

About the MISS Foundation

“There is no greater tragedy, no more devastating human experience,
than the death of a beloved child.”

Joanne Cacciatore, Founder

More than 120,000 children die every year in the United States. Of those, more than 80% die before their first birthday. Grief-stricken mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles, grandparents and siblings are overwhelmed by the gravity of the experience, often not knowing where to turn for help or how to cope. In some cases, bereaved parents are unable to provide for the emotional, psychological, physical, and economic needs of the family.

Our MISSion

Founded in Phoenix, Arizona in 1996, the MISS Foundation is a volunteer-based, nonprofit, 501(c)3 corporation that provides immediate and ongoing services, support, and resources to grieving parents, children, and families when a child has died or is facing death; risk management programs to decrease infant mortality and improve maternal health; empowerment through community volunteerism; economic assistance; public policy analyses and legislative call-to-actions; and educational opportunities for professional disciplines in the field.

Our Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors is a merging of professionals in the field, including physicians, nurses, mental health professionals, and public service officials, with family members from diverse religious, socio-economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds who have all experienced child death.