Support Group Meeting Schedule

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

All Meetings 7:30 – 9 p.m. Davis Hospital Classroom 1 McKay-Dee Hospital Classroom 2

• March 7 • Davis Hospital My support system/resources

> • March 20 • Mckay-Dee Hospital *How loss changes you*

> • April 4 • Davis Hospital Subsequent pregnancy

• April 17 • Mckay-Dee Hospital *Fear*

• May 2 • Davis Hospital Mother's Day craft

• May15 • Mckay-Dee Hospital *Taking care of you*

If you wish, please bring a memory item of your baby to share. (Pictures, stuffed animal, poem, etc.) For more information about support meetings, please visit www.utahshare.org

Due to limited resources, Utah Share only mails out a hard-copy newsletter to parents who experienced a recent loss. For the next edition of the bi-monthly newsletter, visit www.utahshare.org/newsletter to view the online version or download and print off a copy. 1

BABIES WHO HAVE TOUCHED OUR

Baby Rawlins December 3, 2012

Toby Ryder Boss December 12, 2012

Andrew James Fredericks December 19, 2012

> Aliya Anne Biehn December 20, 2012

Sydney Kate Staley December 21, 2012

Kannon RyKer Harris October 4, 2012 – December 24, 2012

Diesel Tarinelli December 18, 2012 – December 25, 2012

Lemhi Martinez December 26, 2012

Remington James Smith February 2, 2012 – December 26, 2012 Devin Cru Baird December 28, 2012

Sophia Anne Brower December 28, 2012

Miller Jason Stanger December 28, 2012

Justin Ian Eccles January 1, 2013

Mikel Odin Duran September 23, 2012 – January 5, 2013

Samuel Peter Costello January 6, 2013

Hartlee Marie Matue January 11, 2013

> **Jason Harrison** January 13, 2013

Emily Price January 15, 2013

Joshua David Wade January 23, 2013 **Rustie Deanna Ware** January 25, 2013

Rylee Gizelle George January 31, 2013

Parker Corey Davis January 31, 2013

Ava Kayleen Elsmore February 6, 2013

Lexie A. Campbell February 8, 2013

GiGi Hemond February 10, 2013

Jacob Wayne Fawbush February 11, 2013

> **Trey O. Zuech** February 12, 2013

Abigail Brown February 13, 2013

Windland Brown February 13, 2013

Utah Share Parent Sharing

Each month we ask parents who have lost a child a question through our Utah Share Facebook group that relates to their child and what it is like to be the parent to an angel. This month, we asked parents:

"What hobbies, interests, projects or activities have you taken up since your loss? Has it helped you to grow? Did it make you feel better? Or has it just been a very useful distraction?"

 \bullet Danielle H. ~ I have started playing the piano since I lost my baby.

While I was pregnant with him I loved listening to my dad play the piano and my dad and I decided that the baby loved music. After I lost my baby I figured that had just been my imagination and it wasn't real. But then one day, while listening to a beautiful piece of music, it came to me that it was real. My baby did love music and he would be proud of me as I learned to play the piano.

So, even though I wasn't planning on learning to play the piano I decided that I would. It's a good way for me to honor my baby and feel close to him.

• Natalie C. ~ I started writing a blog a little less than a year after my son was born stillborn.

Although I started it to write about all of my adventures as a stay-at-home mom, I have found that it has been a very therapeutic way for me to deal with my loss. I don't write about my angel baby very often, but when I do I feel liberated.

I think the topic of pregnancy and infant loss is one that people shy away from, yet they long to know how it feels to experience a loss. My blog has helped me write about what it has been like for me and has allowed outsiders a glimpse into that very difficult chapter of my life.

Remembering you is easy, I do it every day, but there's an ache within my heart that will never go away.

NEWS & EVENTS

Running with Angels 5K Run/Walk In support of Women's and Children's Services Angel Watch program at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center, Orem Community Hospital, and American Fork Hospital

> Saturday, May 18, 2013 Race begins at 8 a.m. Thanksgiving Point Garden, Lehi, Utah

This run is inspired and hosted by author and inspirational speaker Pam Hansen. Read about Pam's amazing story of turning personal tragedy into triumph in the book "Running with Angels".

Come enjoy a run/walk through the beautiful gardens at Thanksgiving Point. Start/Finish line will be in the parking lot near the Children's Garden entrance.

Registration includes T-shirt, water bottle, food and drinks at the finish, and giveaways. Although times will be recorded and posted, medals will be given only for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall.

All participants over the age of two should be registered and wearing a bib number. Strollers are allowed.

For more information or to register visit: www.runningwithangels.com and click on race info.



June 29, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. in West Bountiful, Utah

The Race for Grief was started by running coach Lora Erickson, aka the "Blonde Runner," in memory of her angel daughter Samantha.

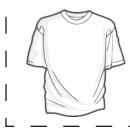
Erickson started the race as a way to honor her daughter's memory as well as bring community members together to help others through the grieving process.

The event is not limited to those who have lost babies or children. Erickson would like to invite anyone who has ever lost someone (a husband, wife, parent, sister, brother or grandparent) to attend in the memory of their loved one.

"When you have lost someone, you never forget them," Erickson wrote on www. raceforegrief.com. "This is a day to honor their memory and come together to celebrate their life no matter how long."

The Race for Grief will raise funds to support local grieving programs like Caring Connections and Utah Share.

Visit www.raceforgrief.com for more information and to register.



Reminder - Pick up Your Walk to Remember Shirts

There are still many 2012 Walk to Remember shirts/sweatshirts that have not been picked up yet. If you have not received your order, please contact Missy at 801-725-9303 as soon as possible to arrange to pick up your shirts.

Trial by Fire - 9 Tips for Grieving Couples

by Lisa Church

You will often hear that grief and loss bring couples together,

but it can actually do just the opposite. It is possible to emerge on the other side of grief with a closer marriage, but it does take work.

Here are some tips adapted from the book "Hope is Like the Sun: Finding Hope and Healing After Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Infant Death" that can help your marriage survive the stress of loss:

1. Give each other the freedom to grieve in an individual way.

Resist the temptation to feel that your way is the only way to handle loss. Do not be fooled if it seems that your spouse has not been affected by the loss.

2. Remember the good times.

Think about activities you enjoy as a couple and make time to do them even if you do not feel up to it yet.

3. Expect tough times.

Be tolerant with your mate and understand that you are both going to fail each other during this turbulent time.

4. Do not lash out at one another.

In a weakened state of grief, this will only push you apart. Find constructive ways to release the stress and anger or grief.

5. Prepare for change.

Loss and grief change people and it will change the face of your marriage. Decide together that this trial will bring you closer and commit to your relationship.

6. Reach out.

Resist the urge to spend time away from your mate or reach out to others who better understand your grief.

7. Avoid placing blame.

Tossing accusations at your spouse will only place a wedge in your relationship. Understand that feelings of guilt, anger, and confusion are normal during this time.

8. Love each other.

Be sure to offer the hugs, cuddling, and love that each partner needs to feel secure and supported. Be sure to resume your physical relationship as soon as possible.

9. Seek information and support.

Educate yourselves on grief and try to understand one another. If you are having difficulties resolving your grief as a couple and you feel your marriage is in trouble, get help immediately! Do not wait until it is too late to seek help.

There are no easy answers for couples dealing with pregnancy loss. It is crucial that you make the decision to put your marriage first and then do it!



"If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together. There is something you must always remember.

You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.

But the most important thing is, even if we're apart. I'll always be with you." \sim Winnie the Pooh (A.A. Milne)

Grief

You don't get over ít You just get through it You don't get by it Because you can't get around it It doesn't just "get better" It just gets different Every day... Grief puts on a new face.

Wendy Feiereisen Grief©2005®



LIKE A SUNBEAM AND FOR A BRIEF MOMENT ITS GLORY AND BEAUTY BELONG TO OUR WORLD. BUT THEN IT FLIES AGAIN AND THOUGH WE WISH IT COULD HAVE STAYED... WE FEEL LUCKY TO HAVE SEEN IT.

~AUTHOR UNKNOWN~

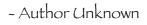
What a Grieving Mother Really Thinks

~Kelly Cummings

Hello, Old Friend, Oh, yes, you know I lost my child a while ago. No, no please Don't look away And change the subject It's ok. You see, at first I couldn't feel, It took so long, but now it's real. I hurt so much inside you see I need to talk. Come sit with me? You see, I was numb for so very long, And people said, "My, she is so strong." They did not know I couldn't feel, My broken heart made all unreal. But then one day, as I awoke I clutched my chest, began to choke, Such a scream, such a wail, Broke from me... My child! My child! The horror of reality. But everyone has moved on, you see, everyone except for me. Now, when I need friends most of all, Between us there now stands a wall. My pain is more than they can bear, When I mention my child, I see their blank stare. "But I thought you were over it," Their eyes seem to say, No, no, I can't listen to this, not today. So I smile and pretend, and say, "Oh, I'm ok". But inside I am crying, as I turn away. And so my old friend, I shall paint on a smile, As I have from the start, You never knowing all the while, All I've just said to you in my heart.



Angels are Forever



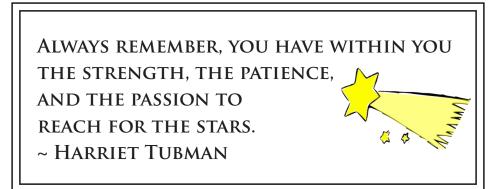
We were chosen to become the family of a very special child. Who would come to earth from Heaven and visit for a while. There are mothers who give birth to babies, too good for this world of men.

They touch our lives for a moment, then travel Home again. This was to become our destiny. And, Why? We need not know. For a parents greatest gift is to nurture and love a child with a perfect soul.

Our baby was born an Angel and stopped to pause this way, Blessing us with sunshine, as we thanked the Lord each day. Our child was like a ray of perfection and could not journey long, The source of power being God Himself, quietly called our Angel Home.

As we walk in Springtime meadows, with nature posing all around, We see the beauty of our little one in every sight and sound.

Whenever I gaze at this beautiful world, or look at a blue sky above, I know that Angels are Forever Warming our hearts with their light and love.



Tiny Footprints

"These are my footprints, so perfect and so small. These tiny footprints never touched the ground at all.

Not one tiny footprint, for now I have wings. These tiny footprints were meant for other things.

You will hear my tiny footprints, in the patter of the rain. Gentle drops like angel's tears, of joy and not from pain.

You will see my tiny footprints, in each butterflies' lazy dance. I'll let you know I'm with you, if you just give me the chance.

You will see my tiny footprints, in the rustle of the leaves. I will whisper names into the wind, and call each one that grieves.

Most of all, these tiny footprints, are found on Mommy and Daddy's hearts. 'Cause even though I'm gone now, We'll never truly part." 7



Utah Share Newsletter March/April 2013 Edition Birthdays In Memory Of



It's been 3 years since a new star joined the heavens.

I will always remember you baby boy and how much we wanted you and never got the chance.

We can't wait to meet you one day. Love from Mom, Dad and your two brothers here on



Earth.

The Miller Family. March 8, 2010

'Aulani Elizabeth Baron March 25, 2011
Happy 2nd Birthday sweetheart! I can't believe you and your brother and sister will be 2 years old! We miss and love you so much and cannot wait until we can see your sweet face again!

Love your eternal family, Mommy, Daddy, Conner, and Emma

Happy 5th Angel Day Tysson Scott Chavez, We miss you everyday! March 23, 2008 Happy Birthday my baby girl Gracelyn!! 4/3/07



I can't believe you would be 6 years old already! Thank you for all the little signs to show me you are near me. You seem to know when I need it most. I hope you'll visit in my dreams again soon! Mommy loves and misses you so much. Forever in my heart, Mommy

Happy 1st Birthday to our sweet baby Emery. We miss you so much and not a day goes by that we don't think about you. We love you and wish you were here with us to celebrate your 1st birthday!

Love, Mom, Dad, Lexi, Addie, Ellie and Harrison Your last breath was within me, a priviledge so dear I wanted so much to keep you but I couldn't hold you here You never took a breath or lived to see the stars But you were no less real than Mommy's "battle scars" I may not watch you growing But you're never really gone Fore, as long as my heart is beating Your memory lives on



In Loving Memory of Klaas Jacob "K.J." VanZweden March 10, 2011 Happy 2nd Birthday Little Man From Mommy, Daddy, Grandma, Papa, Great Grandma, and Asher

Kenley Sarah Thompson March 23, 2011

Happy 2nd Angel Day, Kenley! We love you so much Peanut! Miss you every day!

Love, Mommy, Daddy, and Little Sister Lindsay 8



Birthdays In Memory Of



Happy 4th Birthday Zoe!

We love & miss you lots... can't wait for the day we get to hold you, hug you, and kiss your sweet little face again!

Love Your Eternal Family, Mom, Dad, Quincie, Jovie, & Ike

> Luca Deon Clemens April 22, 2010





Happy Birthday baby boy! I can't believe you would be three years old. I can't wait until I get to see you again.

My arms ache to hold you and your brothers can't wait to play with you.

We will never forget you! Love, Mom



Zoey Brenlyn Zollinger 3-5-03 Ten Years Without You



The time with you was all too brief Ten years have passed but we still grieve Missing you is still very strong Although the years have come and gone Your memory is deep within out hearts Until the day we are no longer apart ~Unknown

We wish we were celebrating 10 years with you here. We love you so much and miss you everyday!

Love, Mom, Dad, Ryan, Emmy, Owen, and Quincy

It's been two long years and I still think of you every day. Happy Angelversary my sweet boy. March 23, 2011 We all miss you! Love, Mommy, Daddy



Joy Simpson December 19, 2012 5 pounds 5 ounces 19 inches

Joy is welcomed by her parents Joe and Katie, and by her sisters Grace, June, and Lucy. Joy is watched over by her big brother Eli.



* Jamie Jaques donation in memory of Alaina Lynn Jaques.

* Melissa and Matt Russell donation in memory of Abigail Noelle Russell.

* Luddington Orthodontics for all the years they have been ordering alginate for us.

* Aunt Janet donation in memory of Addison JoAnn Woffinden.

* Julia Walker donation in memory of Layten Kyle Walker.

* Jenn Zollinger donation in memory of her daughter Zoev Brenlyn Zillinger.

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* Audrey Rogers donation in memory of Layten Kyle Walker.

* Cathy Kendall for the Thank you cards.

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* Preston Boss for his Eagle Scout project done in memory of his brother Toby Ryder Boss.

* Jaimee Lloyd and Project Easton donation in memory of Easton Carl Lloyd.

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* Becky Lewis and Barbara Parry donation in memory of Mary Clara Lewis.

* Christine Damitz donation in memory of her daughter Lily Damitz.

* JaLynn Larsen donation in memory of her daughter JacLynn Larsen.

* Natalie Clemens donation in memory of her son Luca Deon Clemens.

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* Missy Katsanevas donation in memory of her son Matthew Bill Katsanevas.



* Heidi James donation in memory of her daughter Ila May James.

* Kris Zaugg donation in memory of her grandaughter Jacie Zaugg.

* Liliana Macarena Rodriguez Marchant and Taryn Wood for getting the Utah Share Facebook Support (Spanish) page up and running. If you speak Spanish go check it out or if you know someone who would benefit from the Spanish page let them know! It is a closed group.

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Mother's Day Craft

This year in memory of our angels we will be making a mother's nest charm necklace. Our craft night will be held Thursday, May 2 at 7:30 pm, at Davis Hospital in classroom 1, in place of the support group meeting that night.



The nest necklaces hold birthstones representing each child. Feel free to order a bead for each of your heavenly and earthly children. Wire is laced through each bead connecting them infinitely. Please bring jewelry pliers if you have them - needle nose pliers will work as well.

Sample picture represents four children. Bead size, clarity and shape will vary.



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Our Mission

The mission of Share Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support, Inc. is to serve those whose lives are touched by the tragic death of a baby through pregnancy loss, stillbirth or in the first few months of life.

The primary purpose is to provide support toward positive resolution of grief experienced at the time of, or following the death of a baby. This support encompasses emotional, physical, spiritual, and social healing, as well as sustaining the family unit.

The secondary purpose of Share is to provide information, education, and resources on the needs and rights of bereaved parents and siblings. The objective is to aid those in the community, including family, friends, employers, members of the congregation, caregivers, and others in their supportive role.

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