Andy and Oak, a remarkable gift in his memory

The MISS Foundation, and grieving families from around the world, would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Don and Hayden Quattlebaum, and the Andy Quattlebaum and Blackwell Family Foundation, for their tremendous gift in the naming of Andy’s Sanctuary at the Selah Carefarm in honor of their beautiful son Andy and his precious golden Labrador, Oak. Their incredibly generous gift reflects Andy’s overwhelming love and compassion for animals of all kinds and their never-ending love and grief for their beloved son.

Andy, a student at Clemson University, had a beaming smile that illuminated everything around him. He was sensitive and kind, funny and tender, and he loves his family with his whole heart. He is so deeply missed by his parents, every single moment of every single day, and by all the humans and four-leggeds whose lives he touched.

This generous gift allows us to provide grieving families a safe place to reflect and remember their loved ones and to obtain essential support through life’s hardest tragedies. “We are very proud to be able to support such a needed cause. We know first hand how difficult grief resources are to access, and how grief is shamed by many. The work that Dr. Jo and the MISS Foundation do is a much needed resource and so helpful for those in deep pain from the loss of a loved one. It has helped us
We are beyond grateful for Andy's Sanctuary and the thoughtful and generous gift from the Quattlebaums, and we are so very thankful to their son, Andy, who inherited his parents deep love of animals and nature.

The beautiful plaque created in Andy and Oak's honor now hangs in the entryway and reads:

Bless All Who Journey Here

In Loving Memory

Andy Quattlebaum

January 29, 1997 - March 27, 2019

"We loved him with the utmost love of which our souls are capable, and he is taken from us - yet in agony of our spirit, in surrendering such a treasure, we feel a thousand times richer than if we had never had him."

Oak

March 1, 2009 - June 2, 2020

Welcome Dr. Cheryl!

The MISS Foundation welcomed our wonderful new clinical director Dr. Cheryl Pence to the Selah Carefarm earlier this summer. Dr. Cheryl is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), National Certified Counselor (NCC), certified Compassionate Bereavement Care (CBC) provider, and maintains several other licenses and certifications. She left a tenured associate professor position at Western Kentucky

Thank you wonderful donors

We would like to thank all of our donors and sponsors for continuing to support the important work of the MISS Foundation and Selah Carefarm in providing compassionate care for all living beings, particularly those suffering from trauma and loss. Since the respite center opened to families in January, we have started a beautifully-designed gratitude wall of our top donors with special inscriptions on sculpted birds in honor of their child or loved one who has died.
military service. She graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and served as a naval officer onboard two ships (USS Yorktown and USS Essex) and a joint-military command. She received her master’s, specialist, and doctorate degrees in counseling from the University of Florida. We are honored to have her join our team and work in such an important role with our families. She provides counseling sessions, therapeutic walks, time with the animals, guided meditations, retreats, and works with bereaved families and providers from around the world.

**Kindness projects honored loved ones July 27th**

MISS Foundation families remembered their children, gone too soon, for International Kindness Project Day on July 27th. Projects included, among others, filling backpacks with schools supplies, stocking a community refrigerator with groceries, donating to causes, passing out bubbles and sidewalk chalk, buying meals or coffee for others, creating the telephone project at the carefarm, making baby hats for a neonatal unit, paying for a child's birthday cake, and painting rocks with messages to leave behind for people. View our

**Retreats return — new place, new size**

We are pleased to announce Dr. Jo and Dr. Cheryl will lead a series of retreats for grieving parents this year and next year at the Selah Carefarm and family house. Similar in programming format to our previous retreats, the new retreats will be designed for smaller, more intimate groups. We will offer two retreats this year in October and December, and two next year in March and May. We will post registration information on our website for the 4 retreats beginning on Monday, August 23. Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**CBC Training and Certification set for October 21-24**
Care Training and Certification course taught by Dr. Jo, we are currently accepting applications. Both in-person and real-time, video conferencing will be offered during the October training. For more information, please visit our CBC program link. The program will be held in our new facility at the respite center at the Selah Carefarm near Sedona, AZ. Space is limited. 30 CEUs provided.

Join Dr. Cheryl for an online support group on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6-7:30 p.m. (Arizona Time). This group is for bereaved parents only. Join Dr. Cheryl on the 4th Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m. (Arizona Time) for a general support group for any loss.

Home away from home

We have been a lifeline for so many since opening earlier this year, providing a safe place for families missing their loved ones. Despite limiting our number of guests due to COVID protocol, we have received an unusually high number of requests for services. We have coordinated visits with more than 88 families within the last few months. We are grateful to have such a special place for our grieving families to stay during their journey, and now, Andy’s Sanctuary.

Carefarm news
new goats, welcoming mild-mannered brothers Freidrich and Rupert, and affectionate Johann.
To find out more about the animals:
https://www.missfoundation.org/selah-carefarm/our-animals/
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