Little Siblings: Ian and Janie



Happy 1st Birthday, Sweet Arie!

It's hard to believe it's been a year already! It feels just like yesterday we held you in our arms. We think about you every second of every day, and we miss you so much. Your big sister thinks of you often, and she takes her baby "brodher" with her everywhere. God has you in His arms, and we have you in our hearts until we see you again. We love you to the moon and back sweet boy. XOXO

Love,
Mommy, Daddy and sister Brinley

Arie Witt
November 5, 2013
Unknown cause
Also remembering
Baby Witt
June 27, 2014
Unknown cause
Parents: Candi and Mike Witt
Sister: Brinley



*"Each new life... No matter how fragile
or brief.. Forever changes the world."*

Author unknown

Happy 1st Birthday, Enoch!

We miss you terribly, our baby boy! I wish I went with you, but the Lord told me my time is not up yet. So, your father and I are doing our best to honor your memory to always think of you even though you're gone too soon. God had blessed us with the miracle we never thought would come true. Our life will never be the same without you, my son! We will see you again while we are holding on to God's unchanging hand. We love you!

Enoch Miracle Cobberti
December 3, 2013
Pre-term labor at 23 weeks
due to fibroids and unknown bacteria
Parents: Mark and Shakira Cobberti



A Miracle That We Lost

By Shakira P Cobberti
Mommy to Enoch

Enoch was a miracle
Because he was in my womb
that God opened
Enoch was a miracle
Because he fought for his life
for me to enjoy him.
Enoch was a miracle
Because he proved to everyone
that God can do the impossible
Enoch was a miracle
Because he showed us
that he's a fighter just like his grandmother.
Enoch was a miracle
Because God gave us a name that he was a
consecrated boy that God created
Enoch was a miracle
Because God used him:
a key, a gateway to more miracles to come
Enoch was a miracle
Because he was a joy
that I felt inside my womb for a short time
God took him home to be with the Lord
While he was a shooting star for something great
He was a special child we had
At a time that was so sad
He was a blessing to our lives that we can't put a cost
He was a miracle that we lost.

We miss you, Enoch!

Dallas/Fort Worth Walk to Remember

Our 18th annual Walk to Remember was a beautiful success, with more than 1,200 people attending to remember more than 300 of our babies who died too soon. We were blessed with perfect weather as we sat outside and acknowledged each baby represented by reading aloud their names as their family members came forward to hang their personalized ornaments on our tree. DaLana Barsanti, M.E.N.D.'s vice-president, delivered an inspirational message, reminding us that we are never alone in our sorrow; the Lord is always with us. And as always, the ceremony concluded with the spectacular release of our balloons. We are so thankful for all of our sponsors of this event who are listed below.

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Keiran David Cobler

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Remembering
Jordan Alexander Booker

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Daniel, Melissa and Briley Bufo hanging an ornament in memory of Hadley

Six Tips to Cope with Grief During the Holidays

by Erika Goyer, mom to Carrick

*“What we have once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose,
for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us.”*
-Helen Keller

The holidays can be an especially difficult time for parents who have lost their children. So many holiday routines and activities revolve around the gathering of family and friends. Yet, bereaved parents may not feel up for celebrating as usual or embracing holiday traditions that they have in the past. Instead of feeling a sense of loss over what the holidays were supposed to be, we can take this as an opportunity to recreate what they will be for our families from now on. The following are tips for enjoying your holidays in the face of grief:

Simplify

- o Don't expect to do everything you have in the past. Pick and choose what you're up for. This will give you the chance to think about which traditions hold real meaning for you and which you have simply observed because of old habits or other people's expectations.
- o Communicate with your family and friends. They will understand if you need to “take a break” from past expectations. Let them know what your plans are and what you might need from them in return.

Honor Your Family

- o You most certainly had hopes and expectation for what the holidays would be like. And now things have changed. It is alright to acknowledge that loss.
- o Many holiday traditions like gift giving hold special significance for parents and children. It can be hard to think of yourself as a parent when your child has died. Be sure to remember the many gifts you gave your little one while they were with you and the gifts they gave to you.

Make Room for Your Feelings

- o Slow down and allow yourself time to think about and remember your baby.
- o Talk about your child. Let other people know how you want your child to be talked about and remembered by showing them with your words and actions.

Create New Traditions

- o Holidays mark special milestones in a family's life. Think about how you will remember the life of your child in your family's history and traditions.
- o Change the focus of your celebration. Revisit why you celebrate a particular holiday and what its significance is in your life. This can give traditions and rituals a renewed depth of meaning.

Be Generous with Others

- o Do things that help you feel connected to the people you love. Spend time with the people you want to be with. Nurture those relationships.
- o Give of your time, talents and skills. Sharing can lift spirits and ease burdens.

Be Generous with Yourself

- o Expect that you will feel sad sometimes. Or angry. Or alone. These are all appropriate feelings and are an acknowledgement of the intense love you hold for your child.
- o Allow yourself to be happy. There is nothing selfish about celebrating or feeling joy. The capacity for joy is what connects us to each other. It's what the holidays are all about.

Erika Goyer is the mother of three boys and a family support navigator with Hand to Hold. Her oldest son Carrick Michael was born at 27 weeks gestation and weighed 1 pound, 14 ounces. Carrick died soon after his birth due to complications of prematurity. Erika went on to have two more high-risk pregnancies and two healthy sons, one of whom has developmental delays.

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Heavenly Birthday During the Holidays

Two years ago, I was giddily holding on to a secret as I piled on mashed potatoes. I unashamedly ate for two, smiling innocently when my sister pointed out the “food baby” and secretly modeled the pooch in the mirror, wondering how long it would be before I looked pregnant. I murmured a thanks to my little bean for keeping the morning sickness at bay so I could enjoy the feast and keep my secret. I enjoyed a weekend of naive bliss, believing this was the best Thanksgiving I had ever had. Four days later I was in the emergency room with a ruptured ectopic pregnancy, and holidays would never be the same.

It’s quite the paradox, trying to fit in the season of thankfulness and giving with the pain and ache of loss. That first Christmas, I enjoyed a day with family only to come home and completely break down when I realized this was the day we had planned on announcing our pregnancy. Last year I found myself jealously eyeballing the kiddie table. I moved Rylan’s Christmas ornament a dozen times until it was in the “perfect spot” on the tree. I’ve already felt the sting of grief as I realized Rylan’s birthday is on Thanksgiving this year.

But these holidays are about family. I may now be mingling new traditions with the old ones in my search for a new normal, but ultimately, it is just another season. It is just another milestone I must pass over. If it were not for the support of my family, I cannot imagine how much more I would have hurt. Shutting them completely out during a time that is set aside to bring us together is no way to thank them, and no way to heal. My holidays may never be as happy. There may not be as much joy now that I coincide a heavenly birthday with trips to Grandma’s. We may no longer joke about baby food or spend a lot of time discussing how pregnant someone is getting. But ‘tis the season for bringing everyone together, and I am so thankful that my family understands that includes me and our heavenly little bean.

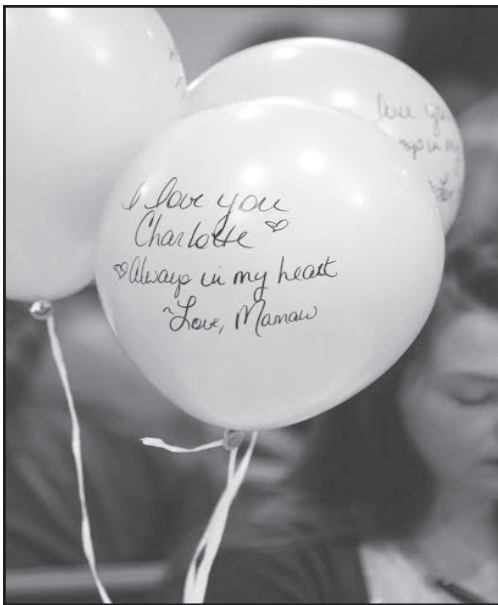
♥ *Kristian Doucette,
Mommy to Rylan,
M.E.N.D.—SW Missouri*

SW Missouri Balloon Release

M.E.N.D.—SW Missouri paused for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness month in October as 71 people from 21 families honored 44 babies with 113 balloons released at our 4th Annual Breakfast and Balloon Release. Thank you to Second Baptist Church for hosting our event!



Balloon release



Balloons for Mila and Charlotte from Mommy Precia (in background)



Kolby Kendrick with balloon in memory of Baby Kendrick

M.E.N.D.

Chapter Corner**Chapter Meeting****Information****M.E.N.D.—Houston**

Meets the 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
4500 Bissonnet, Ste 337B,
Bellaire, Texas 77401

Meets the 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Lone Star College,
3200 College Park Dr, Room A228,
The Woodlands, Texas 77384

Director: Stormy Mitchell
stormym@mend.org, (281) 374-8528

Subsequent pregnancy group meets
on odd numbered months

on the 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m.,
led by Chiara Ott (chiara@mend.org).

Daddy's group meets quarterly
on the 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m.,
led by Greg Miller (stephaniem@mend.org)

M.E.N.D.—Texarkana

Meets the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
CHRISTUS St. Michael Rehab Hospital
2400 St. Michael Drive
Texarkana, Texas 75503

Director: Monica Davis
monica@mend.org, (903) 490-1210

M.E.N.D.—NW Washington

Meets the 2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Harrison Medical Center/Iris Room
1800 Myhre Rd.

Silverdale, Washington 98383

Gig Harbor Meeting

Meets the 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Hospital/Greenpoint Dining Room

11567 Canterwood Blvd NW,

Gig Harbor, Washington 98332

Director: Stacy McGhee
stacym@mend.org, (360) 662-6161

M.E.N.D.—SW Missouri

Meets the 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Project H.O.P.E.

1419 S. Enterprise

Springfield, Missouri 65804

Director: Heather Fann

heather@mend.org, (417) 818-0489

M.E.N.D.—Amarillo

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

First United Bank of the Colonies/
Lonestar Room

One First United Bank Parkway

45th and Soncy

Amarillo, Texas 79119

Director: Becky Anderson

becky@mend.org, (806) 570-4344

M.E.N.D. Chapter Updates***Tulsa***

M.E.N.D.—Tulsa would like to welcome Angi Jackson and Kathryn Johnson to our leadership team. My assistant, Marcie Nienhuis, and I are excited to have them on board. Our 3rd Annual Christmas Candlelight Ceremony will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at Liberty Church. For further information, please contact me at lisa@mend.org or (918) 694-4325 (HEAL).

Lisa Daily

Texarkana

M.E.N.D.—Texarkana will host its 8th Annual Christmas Candlelight Ceremony Saturday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. at Beech Street First Baptist Church, Family Activity Center. Please contact Monica Davis at (903) 490-1210 or monica@mend.org for more information.

Monica Davis

Houston

M.E.N.D.—Houston is looking forward to our Christmas Candlelight Ceremony to be held on December 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Spring Baptist Church. Keep an eye out on the website and our Facebook page for more information about the ceremony.

Stormy Mitchell

SW Missouri

M.E.N.D.—SW Missouri is anticipating our 5th Annual Christmas Candlelight Ceremony at Second Baptist Church on Monday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. Registration is available at www.mend.org. Thanks to my chapter leadership, Ruth, Kathleen, Kathryn and Jennifer, for their tireless efforts on these events and throughout the year.

Heather Fann

Bryan/College Station

God is doing great things for M.E.N.D.—Bryan/College! We are SOOOO thankful to KBTX and Caldwell Country Cares for giving our chapter a grant of \$1,000! Thank you to everyone who voted for us online. We had a beautiful 4th Annual Balloon Release on October 5. Thank you to Scott and White Hospital for partnering with us to make this event happen. I know my assistants, LaRhesa, Melody and I are looking forward to our Christmas Ceremony in December. Please email me at jennie@mend.org if you would like more information or to ensure you receive an invitation in the mail. We are now meeting at Texas Avenue Baptist Church for our monthly support group meetings. We meet in the classroom building.

Jennie Drude

NW Washington

M.E.N.D.—NW Washington has had a successful year through our many fundraisers. Our 50/50 raffle and garage sale raised a combined \$2,000! Thank you to all who donated to raise money for our Christmas candlelight ceremony, which will be held on December 13 at 6:00 p.m. Go to our events on our Facebook page for all the details. We continue to spread the word about M.E.N.D. in our community, and I was honored to be the guest speaker at Madigan Army Medical Center for its 1st Walk to Remember. We are praying for all the families this holiday season as we remember our babies who are not here with us.

Stacy McGhee

Wichita Falls

M.E.N.D.—Wichita Falls has sadly welcomed a new family to our group every month this year. Currently, we are making arrangements to travel to the DFW metroplex in December to participate and train at the Dallas Christmas Ceremony so we can host our own next year.

Sarah Fukasawa

Hot Springs

After almost four years of reaching out to the Hot Springs community to help our families who have lost babies due to miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant death, our chapter will be closing at the end of this year. It was a decision that was prayed about and taken very seriously. We will continue contacting and reaching out to women in their time of grief if they lose a baby. We are so thankful for the opportunity God has given us over the last four years to serve Him through M.E.N.D. We will continue to pray for all of the other M.E.N.D. chapters and know God is doing amazing things through them.

Amy Humphries

Amarillo

M.E.N.D.—Amarillo's Bunco for Babies was a huge success! We cannot thank everyone enough for all the love and support you have shown!

Becky Anderson

Chicagoland

M.E.N.D.—Chicagoland continues to try to get our feet off the ground here in the Chicago area. We want to spread the word about the support that M.E.N.D. offers to hurting moms and dads who have lost babies. If you know of anyone near Chicago that could use M.E.N.D.'s help and support while they walk the journey of infant loss please pass along our email, Saraann@mend.org. We are thankful to share with and care for those who have already walked through our newly opened doors.

Sara Hintz

M.E.N.D.—Bryan/College Station

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.
Texas Avenue Baptist Church
3400 State Highway 6 S,
College Station, Texas 77845
Director: Jennie Drude
jennie@mend.org, (979) 220-7851

M.E.N.D.—Tulsa

Meets the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Canyon Crossing
1651 E Old North Rd.
Sand Springs, Oklahoma 74063
Director: Lisa Daily
lisa@mend.org, (918) 694-4325 (HEAL)

M.E.N.D.—Hot Springs, Arkansas

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
National Park Medical Center/Maurice Room
1910 Malvern Avenue
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901
Director: Amy Humphries
amy@mend.org, (501) 620-9930

M.E.N.D.—Wichita Falls, Texas

Meets the 2nd Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Christ Home Place Ministries
1420 Twin Oaks Street
Wichita Falls, Texas 76302
Director: Sarah Fukasawa
sarahf@mend.org, (940) 642-3284

M.E.N.D.—Chicagoland, Illinois

Meets the 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
St Peter Lutheran Church
202 E Schaumburg Road
Schaumburg, Illinois 60194
Director: Sara Hintz
saraann@mend.org, (630) 267-9134

M.E.N.D. Support Group Meetings in the Dallas Metroplex

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.,
from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

*A time for dads to meet together and
discuss topics relevant to them as fa-
thers. Our moms and dads meet together
for introductions before dividing into two
groups for discussion.*

Subsequent pregnancy group

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

Led by Liz Walker: liz@mend.org
*For families who are considering
becoming pregnant or are currently
pregnant after a loss.*

Food and Fellowship

are held the 4th Thursday of
every month at 8:00 p.m.
at the Corner Bakery in
Southlake Town Center

*A time to relax and meet with other
M.E.N.D. parents in a social setting.*

Contact Brittney Fish:
brittney@mend.org

Infertility group

meets the 3rd Monday
at 7:30 p.m.

Contact Cheryl Davis for meeting
location and information at
Cheryl@mend.org
*For families experiencing
infertility after a loss.*

Parenting After Loss Playgroup

Meets monthly at various locations in the
Dallas / Fort Worth metroplex.
Contact Magen Kaye: Magen@mend.org
or call (214) 435-3870

**Mommies AND daddies are both
welcome at all M.E.N.D. meetings.
Unless otherwise noted, all support
group meetings are held at:**

**Wells Fargo Bank
800 W. Airport Freeway
Irving, TX 75062**

(Located in the Crystals Pizza parking
lot, between MacArthur and O'Connor)
Meetings will be in the bank board room,
located on the first floor.
For more information,
call (972) 506-9000.

In Loving Memory**Holland Rylee and Hayden Brynlee Abbott**

August 9, 2014

Given by mommy Shawna Abbott

Baby Adams 1

Miscarried August 29, 2005

Benjamin Daniel Adams

Stillborn February 14, 2006

Unknown cause

Baby Adams 2

Miscarried July 20, 2006

Jonathan Daniel Adams

Stillborn September 8, 2011

Unknown cause

Given by parents Jeff and Kimberly Adams

Grace Selena Aguilar

November 15, 2013

Given by parents Jason Aguilar

and Jennifer Nizzi

Caitlyn Behne Alcuri

May 7, 2011

Given by mommy Michelle Alcuri

Malen Huck Anderson

Stillborn February 4, 2008

Possible heart attack

Given by parents Becky and Wes Anderson
and siblings Lenea and Nathan**Everett Jack Aversman**

Stillborn July 26, 2014

Given by

Parents Aaron and Merrick Aversman
and sister Eleanor

Melissa Theilig

Phuong Schmidt

Sandra Wells

Bruce Snyder

Jillian Stanley

Clifford and Leslie Van Blarcom

Leigh Messina

Anonymous

Darin and Kim Wagner

Brian and Emily Howell

Julie Gallina

Christine Sullivan

Haley Smith

Katie Ramey

Kristin Breazeale

Nancy Flagg

Byron and Cheryl Peters

MD Golladay

Henry Back

Miscarried July 26, 2013

Given by parents Jacob and Jennifer Back
and sisters Emily and Natalie**Emma Bailey**

April 23, 2008

Brooklyn Taylor Bailey

January 1, 2010

Jillian Marie Bailey

January 2, 2010

Sidney Grace Bailey

January 2, 2010

Given by parents Chad and Melissa Bailey

Aiden Marcus Balderrama

Stillborn July 2, 2011

Baby B

Miscarried June 2010

Given by

Parents Adrian and Monica Balderrama

Ellie Barnes

Stillborn February 6, 2011

Unknown cause

Given by parents Gentry and Rebecca Barnes

Apple Hope and Blueberry Faith Barrientos

July 7, 2010

Premature

Given by parents David and Priscilla Barrientos

Joshua and Jeromy Barsanti

Stillborn November 21, 1996

Anencephaly

Given by parents Randy and DaLana Barsanti
and brothers Taylor, Collin,

Harrison and Riley

Ashton Hollis Bartelme

Stillborn August 5, 2013

Unknown cause

Given by parents Dave and Valarie Bartelme

Baby Bennett I

Miscarried March 2012

Baby Bennett II

Miscarried March 2013

Baby Bennett III

Miscarried October 2013

Given by parents Jake and Joanna Bennett
and big sister Charlee**Rachel Ann Boche**

October 29, 2009

Incompetent cervix

Casey Dean Boche

August 7, 2010

Incompetent cervix

Given by parents Gary Boche and
Shirley Starr-Boche**Kylie Danielle Bohuslav**

Stillborn January 4, 2012

Placental abruption

Baby Bohuslav

Miscarried July 2012

Given by parents Kevan and Stefanie Bohuslav
and sister Hailey Elizabeth**Jordan Alexander Booker**

Stillborn January 11, 2007

Cord accident

Given by Mommy Norma Jordan

Levi Samuel Bowmer

April 19, 2013

Trisomy 13 and Tetralogy of Fallot
with absent pulmonary valve

Gifts given by

Parents Sam and Jenae Bowmer

and little sister Evelin Jean

Grandmother Jaimi Wilkins

Chelsea Anderson

Sydney Lynne Brown

May 18, 2000

Cord problem

Ashley MacKenzie Brown

May 18, 2001

Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome

Given by parents Brian and Marilyn Brown
and brother Samuel**Hadley D'Layne Bufe**

February 28, 2011

PROM

Parents: Daniel and Melissa Bufe

Gifts given by

Lauren Van Dam

Brandon and Marisa Perry

Skyla Olivia Burns-Ennis

May 21, 2011

Premature

Given by mommy Latarsha Ennis

Liam and Sebastian Callaway

Stillborn August 5, 2011

Unknown cause

Given by parents Zach and Rori Callaway
and little brother Miles**Audrey Olivia Campbell**

April 25, 2013

Given by mommy Jennifer Campbell

Melly Josefina Cano-Meyer

May 29, 2014

Given by mommy Zulema Cano

Kelly Blake Casteel

Given by mommy Brooke Casteel

Catherine Grace Chapman

August 10-12, 2012

Premature/HELLP Syndrome

Gifts given by

Mommy Kara Chapman

Grandmother Nancy Chapman

Baby Chlup

Given by mommy Cindy Chlup

Keiran David Cobler

October 25—November 1, 2013

Given by mommy Kristina Cobler

Samuel Adan Contreras

Stillborn November 11, 2010

Cord accident

Parents: Mercedes and Alfredo Contreras

Given by Kiley White

Jackson David Crowe

August 22—September 9, 1998

Congenital heart defect

Gifts given by

Parents David and Marie Crowe
and siblings Hannah and Andrew
Gail Bohdan

Abigail Grace Crump

July 1, 2003

Trisomy 18

Given by parents Gerald and Jaimie Crump
and little sisters Cami and Karli

Aidan Shaw Vander Cruyssen

October 2—December 3, 2005

Kidney disease

Given by mommy Shane Meyer
and sister Cameron

Brooke Sophia Daily

Stillborn March 11, 2010

Vasa Previa

Given by parents Jeremy and Lisa Daily
and sisters Sarah and Savannah

Sophie Jane Darnell

Stillborn May 28, 2012

Unknown cause

Gifts given by

Parents Tommy and Brea Darnell and
siblings Luke and Piper
Grandparents Danny and Helen Lynch
Uncle Bryan and Aunt Lesa Lynch
Donald and Amanda Vanloon
Chelsea Anderson
Steve, Michelle and Jaycie Skrasek
Michelle Rose
Rebecca Workman
Lisa Synrod
Kate Partington
Jeany Martin

Delonte Carter Davis

March 1, 2013

Given Anonymously

Riley and Parker Davis

November 14, 2006

Prematurity

Given by parents Rob and Cheryl Davis
and little sister Annalise

Alexander Peiton Delp

June 14—September 9, 2013

Ceilidh Veronica Delp

October 13, 2009

Given by Cindy Furlong

Everett Christopher Delmar

April 18, 2012

Unknown cause

Given by parents Chris and Miranda Delmar
and sibling Christian

Juney Anthony Demery

August 15, 2009

Baby Demery

February 10, 2010

Journey Demery

September 5, 2013

Given by mommy Sara Demery

Baby Dill

Miscarried May 2002

Cooper Graham Dill

Stillborn May 26, 2003

TTTS and cord accident

Gifts given by

Parents Brandee and Jim Dill
and siblings Avery, Tate
and Paxton (Cooper's twin)
Judy Showalter
Chuck Smith

Westin Dobbins

August 8, 2010

Incompetent cervix

Given by parents Cortney and Randy Dobbins
and siblings Cynlee and Colt

August Dunn

August 1, 2009

Given by mommy Debrah Dunn

Gregory Joseph Emig

Stillborn June 20, 2014

True knot in umbilical cord

Given by parents Paul and Racheal Emig

Kyler Paul English

Stillborn January 20, 2006

Cord accident

Parents: Laurie McPike and Bob English

Gifts given by

Jon and Laurie McPike and
brothers Kinsler, Kelson and Kayden
Remarkable Healthcare of Dallas
Remarkable Healthcare of Fort Worth

Dana Angelyn Erickson

Stillborn December 9, 1999

Unbalanced chromosome translocation

Parents: Steve and Anna Erickson

Siblings: Kelby, Zoe, and Lauren

Given by Shannon Smith

Dylan Carlos and**Trystan Macario Estala**

December 11, 2008 at 22 weeks

Premature rupture of membrane/
pre-term labor

Given by parents Adrian and Stephanie Estala
and siblings Isabella, Olivia and AJ

Caleb Scott Fann

December 1, 2003

PROM

Baby August Fann

Miscarried August 13, 2004

Given by parents Jonathan and Heather Fann
and sister Madison

Logan Wayne Fish

September 17, 2002

Skeletal Dysplasia

Given by parents David and Brittney Fish
and brothers Landry and Hudson
Aunt Heather Dickens
Debra Lowrie

Michael Garabedian, Jr

Stillborn February 2, 1998

Vallamentous cord insertion

Adam Michael Garabedian

Stillborn July 25, 2001

Cord accident

Given by parents Mike and Cindy Garabedian
and sisters Victoria, Elizabeth, and Catherine

Janelle Marie Gibson

Stillborn November 17, 2006

Clot in placenta

Gabriel Gibson

Miscarried October 31, 2007

Ectopic pregnancy

Given by parents Scott and Jodie Gibson
and siblings Will, Andrew and Isaac

Rajun Armel Giles

March 5-14, 2013

Premature

Given by mommy Runda Giles

Cameron Eddie Godsey

Stillborn November 20, 2012

Cord accident

Given by parents Aaron and Kim Godsey
and siblings Tahlík,
Aaron, Jr. and Alexandra

Nelson Eric Gonzales

February 28, 2014

Given by mommy Elaine Gonzales

Max Graham

Stillborn March 12, 2013

Placental abruption

Given by parents Aaron and DeAndrea Graham
and little sister Maezey

Erika Brienne Grau

July 9—August 3, 1997

Anoxic brain injury

due to ruptured uterus due to VBAC

Given by parents Ray and Yvette Grau
and siblings Nik and Nataly

Lauren Paige Grimes

Stillborn March 6, 1999

Unknown cause

Baby Grimes

Miscarried January 25, 2001

Given by parents John and Paula Grimes
and sister Rileigh

Brandon Gúterrez

June 28, 2014

Given by mommy Leslie Sandoval

Jonathan Gabriel Hall

November 27—December 24, 2011

Sepsis

Given by parents Timothy and Andrea Hall
and siblings Lydia, Benjamin, and Josiah

Baby Hall I

Miscarried February 18, 1991

Baby Hall II

Miscarried July 28, 1998

Baby Hall III

Miscarried December 23, 1998

Given by mommy Sandy Hall

Camden Asher Haltom

Stillborn October 31, 2009

Possible cord accident

Given by parents Jill and James Haltom

Samantha Hampton

Stillborn May 22, 2000

Cord accident

Given by daddy Steve Hampton
and sister Lauren**Natalee Rose Hardi**

March 20, 2014

Given by mommy Kristin Hardi

Claire Elizabeth Harsdorf

October 22, 2011

Given by mommy Bridget Harsdorf

Amya Elizabeth Hawley

July 28-December 16, 2013

Premature

Given by mommy Emily Hawley

Charlotte Grace Harrison

December 28, 2011—January 4, 2012

Delivery complications

Given by parents Luke and Amanda Harrison
and sibling Evan**Jordan Ashley Heffley**

July 5, 1999

Trisomy 13

Given by parents John and Jan Heffley
and siblings Jonathan, Jasmine,
Jillian and Jared**James Jackson "Jack" Henvey**

July 4, 2001

Tetralogy of fallot

Baby Henvey

Miscarried October 2003

Given by parents Chris and Renee Henvey
and brothers Evan and Luke**Adrian James Hernandez**

July 14, 2007

Failed intestines

Given by parents Jackie and Fito Hernandez

Henry Scott Herzog

Stillborn April 8, 2014

Insufficient placenta

Parents: Scott Herzog and Erin Gattuccio

Given by great aunt Shelley Ross

Madeline Joy Horowitz

Miscarried February 18, 2011

Morgan Reese Horowitz

Miscarried June 9, 2014

Given by parents Benny and Marianna Horowitz

Grace Holmes

Miscarried August 3, 2013

Parents Zac and Andrea Holmes

Given by grandparents Donald and Debra Davis

Luke Noe Johnson

Stillborn July 26, 2010

MTHFR

Hope Johnson

Miscarried October 30, 2009

Faith Johnson

Miscarried September 2, 2011

Abril Johnson

Miscarried April 10, 2010

Gifts given by

Parents Merle and James Johnson

Virgil and Eva-Mare Benton

Susana Garza

Marc Alan Johnson, Jr

July 5, 2011

Cord accident

Given by parents Marc and Jena Johnson
and little brother Jack**Logan Jones-Worden**

June 10, 2009

Unknown cause

Mom: Natalie Jones

Big brother: Jake

Given by Uncle Seth

and Aunt Nicole Herrick

Jayden Noah Kaye

Stillborn October 10, 2006

Unknown cause

Baby Kaye

Miscarried December 2007

Tucker Steven Kaye

Stillborn February 8, 2010

Genetic disorder

Parents: JD and Magen Kaye

Siblings: Noah and Mia

Given by grandmother Cindy Testerman

Baby Girl Krymkiewiez

Miscarried June 13, 2008

Emma Krymkiewiez

May 5, 2009

Neonatal Hemochromatosis

Giving by parents Hernan Krymkiewiez and
Ana Ayon and sister Isabella**Tomas and Isabela Lares**

Stillborn January 11 & January 18, 2010

Preterm labor

Given by parents Marisela Lares
and Jesus Castillo**Emmaline Ila Legg**

July 29, 2010

Full-term placental abruption

Baby Legg I

Miscarried 1999

Baby Legg II

Miscarried 2009

Baby Legg III

Miscarried April 13, 2011

Parents: Jimmy and Ami Legg

Siblings: McKinley, Madeline and Maxton

Given by Ellen Brenan

Cameron and Aiden Lewis

January 1, 2009

Given by mommy Erica Lewis

Silas Thane Long

May 28, 2014

Given by mommy Amanda Long

Sam Frances Macias

November 16, 2012

Christian Valentine Macias

March 21, 2013

Unknown cause

Jo Frances Macias

April 2, 2014

Given by parents Rick and Nelly Macias
and sister Sofia Grace**Catherine Mary Martin**

December 15, 2001

Baby Martin I

Miscarried June 14, 2002

Baby Martin II

Miscarried September 2002

Given by parents Glen and Nancy Martin

Adalynn Joan McKee

June 8, 2012

Billy Wayne McKee

March 4, 2014

Given by mommy Harley McKee

Myrin McNeil

Stillborn June 19, 2013

Unknown cause

Given by mommy Jolynn Tizen

Nathaniel Thomas Michalsky

Stillborn June 28, 2012

Placental insufficiency

Parents: Nick and Susan Michalsky

Siblings: Joseph, Bradley and Annabelle

Given by grandmother Pat Prendergast

Aerin P. Middlebrooks

June 21, 2011

Given by mommy Janiese Middlebrooks

Gideon Zeller Mitchell

Stillborn May 17, 2011

Membranous cord insertion

Avery Mitchell

Miscarried May 2008

Parents: Stormy and Todd Mitchell

Brother: Silas

Given by grandparents Earl and Karen Zeller

Legacy Giving

Losing a child has changed each of our lives forever. We appreciate all financial support of the services our organization gives to bereaved parents—no matter the size of the contribution. However, some of you may have the capacity and desire to give a lifelong gift to M.E.N.D.

If you're interested in creating a legacy gift or endowment in honor of your baby, M.E.N.D. would be happy to assist you in gathering the necessary information to remember our organization in your will or trust. For more information about legacy giving, please contact Rebekah Mitchell at rebekah@mend.org.

Jonathan Daniel Mitchell

Stillborn June 24, 1995
Cord accident

Baby Mitchell

Miscarried December 2001

Gifts given by

Parents Byron and Rebekah Mitchell
Dentistry of Las Colinas/
Dr. Byron L. Mitchell
Grandmother Marnie Mitchell
Uncle Mark and
Aunt Rachael McClelland
and cousins Mark and Mia
Jeany Martin
Patti Braue
Sheila Rutledge
Beth Parish Welch
Jane and Mike Beltz
Kerry and Valerie Jones

Lily Joy Moore

Miscarried March 2, 2011

Early pregnancy loss

Gifts given by

Parents Jeremy and Kathleen Moore
and brothers Isaac and Judah
Grammy Marsha Neely

Addelyn Faith Morales

December 28, 2013

Given by mommy Sandra Polk

Mekhi and Imani Mupeti

June 7, 2013

Premature labor

Given by parents Micky and Dianna Mupeti

Jeremiah Ndambakuwa

Stillborn June 13, 2006

Given by parents Zelda
and Norman Ndambakuwa

Baby Oberlender

Stillborn December 19, 2011

Babies Oberlander

Miscarried May 2012

Given by parents Tim and Melissa Oberlender
and siblings Grace Ann and Wilhelm George

Abigail Renee O'Donnell

Stillborn August 16, 2013

Placenta abruption

Given by parents Matt and Diane O'Donnell
and brother Gabriel

Carter Patrick Outen

Stillborn November 6, 2000

Unknown cause

Baby Outen I

Miscarried April 3, 2001

Baby Outen II

Miscarried October 5, 2001

Gifts given by

Parents Chris and Shannon Outen
and sisters Erin and Charlie
Grandmother Patricia Boedeker
Shantel Garner
Kryl Boedeker
Celeste Keeney
Judy Outen

Kathrine Nicol Orzua

June 25-26, 2013

Given by mommy Ashley Garnelo

Daisy Jade and Ellie Marie Ott

February 22, 2010

Preterm labor

Given by parents Michael and Chiara Ott
and little brother Kyle

Cailey Elizabeth Ottinger

Stillborn June 7, 1996

Cord accident

Given by parents George and Laurie Ottinger
and sisters Hannah and Emily

Amar Padakandla

June 28, 2001

Given by mommy Menaca Padakandla

Stella Leigh Palmarez

June 13, 2014

Unknown cause

Given by parents John and April Palmarez

Garrison Penley

March 10, 2012

Callen Penley

October 5, 2012

Given by mommy Kelsie Penley

Christian Perez

Given by mommy Ana Guzman

Margot Lily Perry

Stillborn June 10, 2013

Cord accident

Gifts given by

Parents Brandon and Marisa Perry
and siblings Adeline and Bennett
Grammie Marie Perry
The Home Depot Foundation
Amanda Hulse
Stacey Hyytiainen
Jennifer Perkins
Mary Lorentz

Baby Pinales

Miscarried December 2, 2014

Given by mommy Abigail Enriquez

Allison Nicole Polley

Stillborn August 5, 1991

Heart defect

Baby Polley I

Miscarried May 1990

Baby Polley II

Miscarried October 1991

Given by parents Gina and Mike Polley
and siblings Allyssa, Bradley,
Josh and Zach

Owen Matthew Ray

April 7, 2014

Given by mommy Amy Ray

Hannah Reis

February 6-8, 2007

Trisomy 18

Parents: Anthony and Kristien Ries

Given in Memory of:

Harold Reis (Hannah's Grandfather)

August 13, 1949 - August 13, 2014

Gifts given by

Lynd High School, Class of 1960
Staff at South Dakota State Historical
Society
Pete and Marge Petersen
Leroy and Carolyn Kropenske
Charles Sisk
Mel and Delrose Stadick
Brian and Leah Lappe
Terry and Cordell Ries
Bob and Jean Kusser,
Jessica, Zach, Josh, And Alisha
Scott and Kim Nielsen, Tyler and Ashley
John Nielsen
Richard Nielsen
Denise and children

Greg Joseph Roberts

September 8-18, 2011

Placental abruption

Given by parents Ricky and Leslie Roberts
and sister Kendall

Roslynn Grace Rodas

September 2-23, 2013

CDH

Given by mommy Kristen Rodas

Michael Noah Rodriguez

November 21, 2011

Nicholas Michael Rodriguez

June 9, 2012

Incompetent cervix

Parents: Jessica and Joseph Rodriguez

Given by grandparent Eflen Torres

Elena Marie Rusert

May 23, 2011

Premature

Gifts given by

Parents Michael and Tina Rusert
and brothers Liam and Asher
Sharmila McDonald

Ginger Sandoval

September 25, 2011 at 22 weeks

Chromosomal abnormalities

Given by parents Keith and Katherine Sandoval
and brothers Kegan, Kastle and Kanon

Joseph Andrew Santillan-Castillo

October 2-3, 2008

Given by mommy Rosie Castillo

James Dylan Schultz

Given by Kristen Schultz

Jane Brady Scott

June 23, 2014

PROM/Possible infection

Given by mommy Elizabeth Phy

Lauren Ashley Scott

Stillborn June 23, 2009
Given by parents Troy and Emily Scott

Luke Anthony Sehmel

Stillborn January 19, 2013, at 24 weeks
Unknown cause

Baby Sehmel #3

Miscarried February 2014, at 9 weeks
Given by parents John and Rachel Sehmel
and sister Noelle Joy

Camilla Rose Serna

January 6, 2014
Given by mommy Melissa Serna

Carson Michael Shaw

Stillborn April 1, 1999
Unknown cause
Given by parents Aimee and Randy Shaw
and siblings Blake and Brooke

Clara Yvonne Shillingford

January 3, 2014
Given by mommy Nichelle Shillingford

Jordan Marie Sims

Stillborn November 10, 2006
Unknown cause
Given by parents Troy and D'Anna Sims
and siblings Jacob and Julia

Shelby Elizabeth Sims

Stillborn January 28, 2013
Cord accident
Given by parents Wes and Sarah Sims
and sisters Charlotte and Ellery

Rylan Elizabeth Slate

October 17-20, 2008
Unknown cause
Given by parents Daniel and Kristah Slate
and siblings Camden, Everett,
Anna Claire and Owen

Mindy and Maggie Smith

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

Sydney Smith

Given by mommy Karen Smith

Ryder Owen Spears

Stillborn July 13, 2013
Cord accident
Given by parents Richard and Lindsey Spears

Savannah Kate Stanley

January 3, 2004
Premature/incompetent cervix

Baby Stanley

November 10, 2004
Gifts given by
Parents Joel and Calli Stanley
and siblings Colton, Danika and Sara
Karina Novak
Tim O'Brien
Scott O'Brien

Scarlet Quinn Stark

April 3, 2014
Given by mommy Laura Pennington Stark

Chrissie Peyton Steen

Miscarried May 3, 2000
Ectopic pregnancy
Given by parents Lynn and Mary Steen
and brothers John, William and Michael

Harrison James Sturdevant

February 6, 2014
Gifts given by
Mommy Kristen Sturdevant
Mike and Jane Beltz

Mariah Aliyah Tafola

August 26, 2012
Given by mommy Cindy Amaya

Jordan Tschoepe

Miscarried August 1, 1999
Spencer Charles Tschoepe
Stillborn July 24, 2000
Unknown cause
Given by parents Ernie and Mandy Tschoepe
and siblings Clara, Kathleen
and Bennett

Case Foster Thomas

August 29, 2012
Placental abruption
Gifts given by
Parents Cody and Elizabeth Thomas
Case Energy Services, LLC

Jayden Thomas

April 22-23, 2012
Premature
Given by parents Brandon and Tenya Thomas
and little sister Zoe

Mordecai Kingston Thomas

Miscarried May 6, 2014
Given by mommy Christina Thomas

Connor Eugene Tidman

Stillborn April 21, 2010
Unknown cause
Parents: Geoff and Rachel Tidman
Brother: Caleb
Gifts given by
Gilbert and Susan Tidman
Gerene Boverman

David James Vance

December 16, 2013—February 1, 2014
Sepsis
Given by parents Jennifer and Mike Vance

Samiyah Valerie

Given by Uncle Curtis Clay

Burt and Sheniqua Vialpando

January 16, 2014
Premature
Mommy: Sheniqua Vialpando
Given by Lynn and Mary Steen

Baby Boy Waeger

Stillborn June 18, 2013
Omphalocele
Anderson Fisher Waeger
Stillborn August 30, 2014
Given by parents Andrew and Kimberly Waeger
and brother Aiden

Alivia Elizabeth-Grace Walker

July 24, 2006
Incompetent cervix
Given by parents Robert and Liz Walker
and siblings Jaxson and Lauryn

Emily June Watson

June 29, 2013
Premature at 22 weeks
Given by parents Duane and Jen Watson

Christian Graham Wells

July 11, 2010
Unknown cause
Parents: Glen and Mitzi Wells
Siblings: Michael and Maya
Given by G.W. Air Services

Baby Wheeler

Miscarried March 2009
Michael Noah Wheeler
Stillborn January 27, 2010
Unknown cause
Abigail Mercy Wheeler
Miscarried June 3, 2014
Cystic hygroma
Given by parents Jim and Larissa Wheeler
and sister Julianne
Aunt Jennifer Wheelbarger

Mercy Elizabeth Whitfield

September 9-21, 2011
Trisomy 13
Given by parents
Allison D'Auteuil and Rodney Whitfield
and siblings Grace and Justice

Jacob Martin Wilhite

April 25, 2012
Incompetent cervix
Gifts given by
Parents David and Kessi Wilhite
and brother Caleb
Grandparents Randy and Libby Nitschke

Grant Michael Williams

September 30 - October 8, 2005
Cord Prolapse
Given by parents Chris and Ruth Williams
and siblings Jack and Grace

Marcus John Willie

Stillborn March 24, 2012
Cystic cord
Given by parents Vernon and Kim Willie
and little sister Sheila

M.E.N.D. gratefully acknowledges these gifts of love given in memory of a baby, relative, friend, or given by someone just wanting to help. These donations help us to continue M.E.N.D.'s mission by providing this newsletter and other services to bereaved parents free of charge. Please refer to page 2 of this newsletter for more information regarding where to send your donations and what information to include.

Thank you so much!

Arie Witt

November 5, 2013
Unknown cause
Parents: Mike and Candice Witt
Gifts given by
 Pamela Killian
 Roberta and John Causley

Jax Edward Yerg

Stillborn June 28, 2013
Unknown cause
Given by parents Bryan and Stephanie Yerg

Adrian Joseph "AJ" Zuckerman

Stillborn March 30, 2007
Cord accident
Gifts given by
 Parents Al and Amber Zuckerman
 and brothers Eli and Alexander
 Grandmother Susan Beaver
 Paul Goyne
 Traci Peterson
 Michelle Crim
 Leah Caffey
 Jane Gartenhaus

Gifts of Support

Second Baptist Church, Springfield, MO
West Conroe Baptist Church, Conroe, TX
New York Life
Amanda Wright
Maike Zinterl
Amanda Wright
Michelle Cramer/On Angels Wings

Blessings

M.E.N.D. has been so blessed during these last few months with support being received from multiple areas.

Thank you to all those who supported during the North Texas Day of Giving. The total donation given to M.E.N.D. was \$6,771, plus we will receive bonuses from Communities Foundation of Texas, and matching grants from a number of the businesses and companies of our donors. It was a great opportunity to raise support and awareness for M.E.N.D. not just in North Texas, but all over the country as supporters donated to M.E.N.D.

M.E.N.D. received another blessing from the Bryan/College Station chapter's push to win the KBTX and Caldwell Country Cares grant of \$1,000.



Jennie Drude receiving check for \$1,000 from KBTX and Caldwell Country Cares



Brittany Fish, Shannon Outen, Brea Darnell, Amber Zuckerman, DaLana Barsanti at the North Texas Giving Day

Bryan/College Station Balloon Release

M.E.N.D.—Bryan College/Station spent a moment to remember our babies by releasing almost 300 balloons this year at our 4th Annual Balloon Release. Around 150 people attended to remember 45 babies. Scott and White Hospital's new Prayer Garden was the perfect venue for our event as they have a special statue specifically in memory of babies gone too soon.



Releasing the balloons



Meredith McNeil holding a balloon for Baby Girl McNeil.



Max and Mollie Drude writing notes to Stella and Dharma in heaven



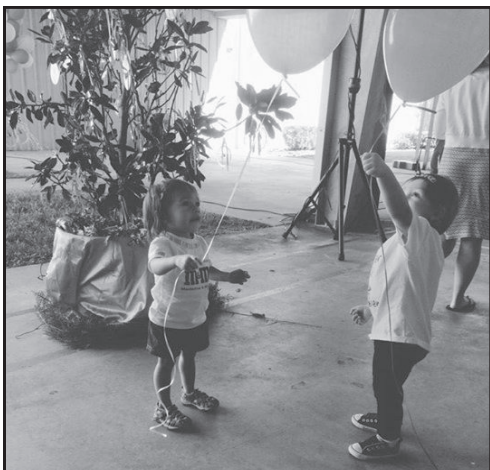
Kaidyn Jamiel releasing a butterfly in loving memory of her twin Kaiya Dawn

Houston Walk to Remember

M.E.N.D.—Houston had a extremely successful Walk to Remember on October 4. Almost 700 people remembered the sweet lives of 170 babies who have touched our hearts so deeply. A special thanks to all the volunteers pictured below for their hard work. Without them, the Walk would not have been possible. I would also like to thank all of our sponsors listed below, everyone who gave to the Walk and to everyone who participated in our silent auction.



Chris Jones and Shana Polasek singing at the Walk



Emma holding a balloon for her brother Luke, and Cassie holding a balloon for her sister Madeline

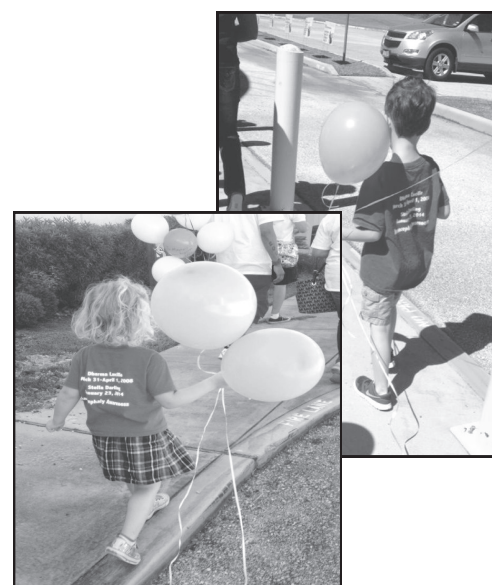


Houston Walk to Remember Volunteers
Back Row: Leslie Roberts, Chiara Ott, Stormy Mitchell, Kessi Wilhite, Kara Chapman, Stefanie Miller, Jennie Drude and Merle Johnson
Front Row: Bev Whigham, Amanda Harrison, Kimberly Adams, Kim Gil and Marianna Horowitz

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Houston Museum of Natural Science
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Case Energy Services, LLC
Houston IMPROV
Santikos eaters
Houston Astros
Houston Rockets



Molli and Max Drude walking in memory of Stella and Dharma



Subsequent Births

Micah and Rebecca Thurlow,
of Bedford, Texas,

along with big brother, Joel,
announce the arrival of
Andrew Micah,
born August 28, 2014,
measuring 7 lb., 3 oz.,
and 20.5 inches long.

The Thurlows lovingly remember
William Robert,
stillborn January 25, 2007,
unknown cause

Richard and Katrina Pound,
of Arlington, Texas,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Judith Aixa,
born September 24, 2014,
measuring 7 lb., 15 oz.,
and 21 inches long.

The Pounds lovingly remember
Amos Arthur,
June 30, 2013,
birth defect

Micheal and Kathy Willis,
of Tulsa, Oklahoma,
along with big brothers
Taylor, Brody, and Jackson,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Luke Mikah,
born September 15, 2014,
measuring 5 lb., 12 oz.,
and 19.5 inches long.

The Willis family lovingly remembers
Baby Baylee,
miscarried September 30, 2013

Jake and Joanna Bennett,
of Fox Island, Washington,
along with big sister, Charlee,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Lila Mae,
born August 13, 2014,
measuring 10 lb., 15 oz.,
and 20 inches long.

The Bennetts lovingly remember
Baby Bennett I,
miscarried March 2012,
Baby Bennett II,
miscarried March 2013,
Baby Bennett III,
miscarried October 2013

Corey and Tammy Wood,
of Forney, Texas,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Madalyn Grace,
born August 18, 2014,
measuring 6 lb.,
and 19.5 inches long.

The Woods lovingly remember
Lola Grace,
stillborn July 1, 2013,
unknown cause,
and Baby Wood,
miscarried February 16, 2006

Christopher and Elizabeth Kelly,
of Claremore, Oklahoma,
along with big sister Emery,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Kenson Nathaniel,
born October 3, 2014,
measuring 6 lb., 8 oz.,
and 17 3/4" long.

The Kelly family lovingly remembers
Chadden Tyler,
miscarried September 1, 2013,
maternal lupus causing
placenta blood clot

Michael and Amanda Holt,
of Hooks, Texas,
along with siblings Jonas and Josie,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Priscilla Grace,
born June 9, 2014,
measuring 8 lb, 1 oz,
and 20.5 inches long.

The Holts lovingly remember
Baby Holt,
miscarried January 9, 2006,
and Delila Katherine,
stillborn February 14, 2011,
cord accident

Kenneth and Gabrielle Davis,
of College Station, Texas,
along with siblings Cody, Owen,
Claire, Kate and Nathan,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Jacob "Jake" Dean,
born June 12, 2014,
measuring 7 lb., 12 oz.,
and 20.75 inches long.

The Davises lovingly remember
Caroline Elizabeth Ann,
December 29, 2012-
March 27, 2013,
Trisomy 13

Kris and Beth Mitchell,
of Spring, Texas,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Kaleb Jennings,
born October 4, 2013,
measuring 7 lb., 13 oz.,
and 20.75 inches long.

The Mitchells lovingly remember
Parker Houston,
stillborn November 26, 2011,
and Baby Mitchell,
miscarried May 20, 2012

**Elliott Boswell and
Andrea Stephens Ball,**
of Burlington, Wisconsin,
along with siblings
Justin, Zoe, Dokota,
America, Jeremy and Jonathan,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Elliott William, Jr.,
born May 25, 2014,
measuring 5 lb., 7 oz.,
and 18 inches long.

The family lovingly remembers
Jett Josiah,
February 25—March 9, 2010,
renal failure

Sam and Jenae Bowmer,
of Fort Worth, Texas,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Evelin Jean,
born September 23, 2014,
measuring 8 lb., 1 oz.,
and 21.5 inches long.

The Bowmers lovingly remember
Levi Samuel,
April 19, 2013,
Trisomy 13 and
Tetralogy of Fallot with absent
pulmonary valve

Tim and Melissa Oberlender,
of Irving, Texas,
along with big sister Grace Ann,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Wilhelm George
born September 26, 2014,
measuring 6 lb., 3 oz.,
and 19.5 inches long.

The Oberlenders lovingly remember
Baby Oberlender,
stillborn December 19, 2011,
and Babies Oberlender,
miscarried May 2012

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