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Honoring Ofelia's 4th Anniversary

Dear Elizabeth House Staff and Residents,

You don't know us, but we are Cristina and Ron Archibeque. Four years ago today, we lost our first beautiful child, Ofelia Grace, from complications at 36 weeks. While Ofelia only lived for three hours, she still remains alive in our hearts and minds. We would give anything to have her here with us today celebrating her 4th Birthday, however, we know that she is always with us, watching over us as our little Guardian Angel.



It is our wish to have Ofelia's spirit live on in the lives of family, friends, colleagues and even strangers. In that "spirit", we started a tradition of giving a gift basket of baby items to the family of the first baby born on August 23rd. For her first and third anniversary, we worked with Chandler Hospital, where Ofelia was born. Last year we donated to a family who gave birth at Banner Good Samaritan Hospital, as this is where our 2nd child, Emiterio Angel, was born on April 21, 2009. We are so blessed to have Emit in our lives and therefore we wanted to recognize his birthplace as well. This year we wanted to do

something a little different and work with Maggie's Place, as we truly believe in the mission and the good work you are doing for expectant mothers and their children in need. We thought working specifically with the Elizabeth House would be appropriate as we are residents of Tempe and members of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. This "random act of kindness" comes from the Kindness Project, created by the MISS Foundation.

The MISS Foundation was founded by Joanne Cacciatore in our very own state of Arizona. The MISS Foundation

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"Grief knits two hearts in closer bonds than happiness ever can, and common sufferings are far stronger links than common joys." ~ Alphonse de Lamartine

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My Promise to James

By Gina Metcalfe

I always dreamed of having a child whom I could teach how to swim and just be with them and hug them and kiss them every chance I got. I always knew how lucky I was when my dream came true when my sweet baby James Robert Metcalfe was born on Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at 7:47 am weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz., 20 inches long, with a head circumference of 40 cm. I'll never forget these perfect numbers or how I instantly fell in love with him the moment I saw him. I fell in love the moment I knew I was pregnant, but when you see your child for the very first time, there is another instant connection that is unexplainable by words -- you can only feel it.



My Sweet Baby James went to Heaven when he was 5 ½ months old due to heart failure due to unknown causes. The “Why my James?” and, “What could I have done wrong?” questions haunt me every day. But my husband gently reminds me that the question is more like “Why any child?” It’s wrong that we live in a world where children can leave this earth before their parents. It’s wrong that, in circumstances such as these, no matter how much we want to we can’t save our children’s lives. I would have and still would give anything in the world to have saved James. It still makes me so mad that there was nothing I could do to save my child. Even now, despite the many months that have passed, it’s like my body has been tricked. My mind and body look for him, aching to hold him again and it’s confused when it can’t see him, hug him, or nurture him.

But there are still other ways I can continue to care for and nurture my son. One of them, which I am so thankful for, is the Kindness Project. I have 300 cards and I’ve used 12 of them to date. One of my most recent acts was when I was driving home from work and I saw a little boy in a wheelchair being pushed by what appeared to be his Father. What truly caught my eye though was how he was facing up to the sun, eyes closed and smiling, seemingly taken it all that was good around him. I started

to drive away but my heart was telling me to turn back. I so badly wanted to do something positive for this boy. I turned around and located that they had walked into a nearby restaurant. I went to the ATM and got \$60 which I secretly gave to their server. I hoped it paid for their dinner and something nice for this incredibly sweet boy.

Where the remaining 300 acts of kindness will go, or how long it will take, or how many come after, is irrelevant. I’m so thankful to be able to do something so truly kind in memory of my precious James. It keeps me focused on something positive that James is more than

worthy of. I let my heart decide to who and when to do these positive things. I think of what it’s like on the other side and how hard it would be to watch your loved ones be so sad. And although I’d want to know I was loved and missed, I’d want them to be happy. This is not to say that so often the grief, longing and pain take hold of me. The tears drowning me in a pool of sorrow and sadness where I don’t even want to move, physically or mentally, to take the next step forward. Repeatedly though, with love, hope, time, support, and the grace of my child, I’m able to grab a hand a swim ashore once again.

When James was in the hospital he smiled at everyone. There’s not a single person that I can recall that he didn’t smile at. My family tells me this is because James only knew love. I wanted this story to be about James’ life and how it’s more than worthy of celebration and joy – a promise to my son that lives in me now. And as his life was one of kindness, love, humor, and hope, I will follow in his footsteps and honor him every day of my life until I can see and touch his beautiful face again.

For you, James. There’s not a moment I don’t think of you, love you, and miss you. I hope Mommy makes you proud. See you later, Sweetheart. Love, Mom

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Traumatic Experiences and Resiliency Study

T.E.A.R. Study Launch Phase II!

Call for open participants bereaved parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and friends who have experience the death of a child family member!

A team of researchers from Arizona State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Austin College are exploring the experiences of those aged 18 and older who have experienced the death of a child. The second wave of the study will explore the experiences of those who have experienced the deaths of other significant people such as partners, parents, siblings, grandchildren, and others.

The purpose of this study is to determine the individual, familial, and societal effects of significant loss and to improve standards of care to the bereaved and a model of compassionate caregiving and intervention that fosters resiliency at every level.

You can now participate in the T.E.A.R. Study by visiting: tearstudy.org

If you have questions about this study, please contact Dr. Joanne Cacciatore at 602-574-1000 or email at Joanne.Cacciatore@asu.edu.

The research team would like to acknowledge volunteer forum moderators with the MISS Foundation, bereaved parents, who provided invaluable feedback and aid in the development of the research tool for this study.



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Honoring Ofelia's 4th Anniversary

is a 501c3, volunteer based organization committed to providing crisis support and long term aid to families after the death of a child of any age, from any cause. The Kindness Project began in 1996 as a way for families to honor their deceased child and to help themselves heal. Now, years later, more than 1,000,000 Kindness Project cards have been used around the world to perform random acts of kindness in memory of a child, parent, friend or spouse who dies before their time. The idea is to perform random acts of kindness, usually anonymous, in one's community. A little card is left behind so that the person who benefits from the kindness knows that someone's life and death continues to matter. This beautiful movement has helped thousands of families to heal and find positive outlets for their overwhelming grief.

While our act of kindness has been planned and is not necessarily random, it holds special meaning for us in "paying it forward" and giving back in Ofelia's name. Some of the items we are donating come directly from your wish list, and are new, however, some are also clothes that we received at Ofelia's baby shower, of which she never got to wear. We have held on to them, storing them in a box, keeping them in the closet, until now. It is also healing for us to pass on these clothes to an Elizabeth House baby girl in need. We hope that the mothers and their beautiful new children who benefit from these small donated items, will be blessed with a lifetime of good health, safety and happiness.

Thank you for your time and for welcoming us into your home. We believe that this is a beautiful way for us to honor Ofelia's life and death. It means a great deal to us.

Sincerely,
Cristina and Ron Archibeque

July 27th was International Kindness Day. MISS Members honored this special day by donating clothing, food & hygiene products to Maggie's Place in honor and in memory of their children who died too soon.

"Thank you again for the wonderful donations! We are so grateful that you thought of us. It is really through the kind generosity of individual donors and organizations like the MISS Foundation that we are able to continue to serve pregnant women and their children. We are so grateful for the kindness the MISS Foundation has shown us."

Thanks again,
Brittany Allen
Director of Alumnae Outreach
Maggie's Place



This Random Act of Kindness...

*Done in Loving Memory
of our Beautiful Child*

www.missfoundation.org

*Miss Foundation's
Sacred Hearts Logo Pendant*



A beautiful gift representing the eternal love between Mother and Child. This exclusive pendant is custom made of sterling silver and hangs on your choice of a 20" or 24" chain. Now available with or without a birthstone. Orders for the Sacred Hearts Pendant can be placed on-line in our store at www.missfoundation.org. Be sure to indicate your options (i.e. birthstone month, chain size).

Pricing: Pendant w/20" chain \$60
Add birthstone add \$12
With 24" chain add \$5

Fundraising ideas to honor your children

Below is a fundraiser done on www.Causes.com, by a MISS Member in memory of his daughter.

Home Profile Causes Wishes Give

Wishes Home About Wishes Start a Causes Wish

Michael Sansone's Birthday Wish

My Birthday Wish is in honor of Dawn Marie Sansone

Like
Send
Be the first of your friends to like this.

\$525

raised for MISS Foundation

\$ Give

MICHAEL'S GOAL

100%

\$500

Dawn Marie.wmv
by webseller757

Dawn Marie Sansone

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★THE SUPERSTARS★

 \$25 FIRST TO GIVE Stop Hit and Run in Arizona	 \$120 BIGGEST DONOR Shawn Roberts Soumilas	 \$25 MOST RECENT David Gronke
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★THE SIDEKICKS★

These friends completed the 3 steps to help Michael's Wish

You're 3 steps away from being a Sidekick!

★ ALL WISH DONORS ★

 \$25 Vanessa Boffa-Forst	 \$120 Shawn Roberts Soumilas	 \$100 Kristen Sansone Shannnon	 \$10 Michele Newton
 \$10 Margaret Lynch	 \$100 Augie Sansone	 \$25 David Gronke	 \$75 Remona Onesti
 \$25 Lisa Vautrin-Davis	 \$25 Stop Hit and Run in Arizona	 \$10 Anonymous Donor	

Thank the donors

★ WISH SCOREBOARD ★

 11 Donors Give!	 1 Sidekick Share!	 10 Messages Write!
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★ WHERE THE MONEY GOES ★

My wish supports:
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The MISS Foundation is a volunteer based organization committed to providing crisis support and long term aid to families after the death of a Child, Of which I am a Member and Mentor to other Parents, After the loss of our Dawn Marie ,They supported me !! and countless other families.. Please help me support them and Thank You

Don't Tell Me

Please don't tell me you know how I feel, Unless you have lost your child too,
Please don't tell me my broken heart will heal, Because that is just not true,
Please don't tell me my daughter is in a better place,
Though it is true, I want her here with me,
Don't tell me someday I'll hear her voice, see her face,
Beyond today I cannot see, Don't tell me it is time to move on,
Because I cannot, Don't tell me to face the fact she is gone,
Because denial is something I can't stop,
Don't tell me to be thankful for the time I had, Because I wanted more,
Don't tell me when I am my old self you will be glad,
I'll never be as I was before, What you can tell me is you will be here for me,
That you will listen when I talk of my child,
You can share with me my precious memories,
You can even cry with me for a while,
And please don't hesitate to say her name,
Because it is something I long to hear every day,
Friend please realize that I can never be the same,
But if you stand by me, you may like the new person I become someday.

I'm asking for \$10, or as much as you can afford.

\$ Give

Share

🔒 Your donation is 100% secure and tax-deductible

Open Letter to all MISS Foundation Members & Volunteers by Founder, Dr. Joanne Cacciatore:



It's official – the lease has been signed and the MISS Foundation national/international headquarters will be ready for business at 77 E. Thomas Road, Suite 112 in Phoenix on September 1, 2011.

The MISS Foundation is growing exponentially. Sadly, more and more families need our help to get through life's worst tragedy.

We want to thank all of you who have openly and honestly shared your time and volunteer experiences with the MISS Foundation and our families. We are always happy to hear about what we are doing "right" in the eyes of our volunteers, and we are equally eager to hear what we can do better. Please know that your opinions and experiences, good or bad, are always welcome.

As we move forward with the growth of the MISS Foundation, I want to let you know that there will be changes to policies and procedures. Some of these changes are "non-negotiable" (per new or current IRS regulations for nonprofits), while others we will be a collaborative process whereby we invite suggestions from our volunteers. Most of the changes are occurring to satisfy IRS rules and for compliance in case of an audit. Our goal is operate in full compliance while also protecting volunteers from any legal liability.

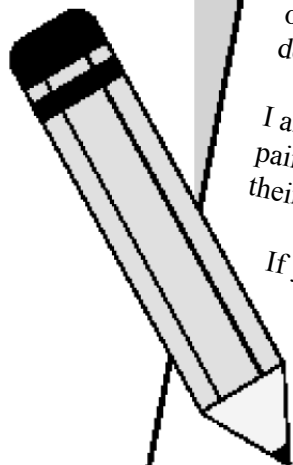
So, how does all of this affect a MISS Foundation volunteer? Well, it will affect all of us in multiple ways. In the recent eNews, we tried to outline some of the coming changes, ask for your input, and give you an idea of when to expect details on each of the growth spurts we are about to see. We ask that each of you carefully read the details outlines below and become full participants in this growth process.

I also humbly ask for your patience and trust as we forward, enduring both growing pains and successes, so that we can continue to help families suffering the loss of their beloved child.

If you have any questions, concerns, comments – I invite you to email me.

And on behalf of the Board of Directors, I sincerely thank each and every one of you for your dedication, your time, your energy, your passion – all in the honor and memory of your child(ren).

In Gratitude and In their memory,
Joanne



AUTHORS ANALYZE THE EFFECTS OF BREASTFEEDING ON SIDS RISK

“Our meta-analysis of 18 studies reveals that breastfeeding to any extent and of any duration is protective against SIDS,” write the authors of an article published in *Pediatrics* online on June 13, 2011.

There are many physical and emotional benefits of breastfeeding, including a reduced risk of postneonatal mortality. However, it is unclear whether breastfeeding specifically lowers the risk for sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). The meta-analysis described in this article was performed to quantify and evaluate the protective effect of breastfeeding against SIDS, including the influence of exclusive breastfeeding and longer breastfeeding duration, and to make a recommendation on the potential utility of breastfeeding as a strategy for reducing the risk for SIDS.

The authors searched the Ovid Medline database (January 1966 through December 2009) to collect data on breastfeeding and its association with SIDS. They identified 288 studies for review. Of these, 24 original case-control studies that provided data on the relationship between breastfeeding and SIDS were identified. The teams evaluated the eligible studies on the basis of the six criteria developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics Task Force on Positioning and SIDS for its literature review on the relationship between sleeping position and SIDS. Based on these criteria, 18 studies were identified for the meta-analysis. The authors extracted univariable and multivariable odds ratios (ORs) from each study for the different associations between breastfeeding and SIDS. A separate summary odds ratio (SOR) was calculated for the univariable and multivariable ORs.

The authors found that

- * For breastfeeding of any amount (partial or exclusive) or duration, the univariable SOR was 0.40; the multivariable pooled estimate was statistically significant at 0.55.

- * For any breastfeeding of any amount at age 2 months or older, the univariable SOR was 0.38. Because only two of the studies provided multivariable ORs, meta-analysis to obtain multivariate estimates was not performed.

- * The univariable SOR for exclusive breastfeeding of any duration was 0.27. None of these studies provided multivariable ORs for exclusive breastfeeding.

The findings suggest “that breastfeeding itself is protective and not merely a marker of other potentially protective factors,” state the authors. They conclude that “all health professionals should speak in 1 voice about the importance of breastfeeding, which now adds SIDS risk reduction to its long list of maternal and infant health benefits.”

Hauck FR, Thompson JMD, Tanabe KO, et al. 2011. Breastfeeding and reduced risk of sudden infant death syndrome: A meta-analysis. *Pediatrics* [published online on June 13, 2011]. Abstract available at <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2011/06/08/peds.2010-3000>.

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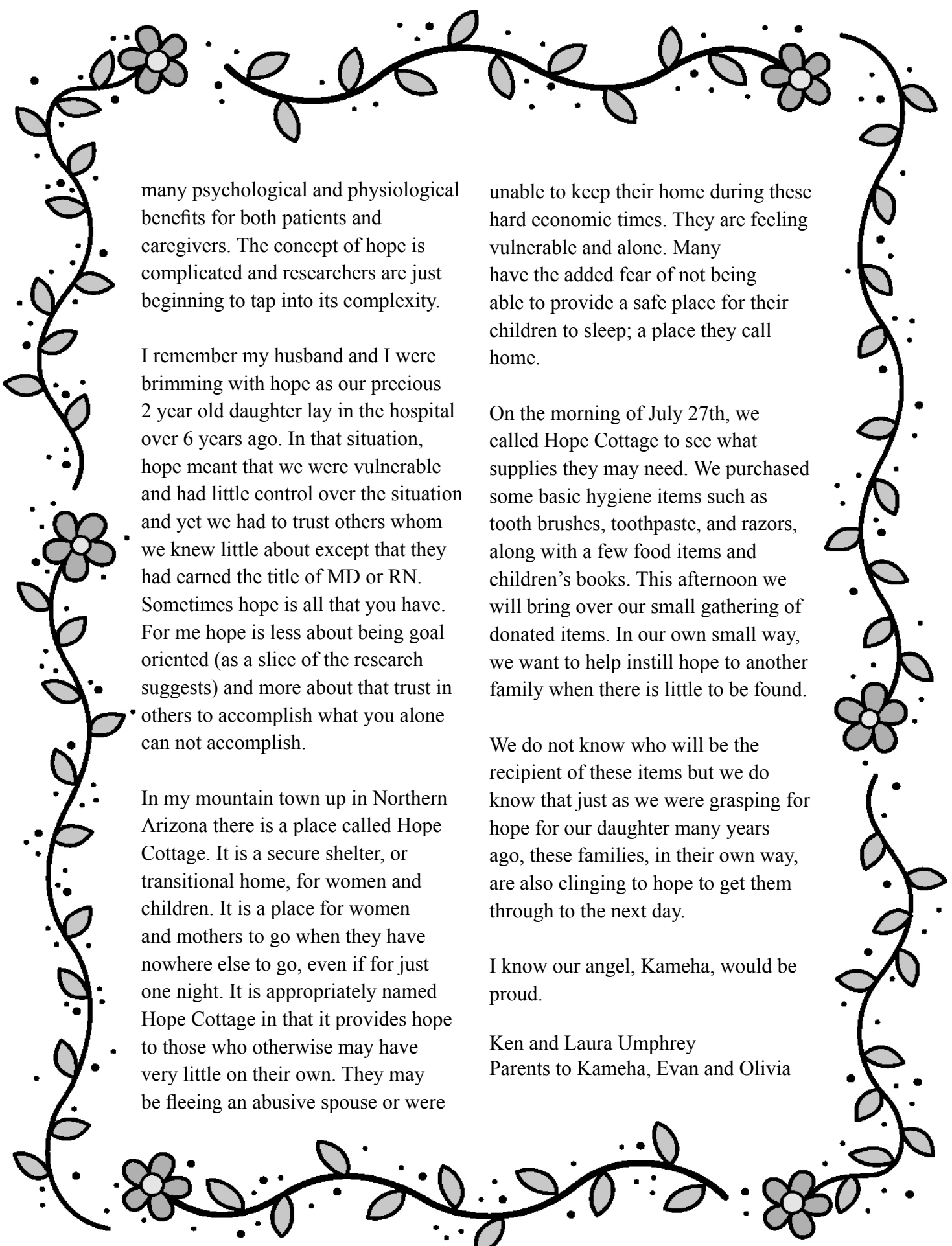
International Kindness Project: Hope Cottage

I have been struggling with what to do for International Kindness Project Day. As the day arrived, in the early hours of the morning I thought carefully about our daughter, Kameha, and our struggles without her. What our family would do for another person for our kindness act this year became clear.

On and off for the past year I have been studying the concept "hope." It's a concept that we throw around: "We hope it rains." "We hope to win the lottery." "I hope that I can beat the disease." "We hope for peace." A simple dictionary

definition of hope means "to desire something with the possibility of fulfillment." Characteristics of the concept include being future oriented. We hope for things that are to come. It is embodied in a yearning that has the ability to lift our spirits out of our dark circumstances. The desired "something" (outcome) can be positive or negative, concrete or abstract, and either for ourselves or for others. The notion of possibility can range from almost none to almost certainty. We grasp for hope when we are desperate to be out of the situation that we find ourselves in. The feeling of hope has been associated with





many psychological and physiological benefits for both patients and caregivers. The concept of hope is complicated and researchers are just beginning to tap into its complexity.

I remember my husband and I were brimming with hope as our precious 2 year old daughter lay in the hospital over 6 years ago. In that situation, hope meant that we were vulnerable and had little control over the situation and yet we had to trust others whom we knew little about except that they had earned the title of MD or RN. Sometimes hope is all that you have. For me hope is less about being goal oriented (as a slice of the research suggests) and more about that trust in others to accomplish what you alone can not accomplish.

In my mountain town up in Northern Arizona there is a place called Hope Cottage. It is a secure shelter, or transitional home, for women and children. It is a place for women and mothers to go when they have nowhere else to go, even if for just one night. It is appropriately named Hope Cottage in that it provides hope to those who otherwise may have very little on their own. They may be fleeing an abusive spouse or were

unable to keep their home during these hard economic times. They are feeling vulnerable and alone. Many have the added fear of not being able to provide a safe place for their children to sleep; a place they call home.

On the morning of July 27th, we called Hope Cottage to see what supplies they may need. We purchased some basic hygiene items such as tooth brushes, toothpaste, and razors, along with a few food items and children's books. This afternoon we will bring over our small gathering of donated items. In our own small way, we want to help instill hope to another family when there is little to be found.

We do not know who will be the recipient of these items but we do know that just as we were grasping for hope for our daughter many years ago, these families, in their own way, are also clinging to hope to get them through to the next day.

I know our angel, Kameha, would be proud.

Ken and Laura Umphrey
Parents to Kameha, Evan and Olivia

Remembering our September & October Children...



September

Abbey L. Pawelkiewicz
 Adam C. Williamson
 Addison Grace Kreklau
 Adrian Robert Lewis
 Aidan Dwight O'Brien
 Aidan J. Balderas Briones
 Ailynn Chevy De Orta
 Alec Ellson
 Alexander Kendall
 Alexander Paul Lauhon
 Alexander Scott Morin
 Alyssa Michelle Brown
 Alyssa Plummer
 Andrew McCobb Grey
 Angel StarreCrowkiller
 Annie Christine Oliver
 Anthony Josiah Tally
 Ariel Jessica Tello
 Ariel Madden-V. Buchanan
 Aryssa Brianna Rutherford
 Ashley Karin Marie Allen
 AshlynRebekkah Brooks
 Austin Earick
 Austin Scroggins
 Austine Lane McLendon
 Ava Grace Dezelic
 Azaria Daniels
 Azucena Lydia Angel Padilla
 Baby Boy Lopez
 Benjamin Elijah Nyberg
 Benjamin Scott deNormand
 Bernice Celis
 Beth Marie Stukejungen
 BinahQureshiBongiovanni
 Blake "Peanut" Cash
 Brandon D. Lane-Mullenax
 Brandon Robert Kirk
 Breckin Riis Hummel
 Brian Edward Benton
 Bridget Somers
 Britton Elise Tandy
 Brycen Randolph
 Cade Combs
 Caitlin Anne Cardany
 Carmen Andrea Cruz
 Carmen Jimenez
 Carol Michelle Mickelson
 Caylee Marie Cepero
 Chadwick File
 Charlee Branch
 Charles "Nicky" Hall

Charles Moore
 Chase Tyler Shelley
 Chloe Kiara Bennett
 Christopher Lee Milford
 Christopher T. Albergo
 Christopher Werner
 Cody LedonAlbritton
 Cody Robert Windmiller
 Cody William Charles
 Colton John Marr
 Corinna Martin
 Courtney Lynn Beisner
 DamianaSabori
 Daniel Craig Levy
 Daniel Mark Schnitzer
 Derek James
 Dianna Buckner
 Diego Frias
 DonnalynKaleiAcord
 Donnie Gonzales
 Drake Thomas Levens
 Edgar Vargas-Hernandez
 EionPadraigh Padilla
 Elijah Emerson Jeter
 Emily Amanda Dickerson
 Emily Ann Nolan
 Emily Caitlin Jared
 Emily Grace Cline
 Emily Jasmine Kurowski
 Emma Pert
 Emmanuel Ruiz
 Erika X. FajardoLedesma
 Ethan Lawrence Kinley
 Evan Manuel Lopez
 Faith Gregory
 Fallon Nicol Rhodes
 Gabriella Lynne Pirrone
 Gabrielle DeRamo
 Gavin Horn
 Geoffry Alden Price
 Hailie Nicole Katz
 Haley Marie Evans
 Hallee Lynn Klug
 Hannah Abigail Gooch
 Ian Walter
 Iban Barrera
 Isaiah Anderson
 Isaiah Ben-M. Rutlenberg
 Jace Alexander Gikas
 Jace Christopher Thomas
 Jackie Mendoza
 Jackson Aaron Smith
 Jackson P. & Andre J.Kelly
 Jacob Guerrero
 Jacob Ryan Lamb
 Jaida Grace Leighton
 Jakob Bradley Detwiler
 Jami Marie Lamendola
 Jana Sierra Alford
 Jared Mollenkopf
 Jase Allen Ambrose

Jason Michael Collins
 Jenna Lynne Eades
 Jessica Lee Soros
 Jessica Lynn Wilhelm
 Jim Jones
 John Edmund Sarna, Jr.
 John Thomas Haney
 Jordan Christopher Loomis
 Joseph Christian MacGraw
 Joseph McAdoo Jones
 Joseph Owen Lyster
 Joseph Robert Baus
 Joseph R. Finnell-Glover
 Joshua Randall Robbins
 Judy M. Jones
 Kailey Rose Williamson
 Kaitlyn Marie Benes
 Kaleo'na B. Parish-Wilson
 Kamryn Marie Schiller
 KarimeMireles
 Katelyn Hubbard
 Katelyn Miller
 Kaylee Barry
 KazmanGajdecki
 KeeleyDenae Black
 Kelly Anne Fischer
 KierrarNyborg
 Kody Lane Cobb
 Kyla Jean Potter
 Kyle Bland
 Kyle James Schriefer
 Kyla Marie Laskey
 Laura Autumn Bolton
 Lev DoronBachrad
 Levi Michael Wilson
 Logan Lillian Jepson
 Logan Simone Landry Crane
 Lucas Anthony Ruggiero
 Luke Thomas Morgan
 Lyle Heinonen
 MacaylaJohne' Morris
 MaizeeBooher
 Makena Bell
 Makenzie Lynne Pounds
 Malena Gallardo
 Marcos Daniel Martinez
 Marie DeRosaSauvageau
 Marley Cherella
 Mason Bailey Durham
 Matthew Charles Dodge
 Matthew Jacob Taylor
 Matthew James Mowen
 Matthew Lester
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 Morgan Gray Moss
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 Noah Colcord
 Nolan Erik Iseman
 Nolan McKernin
 Olivia Taylor
 Oscar Jameson Skinner
 Paul William Rao
 Payton King
 Payton Reilly King
 Peyton E. Ann Johnson
 Porter Jackson Haught
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 Reece Carter Boone
 Regina Marie Munoz
 Richard Morgan
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 Ronald Keith Parlette 3rd
 Ryan Spencer Dugan
 Ryan William Hackford
 Sabrina Bahe
 Samuel Andrew Tajc
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 Samuel Plesset Tomlinson
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 Sarah Elizabeth Reynolds
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 Tatiana Rose Swanborn
 Teagan Riley Laughlin
 Terry Nicole McGuinness
 TevitaSiasau
 Tiffany Rachelle Knight
 Tiffany Sharee Vance
 Timothy Patrick Ahearn
 Tommy Byrnes
 Treasure Isabella Escobar
 Trevor Allen Duckworth
 Tristen Michael Aders
 Tyler Lee Jones
 Veronica Burk
 Vince Peter Ferraro
 Walter William Antrim
 Westin Letter
 William "Liam" Cass
 William Cash Bagley
 Zachary Hilbert
 Zane Thomas Dugan
 Jeremiah Jarod Carey

October

Aidan Christopher Golis
Alejandro Ferrales
Alex Robles Entz
Alexandra Nina Meigs
Alexandria Dvorak
Alexis Marie Echols
Alyssa Maria Victoria
Alyssah Jane Faith Tillman
Amaani Shah Desai
Amyih Lynn Long
Andrew Moss
Angel Saldate
Angel Wolfe
Angelica Louise Ciddio
Anna Ruby Lapierre
Annette Rose Mendez
Ariana Lee Rendon
AriauneMarkee Jones
Arthur Alexander Ruble
Audrey Joy Currie
Austin Gerald Pierceson
Ava Elizabeth Nelson
Aydan M. Cooper Sisk
Ayden Lane Butler
Baby Butler
Baby Vatne
Bailey DonelleKeil
Bernardo Cortes
Bethany Hookom
Braden Jason Freiwald
Brandon Alvarez
Brandon Kent Moody
Brandon Lee Fayer
Brian Jilk
Brianna Clark
Brianna OakleighDeCarlo
Caleb David Fultz
Caleb Joseph Regenski
Cameron Riley Serna
Cardon Johansson
Carly Elizabeth Lake
Carter Leighton Maciel
Casey Joe Zimmerman
Catherine Leighton Maciel
Caupert R. Hart-Pattishall
Cecelia Olson
Charles C. H. Hopkins IV
Cheyenne Autumn Smith
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Christina Marie Aloï
Christine Holland
Christopher Conan Milke
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CitlalliBejarano
Clair Elise Mueth
Claire Elizabeth Strother
Cody James Beck
Cole Scott Embs

Colin Michael Fronczak
Collette Chang
Connor Anthony Vella
Cynthia Stahl
Dallas Nguyen
Daniel Christopher Wolfe
Daniel Rangel
David Christopher Hryszko
David Justin Synan
David Pop
David Saldate
David Thomas Fiala
Derek Joseph Sundwall
Devin Joseph Allen
Diana Campos
Dorothy R. B. Lanzalotto
Dylan Wright
Elijah Scottlee Grant
Elizabeth Hall
Emiliano M. G. Saucedo
Emily Elizabeth Szidik
Emma L. Harlan
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Ethan Joseph Schwarz
Ethan Lloyd Gereke
Faith Alyssa DeFord
Fiona Elizabeth Skinner
Gabriel Avant
Gabriel Saldate
Gage Remy Pier
Garrett Holmes
Genevieve E. Pond-Pope
Gina D'Addieco
Giovanni Rivera
Grace Victoria Mical
Grant Peyton Williams
Greyson Cole Goguen
Griffin Elizabeth Dailey
Hailey Dawn Jocelyn Knod
Harley & Hayden Jacobson
Hayden Lee Jarrell
Henry Hall
Henry Michael Williams
Hunter James Van Erem
Jacob David Baker
Jacob Johnson
Jacori Cobi Staten
Jacqueline Nicole Viets
Jagger Thomas James
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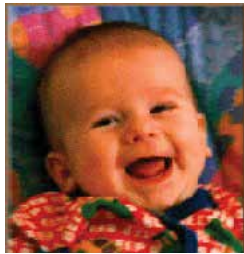
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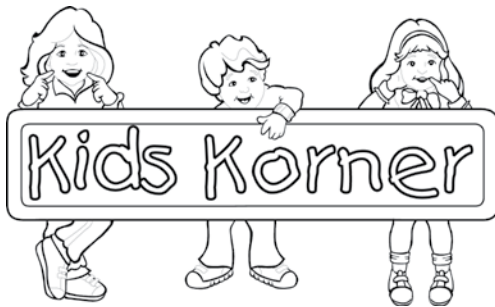


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Mommy choking back tears -- "Monkey, I don't know"

Kaycee -- "Mommy, I really wish they didn't die cause I nevered met them."

-From Teri Blanton, for her boys

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Letters From The MISS Mailbox...

Hi MISS Foundation,
Imagine my thrill when I was contacted last evening to attend the Act of Kindness Day today in Peoria and accept the backpacks for the children at A New Leaf where I Chair the WV Advisory Council. To be able to serve two of my favorite charities at once was awesome.

It was an awesome event and I told Circle K Manager Before I left "You have totally changed my opinion of Circle K." They said they were following a new business plan to serve the community. I was flabbergasted in how they handled this event and how participative they were. As I left, I gave them my card and told them "if the want to do an event in the WV, I'll help them."

The group today was just wonderful - some of them knew about A New Leaf some did not. One of them who makes simple, but lovely girls sundresses took my card as she'd like to make some for A New Leaf. She lives right in Peoria and her daughter would have been 25 so she's doing 25 of things at the moment. IN addition when she heard I was a Hospice volunteer with Hospice of AZ, she wanted to hear about our lap quilts so she's going to do that as well and maybe some special prints for children.

I am so glad to have you in my life. It is nice to know parents of children of all ages participate. Keep up the good work and I know our paths will cross again.
Blessings,
Betty S. Lynch

Dear Joanne,
I read your most recent blog and wanted to comment there, but I'm a bit technologically challenged. I tried to sign up but it asked me to list 10 of my friends' email and I didn't know why or what that meant exactly. I know you're not technical support but I wanted to comment and I hope using this email forum again is okay.

I know exactly what you mean and that's why I had contacted you in the first place and was so thrilled when you were able to respond to me. You have made such a big difference in my life after my James went to Heaven and I continue to refer to your many quotes as daily helping tools and your book and website for support. I believe that you had a quote that said something like help one person and you help the world. And that's how you've helped me. You've made such a bigger difference though to so many families and thank

goodness. I know your Cheyenne is proud of you and loves you every moment.
Like James for me, I suspect she's also your source of strength and inspiration.

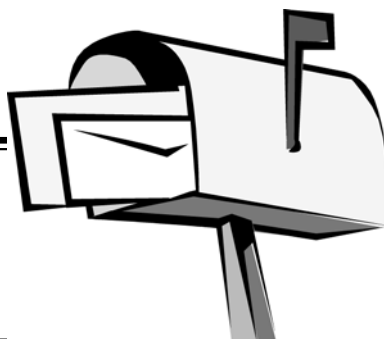
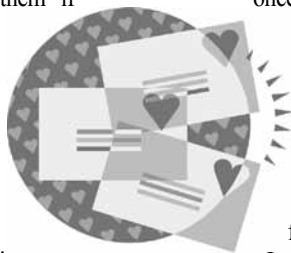
Speaking of which, I have 300 Kindness Project cards that I received several weeks ago. I'm keeping a journal of each one that I do. The number is arbitrary. One is just as good as two, tens, hundreds, but I like that I have something positive to focus on in loving memory of my baby boy. It will be interesting to see how long it takes to use them all (months, years?) But I know once I'm done, I'll keep going.

My most recent act was one where I saw a father pushing his son in a wheelchair. Something about that boy struck me. He just looked so sweet and I just felt I needed to do something for him. I was in my car as

I watched them pass by and I almost drove away. I decided, moments later, to turn around and discretely find them. I found them in a local restaurant and I went to the ATM to get \$60. My hope is that this paid for a nice meal together plus a toy or something fun for this boy. I felt such a rush of positivity and hope immediately after I do these random acts of kindness followed by a sadness of how much I miss and love my son and wish things were different. Like you said, I don't want people to know who, but I want them to know why.

This blog too inspired me to do something I've been wanting to do. Some of my friends have come to me saying that they don't know what to say or do. I'm going to help them by answering the question but first, saying thank you for all that they have done and don't realize. I tell people all the time now how much what they do matters. They don't realize that by checking in and saying they're thinking about me or sending a note, or simply saying they'll always listen truly means.

I hope you are having many moments of peace and joy and knowing how much we are all thankful for you and what you've done in loving memory of your beautiful daughter.
Sincerely,
Gina, Sweet Baby James' Mom



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