



M.E.N.D.

Mommies Enduring Neonatal Death

Teenage and Unplanned Pregnancy Losses

I have been a planner for as long as I can remember. I'm known for the big notebook calendar that is with me at all times, and I'm not a very good sport about last-minute changes or deletions that I sometimes must make in the squares that represent every single day of my life. I planned my adulthood when I was just a little girl in elementary school: I would maybe go to college, get married, and have three sons. Oh, if only life were that easy to predict and make happen!

During my first few years of adulthood, most of my plans did come to fruition the way I wanted. I graduated from high school, attended one year of college, married my husband Byron (who I began dating when I was 16 years old), had our first son a few years later, then...well seemingly nothing else I planned happened the way I wanted it to. I was diagnosed with a degenerative kidney disease, our second son was still-born, and I had a kidney transplant, followed by a miscarriage.

I am such a planner that I knew with all three of my pregnancies the days I would likely ovulate, and I knew my due dates before conception ever occurred. Thankfully, conceiving on schedule and prospective delivery dates were check marks that I could put next to my plans. But the two losses I endured were certainly nowhere to be found on any square in my faithful and worn calendar.

I've had many friends and acquaintances who have "accidentally" gotten pregnant. Since I am a planner, this used to be a head scratcher for me. Doesn't every woman know her cycle and what causes pregnancies? As I got older and matured, I realized that not every lady has a regular cycle, and honestly, some just get caught up in the moment of passion before "taking responsibility" and rationally thinking of the consequences (though I hate ever having a precious life considered a consequence).

During my more than 14 years of directing M.E.N.D., I have noted that teenagers and adults who have lost their "unplanned" babies tend to grieve differently than those of us who purposely became pregnant with our babies who died.

Nota Español

La versión en español del artículo de Rebeca Mitchell no podrá ser impresa en este boletín. Sin embargo, si estará disponible electrónicamente. Si usted desea recibir una copia de este boletín, solo mande un e-mail a Yvette Grau a yvgrau3@verizon.net. Además, si usted desea que M.E.N.D. continúe la traducción de sus artículos en el futuro al español, por favor envíe sus comentarios a Yvette, al mismo e-mail. Gracias por su comprensión y participación.

Sometimes these women feel as though they lost babies because maybe they didn't love them enough. Or perhaps for the young moms, the loss is a punishment of some sort.

Occasionally at our M.E.N.D. support groups, a deeply grieving mom will pour her heart out about how angry it makes her to know that while she planned for her baby, would have been a fantastic mom and could have more than adequately provided for her child, teenagers and single girls just seem to "pop babies out like crazy" and can't even take care of them. While I understand what these hurting women mean, it makes me cringe, because I know we always have at least one or two moms in the room who have either not yet reached 20 years of age or are single, and believe me, they are hurting, too.

My heart especially goes out to teens who experience loss. I've seen how their families tend to exhale a sigh of relief when the pregnancy is lost because they think, "Oh good. Now she can go to college and get on with her life." While that may be true, it absolutely does not discount the fact that this young girl is still a mommy who lost her baby and is most likely silently desperate for someone to acknowledge her sorrow and pain. She eventually attempts to become a teenager again, hanging out with her friends, but quickly realizes how different she is now, having endured something so traumatic. She now feels she can no longer relate to her naïve friends. Everyone around her appears to be living life as usual, oblivious to her inner turmoil.

Listening to these adolescent moms share their stories has been a good reminder to me over the years that loss is loss, and a grieving mom is a grieving mom. None of us deserved our babies more than anyone else did. More importantly, though, I've learned that our plans and our days are not really ours. Proverbs 27:1 tells us, "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth." And Job, who endured more suffering than any of us can imagine, acknowledged in Job 42:1 that no plans of God's can be thwarted. Basically, God is the ruler of our lives and the director of our paths. Our lives really aren't our own. The Bible also tells us in Psalm 139:16 that all of our days were ordained by the Lord before our lives even began. That tells me that if God planned MY life, then He also planned the lives of my two children who now reside with Him; He knew they would never be mine to raise. It seems unfair, I know, but it gives me great comfort that our losses were not an "accident" or a surprise to our Heavenly Father. Instead, they are horrible experiences that we were not prepared to include on our calendar of life.

♥ *Rebekah Mitchell, President/Founder
mommy to Jonathan Daniel and Baby Mitchell*

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WANTED: M.E.N.D. Newsletter Editor

After three years serving as the editor for our bi-monthly newsletter, Heather Fann will be resigning her position following our May-June issue. Heather's husband will be deploying later this year, and Heather needs to focus on her time with her husband and subsequent daughter, Madison Grace. The Fanns are also in the process of an international adoption from Colombia.

Heather has agreed to serve on the proofing team for the newsletter as well as work very closely with the new volunteer editor for the first couple of issues.

This is a vital role in our organization, as many of our members are only served through our website and newsletter because a support group does not exist in their area. Qualified volunteers must have had a loss personally—as do all our leadership positions—and need to consider the following:

- Newsletters are bi-monthly (only 6 per year) and average 16-24 pages in length.
- Submissions are sent directly to the editor for all articles, subsequent birth announcements, donations and birthday tributes. Heather currently uses Microsoft Outlook to categorize emails and flag for follow up.
- Newsletters are currently produced using Microsoft Publisher and are submitted online to our printer in Texas.
- **Volunteers should have a background in communications, desktop publishing, journalism, English, technical writing, or marketing/advertising.**
- Estimated time for layout, editing, proofing and print is approximately 30 hours per issue. Most of this time is required the week before and after each newsletter deadline.

If you are interested in more information regarding our newsletter editor position, please feel free to contact Heather Fann at heather@mend.org or Rebekah Mitchell at rebekah@mend.org. We will ask you to submit your background/qualifications for the M.E.N.D. board of directors to review. Deadline for submissions is April 1, 2011 at which time the board will meet and make a decision.

Book Review

After the Loss of Your Baby for Teen Mothers

By Connie Nykiel

After the Loss of Your Baby for Teen Mothers is a short, 23-page book written specifically for young moms who have experienced the loss of a baby. Author Connie Nykiel begins the book with definitions of medical terms, such as ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth, and SIDS. She then explains the grieving process, followed by what to expect while mourning. Nykiel also smartly includes segments on the grandparents, the baby's father, and hurtful comments these young moms will likely hear. The teen's future is addressed, and the book concludes with a page to record information on the baby's memorial service and a page where the young mom can write a letter to her baby.

This helpful book for teenage mothers can be ordered through Centering Corporation, www.centering.org.

♥ *Review by Rebekah Mitchell,*

M.E.N.D.—President

M.E.N.D. has a complete list of books, Web sites, organizations, and music resources available online at www.mend.org.

If you would like to submit a review of books, music, Web sites or other resources dealing with infant loss, please email them to our newsletter editor Heather Fann at heather@mend.org.

Medical Moment



Findings of study involving UT Southwestern clinician suggest optimal dose and delivery mode for premature infants needing oxygen

DALLAS - June 4, 2010 - A national study involving a UT Southwestern Medical Center neonatologist provided new insight into how much oxygen preterm infants should receive as well as the optimal way to deliver it to them.

Researchers at UT Southwestern and 19 other academic medical centers found that the use of continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), which blows air through an infant's nostrils to gently inflate the lungs, might be a better option for preterm infants than the more conventional ventilator and surfactant therapy. CPAP machines are routinely used by adults with sleep apnea to aid breathing.

"Our findings show that the patients who received the CPAP treatment required intubation less often both in the delivery room and neonatal intensive care unit. They also spent less time on ventilators and received fewer steroid drugs after birth," said Dr. Pablo Sanchez, professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern and an author of the study available online and in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. "This tells us that CPAP may be a viable alternative to routine intubation and surfactant administration in babies born prematurely."

Because their lungs are not fully developed, preterm infants run the risk of developing respiratory distress syndrome (RDS). The lungs of infants with RDS fail to produce enough surfactant, a substance that allows the inner surface of the lungs to expand when the infant moves from the womb to breathing air. Although many preterm babies who are unable to produce surfactant must be put on a ventilator to breathe, the use of artificial surfactant has been shown to reduce the amount of time an infant requires a breathing machine.

The standard ventilator therapy involves placing a breathing tube in an infant's windpipe to provide both oxygen and surfactant. Surfactant can not be delivered with CPAP.

For the study, the researchers - members of the Neonatal Research Network - randomly assigned 1,316 preterm infants born between February 2005 and February 2009 to receive one of two treatments: intubation and surfactant treatment within an hour of birth, or CPAP treatment in the delivery room followed by limited ventilation for two weeks. The infants, born between 24 weeks and 27 weeks, 6 days of gestation, also were assigned randomly to receive one of two ranges of oxygen saturation - either 85 percent to 89 percent in the babies' blood, or 91 percent to 95 percent in the babies' blood.

Infants treated with CPAP fared better, requiring less frequent intubation as well as fewer days on a ventilator, the researchers reported. The rate of bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD) or death, however, did not differ significantly between the two groups. BPD - defined as the need for oxygen at 36 weeks postmenstrual age - is characterized by inflammation and scarring in the lungs and develops most often in preterm babies.

The study was funded by the National Institutes of Health.

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May/June Topic

Mother's Day and Father's Day
Deadline: March 30, 2011

July/August Topic

Miscarriage/Ectopic Pregnancies
Deadline: May 31, 2011

Stories, poems, thoughts, and/or feelings regarding these topics are welcomed. Submissions must be received by the deadline to be considered for publication in the newsletter. Unfortunately, there is not enough room to include all submissions. Choices will be left to the discretion of the editors. Please see page two of the newsletter for the appropriate address to send your submissions. Any submission printed in our newsletter will also be posted to our Web site indefinitely unless we receive notice in writing that you are only granting permission for your submission to appear in the printed version of the newsletter.

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Birthday Tributes

Happy 1st Birthday, Zariah!

You will always be loved and remembered, my precious baby girl. We were only able to bond for a short period of time, but you will always have a special place in my heart. There's not a day that goes by that I don't think of you. I hope and pray that we will meet up one day, my precious angel.

Zariah Green
Stillborn April 17, 2010
Parents: Kellie Jackson and Deon Green
Sibling: Dreon Jackson



Happy 2nd Birthday, Emmanuel!

I will love you forever. Not one day goes by that I don't think about you. You were here for such a short time, but you are forever in my heart.

Love, Mommy

Emmanuel Garcia
Stillborn April 12, 2009
Mommy: Patricia Garcia
Brothers: Isaac and Ryan



Happy 1st Heavenly Birthday, Kyleigh!

Our beautiful baby girl. You had a smile that would capture our hearts. The short time we spent with you was among the best days of our lives. Although it is very painful, I take comfort knowing you are in the hands of our God and nothing bad can ever happen to you. I miss your blue eyes and your sweet cries. Love you so much and happy first birthday in heaven, Baby Girl.

Kyleigh Jeanne Rapp
December 2, 2009—March 28, 2010
Possible SIDS
Parents: Angela and Cody Rapp
Brother: Chase



Happy 3rd Birthday, Michael!

You came down to bless us only for a short time, but your footprints shall remain planted in our hearts forever. Daddy, Mommy and Big Brother will see you soon.

Michael Heaven Gibson
April 3 - 4, 2008
Polyhydrominous
Parents: Michael and DeAndra Gibson
Brother: Michael Gibson, Jr.



Happy 3rd Birthday, Malen!

Happy birthday, little guy!
 We love and miss you much!
 Love, Mommy, Daddy, Lenea, and Nathan

Malen Huck Anderson
February 4, 2008
Possible heart attack
Parents: Wes and Becky Anderson
Siblings: Lenea and Nathan



Happy 1st Birthday, Brooke!

Our dearest Brooke,
 Happy first birthday! We miss you every day. We send you our love, hugs, and kisses. Please continue to watch over your mom, dad and sister Sarah. Love you.

Love,
 Grammy and Papaw

Brooke Sophia Daily
March 11, 2010
Vasa Previa
Parents: Jeremy and Lisa Daily
Sister: Sarah



Happy 2nd Angelversary, Little One!

We can't believe it has been two years since you slipped away. We were so excited to find out we were pregnant with you and were heartbroken when we found out a few weeks later that we lost you. We can't wait until we get to heaven and find out if you are a boy or girl (even though we are pretty sure you are a boy) and find out what name was written in the book of life for you. We can't wait to hold you and give you hugs and kisses! We miss and love you and your little brother so much! We hope that you are both being good for Jesus!

Love,
 Momma and Daddy

Baby Wheeler
Miscarried March 2009
Also remembering:
Michael Noah Wheeler
January 27, 2010
Unknown cause
Parents: Jim and Larissa Wheeler
Puppy: Tootsie Lou



Happy 4th Birthday, "Logie Bear"!

My precious first born son, I can't believe you would be 4 years old today.

I miss you so much! I wish so badly that I could watch you grow up with your brothers. Not a day goes by that I don't think of you. I thank God every day for the two months we had with you. I wish it could have been forever. I will always love and miss you.

Happy birthday, baby boy!
Love, Mommy, Daddy, Conner and Dillon

Logan William Wade
April 18 - June 7, 2007
Prematurity, staph infection
Parents: Shane and Rachael Wade
Siblings: Conner and Dillon (triplets)



Happy 2nd Birthday, Miles!

Our little prince! We love you more than words can say. Two years now and we think about how much you've grown and how beautiful you are. We can't wait to see you in heaven but now hold you forever in our hearts!

Love,
Mommy and Daddy

Miles Payton Mathis
March 31, 2009
Placental abruption
Parents: DeWayne and Gayla Mathis



Happy 15th Birthday, Jonathan!

Would you really be 15 years old this year? I still see you as my beautiful firstborn son. You have changed my life forever. I know I will hold you again in heaven. I love you Baby JJ.

Jonathan Kojich, Jr.
February 19 - March 9, 1996
Complications of Omphalocele
Also remembering Baby in the Middle
Miscarried summer 2001
Mommy: Linda Kojich
Siblings: Adam and Alex



Happy 3rd Birthday, Savannah!

To our sweet angel, Savannah,

Born asleep into God's loving hands. Thank you for being our angel and looking out for us. We love you, Vanna.

Savannah Skye Creed
Stillborn January 25, 2008
Unknown cause
Parents: Kris and Tiffany Creed
Sibling: Madison Raye



Happy 2nd Birthday, Mathew!

As we approach your second birthday, we are thinking of you a lot. You are always a "living" part of our family every day. We often wonder what you would be like or who you would look like. And we miss you very much. We love you so much, little man!

Mathew Peter Schultz
February 21, 2009
Medical negligence
Also remembering:
Simon Peter Schultz,
October 7, 2009
Miscarried at 18 weeks
Parents: Amery and Christiane Schultz
Siblings: Stephanie, Michelle, Emilie, Cole,
Jacob, and Andre



Happy 1st Birthday, Lazarus!

To our lovely son Lazarus,

The days that you spent in this world with us will be cherished forever. You were a part of us and were such a strong fighter. We believe that you are supposed to be here with us today. We would do anything to have you back in our lives. You are truly missed. We love you more than words can express.

Love, Mom and Dad

Lazarus James William
April 8 - 17, 2010
MRSA
Parents: Jeshannan and Elizabeth Williams



Happy 3rd Birthday, Dharma!

WOW baby girl! You would have been 3 now! I think about you all the time. I look forward to nighttime when I can lie in bed and the house is quiet and I can remember all the wonderful memories we had with you. Some of my favorites are when you held onto my finger, I got to burp you, and when Daddy gave you a bath and you cried!

Nanny went to join you recently. I know you are her little helper in the kitchen.

Oh, how I wish you were here with your brother and sister. I love you and miss you always.

Love always,
Mommy, Daddy, Maxwell, and Molli

Dharma Lucille Drude
March 31- April 1, 08
Anencephaly
Parents: Jason and Jennie Drude
Siblings: Max and Molli



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Happy 1st Birthday, Alexander!

Our little angel, we miss you so much, and we have never stopped thinking about you. We know you must be happy playing in heaven with Grandpa. Your tree is beautiful. Thank you for our gift at Christmas! Thank you for showing us what true love is, because since we knew about you we have loved you.

Te amamos!
Mommy, Daddy and all your family

Alexander Seely
April 30, 2010
Cord accident
Parents: Raquel Robles and Ron Seely



Happy 3rd Birthday, Boys!

Momma and Dada miss you every day! We are so thankful for the gifts you have given us, and will always love you.

Love,
Momma, Dada
and little brother Miles

Mason and Mathew Bass
April 10, 2008
Premature
Parents: Chad and Leah Bass
Little brother: Miles



Happy 5th Birthday, Morgan!

Dear Morgan,

I can't believe you've been in heaven for five years now. We miss you so much! We are so glad God brought you into our lives, even though we would not have chosen to part so soon. We know God's ways are not our ways. It is not our place to know "why," even though we still wonder at times. The big event in our family this year is that your big brother gave his heart to Jesus this last October. It is so sweet to know that our whole family will be together with you someday. We are so amazed at all that God has given us by having you in our lives. Someday we will tell you all about our friends in M.E.N.D. and all the sweet encouragement Jesus has given us through His Word. Give Grandma Schear a hug from us!

Love

Mommy, Daddy, Grandpa, Grandma, Isaac, and Michelle

Morgan Schear
Miscarried March 28, 2006
Unknown cause
Parents: Nobel and Paula Schear
Grandparents: Don and Carol Kellogg
"Auntie" Michelle Petty



Happy 2nd Angelversary, Kinley!

Our Dearest Kinley,

Wow, I cannot believe it has been two years! We can only imagine all the things you would be getting into these days. We miss you so very much and think of you always! We cannot wait until the day that our family is whole again in the good Lord's kingdom. We love you so extremely much, baby girl!

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Kylee and Colton

Kinley Alexis Miles
March 14, 2009
Placental abruption
Parents: Andy and Christine Miles
Siblings: Kylee and Colton



Happy 1st Birthday, Baby Taylor!

We are coming up on the first anniversary that we lost you. This year has been so difficult without you and thinking of all the what ifs and could have beens. As we passed your due date, it was so hard, and the tears fell as we should have had you in our arms. Your brothers will grow up knowing about you, and you will continue to be part of our family's story forever. We know that you are in heaven with your two other siblings, and that gives us peace, too. Happy birthday in heaven, little one!

We love you so much,
Mommy, Daddy, Bennett and Paxen

Baby Taylor Goodson
Miscarried April 6, 2010
Also remembering:
Daniel Joseph
Miscarried July 4, 2005
Baby Goodson III
Miscarried July 4, 2010
Unknown causes
Parents: Phil and Katie Goodson
Big brothers: Bennett and Paxen



Happy 2nd Birthday, Terry!

My Dear Son,

You are still so very much missed around here. Our lives have not been the same since God took you to be with Him. You have taught us so much. For that we are eternally grateful. We look forward to the day that we can hug you and laugh with you again.

Love always,
Dad, Mom, Andrew, and Kianna

Terry Hawkins II
March 15 - April 3, 2009
Septic shock
Parents: Terry and Carmyn Hawkins, Sr.
Siblings: Andrew and Kianna



Happy 1st Birthday, Bella!

You have forever changed our lives with your brief presence here on earth, and you will continue to bless us as you are in heaven.

We love you so much!
Mommy and Cadon

Bella Louise Lewellen

March 31, 2010

Incompetent cervix

Mommy: Brittany Lewellen

Brother: Cadon Mark Davis

**Happy 3rd Birthday, Andrew!**

My sweet little angel,

You are 3 years old! You are growing up so fast. It just seems like yesterday that we were holding you in our arms.

We are sending you lots of hugs and kisses on your special day. Know that we love you and miss you dearly.

Happy birthday, Peanut.

Love, Mommy and Daddy

Andrew Mallette

March 21, 2008

CMV

Parents: Michael and Nicole Mallette

**Happy 2nd Birthday, Owen Patrick!**

It is so hard to believe that it has been two years since we said hello and goodbye to you. Every time we look at your twin sister, we can't help but wonder what you would look like and what your little voice would sound like. We know that you will be watching over Sophia as she celebrates her second birthday here with us on earth. You will always be in our hearts and minds, and we will never forget our precious son, twin brother, and big brother.

We love and miss you so much,
Daddy, Mommy, Sophia, and Natalie

Owen Patrick Webb

April 30, 2009

Stillbirth (35 weeks)

Unknown cause

Parents: Brian and Melissa Webb

Sisters: Sophia and Natalie

**Happy 11th Birthday, Boys!**

We miss you and love you very much!

Love,
Daddy and Mommy

Joshua Mark and Caleb Matthew Davis

April 14, 2000

Incompetent cervix

Parents: Shawn and Monica Davis

Siblings: Landon and Kylie

**Happy 4th Birthday, Son!**

I hope today is a special day and you are having a wonderful time. Did you catch the balloons Mommy sent you?

Wow! Four years old, and you are a big boy. I think about you every day of my life. There is not one day my heart doesn't ache for you. Son, we are all wishing you a happy birthday. My birthday wish for you: to be able to hold you in my arms one more time.

Love,

Mommy, Stepdad, Grandpa, Grandma, aunts, uncles,
and all your sisters and brother,
who don't forget about you
and who never leave you out.

Julian David Rodriguez

April 1, 2007

Preterm labor

Mommy: Rachel Prado

Siblings: Michael, Leana, Mikayla, and Sonya Wall

**Happy 1st Birthday, Connor!**

Our beautiful baby boy,

We can't believe it's already been a year. We miss you every day and think about you always! We can't help but think about all the things that would have been if you were still here with us. We miss you more than words can describe, but you are in a wonderful place, and you will always be watching over us.

Love always,
Mom, Dad and Baby Brother

Connor Eugene Tidman

Stillborn April 21, 2010

Unknown cause

Parents: Geoff and Rachel Tidman

Siblings: Little brother due July 3, 2011

**Happy 3rd Birthday, Noah!**

Our Dear Sweet Noah,

Happy 3rd Birthday! It's hard to believe it's been three years since we have said goodbye. We miss you everyday. We held you in our arms for a few moments, but we will hold you in our hearts forever.

Love,
Daddy, Mama and Isaac

Noah De Forge

March 23, 2008

Pre-term at 20 weeks

Also Remembering: De Forge Angel Babies

Miscarried July 4, 2007

Miscarried August 2008

Miscarried February 7, 2011

Parents: Craig and Ana De Forge

Sibling: Isaac



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Happy 1st Birthday, Rowan!

To our precious baby girl, you are forever in our thoughts and hearts! We love and miss you so much, but know we will reunite one day. Happy birthday, Sweetheart. Mommy and Daddy love you so much!

Rowan Marie McCall

Stillborn April 9, 2010

Parents: Ryan and Erica McCall

Siblings: Zeke, Keirsten, Amiah, and Jacob



Happy 5th Birthday, Connor!

We are thinking of you and sending hugs and kisses on your special day.

We love you, and you are always in our hearts!

Love,
Mommy, Daddy, and Ally

Connor Boston Reid

April 27, 2006

Trisomy 13

Also remembering:

Celeste Kimberly Reid

December 7 - 8, 2004

Neonatal Hemochromatosis

Parents: Andie Boston and Skip Reid

Siblings: Allyson Kate



Happy 1st and 2nd Birthdays, Kids!

Madison,

I am so sorry Mommy and Daddy were unable to be with you today, but I hope in heaven you have the best first birthday ever. Know that you are always in our heart and that we love you very much.

Madison Nicole Parris

March 5, 2010

Premature labor

Also remembering:

Madison's twin miscarried at 13 weeks

Unknown cause

Michael,

I cannot believe that another year has already passed. There is not a day goes by that I don't think of your sweet angelic face. I hope you have a great birthday, and always know that Mommy, Daddy and your big brother, Lucas, love you very much.

Michael Stephen Parris

April 9, 2009

Premature labor

Parents: Sam and Stacey Parris

Big Brother: Lucas



Happy 1st Birthday, Baby Brooke!

Our sweet baby girl, oh, how we miss you! We think about you every day and are grateful for the time we shared. You have enriched our lives and filled our hearts with love. We know that you will continue to be with us as we go through life's journey. Please remember to look for all of the balloons that big sister Sarah sends you. Daddy also wrote you a little poem about how your feet have touched our lives; we hope you like it.

We love you Baby Brooke Sophia!

Love always,

Momma, Daddy, and big sister Sarah

Brooke Sophia Daily

March 11, 2010

Vasa Previa

Parents: Jeremy and Lisa Daily

Big sister: Sarah



Pressing Feet

A child is born; but silence.

Time stands still; then races.

The deafening silence screams as her body chills.

Only till noon they say,

then her body will go away.

Our last chance for memory

so we dab her digits in ink

and press her perfect feet to the birth card.

This is her physical impression,

but her feet still press on our hearts.

Happy 1st Birthday, Noah!

Happy birthday to our angel!

Love,

Mommy, Daddy, Bubba Tyler and Emmalee

Noah Allen Cherry

December 1, 2009

Twisted umbilical cord

Parents: Joshua and Lisa Cherry

Siblings: Tyler and Emmalee



Happy 2nd Birthday Landon!

We miss you and love you so much. We know you will have an amazing birthday celebration in heaven with our Lord and Savior. We look forward to the day when we will all be together again.

We love you so much,

Mommy, Daddy, Logan, Addison,

Avery (twin sister) and Linley

Landon Gregory Bristle

Stillborn February 26, 2009

Fetal-maternal hemorrhage

Parents: Ryan and Michelle Bristle

Siblings: Logan, Addison, Avery and Linley



Happy 1st Birthday, Kylee!

My sweet little princess,

I wish more than anything I could hold you in my arms, such a beautiful baby girl. It's hard to believe its been a year and everything that has happened in this year. Every day we miss you more and more. Your big brother is doing so well; I wish you were here to drive him nuts. Mommy is doing better, too. You have a new step-daddy who you would adore, and he loves you as much as we do. Your father loves you, too, though—remember that. Happy heavenly birthday, baby girl. We all miss and love you very much.

Always in our thoughts,
Mommy, Daddy, Justin, and Osiris

Kylee Raelynn Marie

March 25, 2010

Blood clots in cord

Also remembering:

Kylee's best friend Landon Paul Rodgers

March 26, 2010

Beautiful son to Torie and Paul Rodgers

Mommy: Sabrina Bruns

Sibling: Osiris



Happy 4th Birthday, A.J.!

WOW! You are 4 years old. There isn't a day that goes by that we don't think about you and how blessed we are that God gave us you! Daddy and I would do anything to hold you, kiss you, watch you play with your brothers, and tell you how much we love you! Eli is teaching Alex how to say "I love you, A.J."...it is the sweetest sound to hear your brothers speak your name. Our love for you is endless!

We love you MORE!
Daddy, Mommy, Eli and Alex

Adrian Joseph "A.J." Zuckerman

March 30, 2007

True knot cord accident

Parents: Alfredo and Amber Zuckerman

Siblings: Eli and Alex



Happy 4th Birthday, Carsen!

To our baby, Carsen:

I can't believe you would be 4 big years old this year. We are honored to call ourselves parents of an angel, and you will forever hold a special place in our hearts. We will one day hold you again in heaven. Until then Mommy and Daddy love you dearly and miss you every day.

Carsen Matthew Landis

April 30, 2007

Birth Injury

Parents: Josh and Jenny Landis

Siblings: Fisher, Brysen, and Layne



Happy 1st Birthday, Elliot!

We wish we could be celebrating your birthday with you, watching you eat your first bite of cake, toddle after balloons and tear into wrapping paper. But you have left too early for this. We didn't get to see what we thought would be your firsts: your first tooth, your first step, your first word.

Your firsts were so far from what we had imagined. You were the first to step into heaven, the first to see Jesus' face, the first to hear the angels sing. We want to shower you with presents on your birthday, but instead you have been the one to bless us with gifts—and yours are priceless. We've learned how to have joy in the moments we're given, how to connect with Jesus, and how to value the precious nature of life. Thank you, Elliot. When we love and play together during our days left here, we feel our connection to you because we know you are content and happy in the love and play you are experiencing in heaven. You are an amazing son, and we look forward to being reunited with you soon.

Love,
Mommy, Daddy, Evie and Ethan

Elliot James Gerriets

March 18, 2010

HLHS

Parents: Chris and Faith Gerriets

Siblings: Evie and Ethan



Happy 1st Birthday, Rebecca!

Rebecca,

You are my greatest joy and pride; you are still my daughter. We are still together in an eternal embrace, in a different eternity. I love you with everything that I am, and in your honor will live and enjoy what you were not given...life. My love for you is not measured by the length of your life, but by the impact your life had on us, and by that measure, you lived a lifetime, my little love. Rest in peace, my forever child.

Rebecca Tellez

March 5, 2010

GBS

Mommy: Ethel Tellez

Siblings: Andy, Danny, and Deanna



Happy 1st Birthday, Isabella!

Although we were unable to keep you here, your short life saved so many. I pray that you're having a great first birthday in heaven, and know how much we love and miss you. Continue to watch over us, our precious angel!

Love, Mommy

Isabella Delgado

March 20, 2010

Thrombophilia

Parents: Stacie Riener and Felix Delgado



In Loving Memory



Malen Huck Anderson

Stillborn February 4, 2008

Possible heart attack

Gifts given by

Parents Wes and Becky Anderson
and siblings Lenea and Nathan
Will and Kelisha Murray

Dylan Booker

July 24, 2000

Unknown cause

Given by parents Brian and Cindy Booker
and sibling Aubrey

Aidan Christopher Berg

November 30 - December 30, 2006

Given by parents Eric and Jessica Berg
and little siblings Ethan Cole
and Adelynn Paige (due April 29th)

Grace Irene Biglieni

December 6 - 19, 2007

Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

Given by mommy Lindy Biglieni

Sydney Lynne Brown

May 18, 2000

Cord problems and other unknown condition

Ashley MacKenzie Brown

May 18, 2001

Antiphospholipid Antibodies Syndrome

Given by parents Marilyn and Brian Brown
and little brother Samuel

Abigail Grace Crump

Stillborn July 1, 2003

Trisomy 18

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

Twins Crow

Miscarried April 1981

Given by Mommy Susan Crow

Brooke Sophia Daily

March 11, 2010

Vasa Previa

Parents: Jeremy and Lisa Daily

Given by grandparents

Carol "Grammy" and John "Papaw" Eck

Riley and Parker Davis

November 14, 2006

Prematurity

Given by parents Robert and Cheryl Davis

and little sister Annalise

Dharma Lucille Drude

March 31 - April 1, 2008

Anencephaly

Gifts given by

Parents Jason and Jennie Drude
and little siblings
Maxwell and Molli
Great-grandmother Barbara Branson

Kyler Paul English

Stillborn January 20, 2006

Cord accident

Parents: Bob English and Laurie McPike

Gift given by Jon and Laurie McPike

and brothers Kinser, Kelson, and Kayden

Michael Garabedian, Jr.

Stillborn February 2, 1998

Cord accident/Villamentous 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

Gabrielle Gibson

Miscarried October 31, 2007

Ectopic pregnancy

Gifts given by

Parents Scott and Jodie Gibson
and siblings
Will, Andrew, and Isaac
Angela Geis

Lillian Elizabeth Hartman

Stillborn November 19, 2010

Unknown cause

Given by parents Josh and Dawna Hartman

Michael Charles Honn

May 28 - 31, 1967

Polycystic Kidney Disease

Steven Mac Honn

November 20 - 22, 1972

Polycystic Kidney Disease

Given by mother Nancy Honn

Avery Grace Kargel

July 13, 2006

Unknown cause

Given by parents Jason and Heather Kargel
and brothers Peyton and Reice

Hope Johnson

Miscarried October 30, 2009

Luke Johnson

Stillborn July 26, 2010

Unknown cause

Given by parents Merle and James Johnson

Jackson Glen and Tyler Ray Light

February 23, 2009

Placental abruption

Given by parents Kirk and Diana Light
and little brother Brayden Christopher

Avery Merae Longgood

August 2 - 3, 2007

Possible stroke

Gifts given by

Parents Neil and Jamie Longgood
and little sister Halle Merae
Grandparents
Don and Annette Longgood

Baby Malone I

December 2003

CMV

Baby Malone II

May 2004

Rubella

Given by parents

Robbie and Heather Malone

and siblings Kaid and Brie

Jonathan Daniel Mitchell

Stillborn June 24, 1995

Cord accident

Baby Mitchell

Miscarried December 2001

Gifts given by:

Parents Byron and Rebekah Mitchel
and big brother Byron, Jr.
Grandparents Dennis and Sue Brewer
Grandparents Lyle and Marnie Mitchell

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Thank you so much!

Baby Muirhead

Miscarried October 2005

Ashley Nicole Muirhead

Stillborn January 15, 2007

Unknown cause

Baby Muirhead II

Miscarried November 2010

Given by parents

Craig and Daphne Muirhead

and sister Brooke Ann

Braelyn Grace Pinto

October 13, 2009

True knot in cord

Given by Mommy Kelly Pinto

and grandparents

Gerald "G-Paw" and Margaret "Gigi" Pinto

Peanut Rendon

Miscarried January 2005

Button Rendon

Miscarried May 2009

Jelly Bean Rendon

Miscarried August 2010

Given by parents Mark and Tania Rendon

Theo Fleurima Shannon

Stillborn August 10, 2006

Possible stroke

Given by parents Ted and Geri Shannon

and little sister Ysabel Fleurima

Elliot Skaggs

Given by Becky Skaggs

Gracieanne Smeenk

Given by grandmother Anne Smeenk

Gifts of Support

West Conroe Baptist Church, Conroe, TX

Metropolitan Baptist Church, Houston, TX

Second Baptist Church, Springfield, MO

Highland Park Presbyterian Church,

Presbyterian Women, Dallas, TX

IBM Employee Services

David Atkins Stephens

October 23, 2003

MTHFR Mutation

Baby Stephens I

June 30, 2008

Ectopic pregnancy

Baby Stephens II

January 2009

MTHFR Mutation

Baby Stephens III

February 15, 2010

Ectopic pregnancy

Gifts given by

Parents Rob and Melissa Stephens

and brother C.J.

Grandparents Ron and Vicki McNalley

Aidan Shaw Vander Cruyssen

October 2 - December 3, 2005

PKD

Given by Mommy Shane Meyer

and little sister Cameron

Logan Wade

June 6, 2007

Staph infection

Given by parents Shane and Rachel Wade

and siblings Conner and Dillon

Alivia Elizabeth Grace Walker

Stillborn July 24, 2006

Incompetent cervix

Given by parents Robert and Liz Walker

and little brother Jaxson

Shauna Elisabeth Winebrenner

April 12, 2003

Trisomy 18

Given by parents

Tim and Sarah Winebrenner

and little siblings Saul and Ella



We Thought of You

Author Unknown

We thought of you with love today,
but that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
and days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
we often speak your name.
All we have are memories,
and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake,
with which we will never part.
God has you in His keeping,
we have you in our hearts.
A million times we've wanted you.
A million times we cried.
If love could only have saved you,
you never would have died.
It broke our hearts to lose you.
But you didn't go alone.
For a part of us went with you...
the day God called you Home.

Amarillo Sponsors

M.E.N.D.—Amarillo would like to thank
the following sponsors of our
Wrapping for M.E.N.D.:

- Terry and Tessie Hays
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M.E.N.D.—SW Missouri would like to
thank the following sponsors of our inaugu-
ral Scrapbook Fundraising Night:

- Second Baptist Church
and the Women's Ministry Team
- Close To My Heart—Patricia Ervin
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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.



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

Meets the 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

HEALTHSOUTH Houston
Rehabilitation Institute

17506 Red Oak Drive, Houston, TX 77090

Director: Jaimie Crump

jaimie@mend.org, (281) 374-8528

Subsequent pregnancy group meets bi-monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m., led by Sarah Winebrenner (swinebrenner2004@yahoo.com).**Daddy's group** meets quarterly on the 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m., led by Tim Winebrenner (swinebrenner2004@yahoo.com).**M.E.N.D.—Texarkana**Meets 3rd Thursday 7:00 p.m.CHRISTUS St. Michael Rehab Hospital
2400 St. Michael Drive
Texarkana, TX 75503

Director: Monica Davis

monica@mend.org, (903) 490-1210

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: Michele Wilson

michele@mend.org, (918) 694-4325 (HEAL)

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.—Bryan/College Station

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Hawthorn Suites

1010 University Drive East

College Station, Texas 77840

Director: Jennie Drude

jennie@mend.org, (979) 220-7851

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

I would like to thank a couple of wonderful friends for their support of our chapter in December. This is the second year that Jason and Heather Kargel of Cypress, TX, have chosen M.E.N.D.—Houston to be the recipient of their annual Avery Grace Kargel Golf Tournament fundraiser. We are so blessed by this family! The Kargel's lost Avery to unknown causes on July 13, 2006. Gerald and I would also like to thank our dear friends of more than eight years, Brian and Tara Murray of Cypress, Texas held an open house fundraiser for our chapter on December 23. Brian and Tara lost their fifth baby to miscarriage in August 2008. I am just blown away by the hospitality of my Cypress friends and neighbors. Even during the month of Christmas, they were willing to dig deep and give to a ministry they thought worthy enough of their hard-earned money.

*Jaimie Crump**Texarkana*

M.E.N.D.—Texarkana continues to minister to families through our monthly meetings, phone calls, and emails. God continues to introduce new families to us, and I am so thankful that He is using this ministry to heal broken hearts. We are looking forward to our spring multi-family sale. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Lisa Dowdy for creating our Christmas ornaments.

*Monica Davis**Tulsa*

M.E.N.D.—Tulsa continues to minister to hurting families of NE Oklahoma. We are in the preliminary stages of planning our 2011 fundraiser, and we'd welcome any ideas you might have. Anyone is welcome to help! I am thankful to all my advisory board for volunteering to serve another year!

*Michele Wilson**SW Missouri*

M.E.N.D.—Southwest Missouri hosted our first Scrapbook Fundraising Night on February 18, 2010. We had more than 20 croppers join us for a fun night of food and memory making! Thanks to our committee: my amazing "Aunt" Patricia Ervin, my mom Patty Marshall, dear friends Heather Bass and Kathryn Gold.

We're also looking forward to learning more ways to improve our chapter by attending the M.E.N.D. leadership conference in April. For more information about our chapter, feel free to email me at heather@mend.org.

*Heather Fann**Bryan/College Station*

M.E.N.D.—Bryan/College Station is growing and reaching more families than ever! March 9 will be the one-year anniversary of our first meeting. I really want to thank Sandy and Christine for all their help, because without them M.E.N.D.—Bryan/College Station would not have opened. Both of you are true blessings. I am really looking forward to what God has for this chapter in this upcoming year.

Jennie Drude

Amarillo

M.E.N.D.—Amarillo held our “Wrapping for M.E.N.D.” fundraiser in December and raised \$2,100, wrapping nearly 100 presents during the holiday rush! If you know of any families in the Amarillo, Texas, area who could benefit from our support group, please give them our information, or contact me at becky@mend.org or (806)570-4344.

Becky Anderson

NW Washington

M.E.N.D.—NW Washington chapter ended 2010 with 9 people attending our December meeting. We are very proud of that, considering the weather was not the best that night, and it was only our third month in existence. We have started discussing fundraisers for 2011. Our first one will be a 50/50 raffle with ticket sales starting in February. The winning ticket will be drawn at our March meeting. We look forward to 2011 and watching our chapter grow stronger, closer together and welcoming new families.

Susan Crow

Hot Springs—New Chapter Opening

Hot Springs, Arkansas is excited about bringing M.E.N.D. to our area! After losing my son Carson shortly after birth, God orchestrated my finding out about M.E.N.D. He has given me the burden and desire to bring this wonderful ministry to the Hot Springs area. I'm very excited about getting our chapter up and running along with my assistants Nancy Hulsey and Amy Wrublesky!

Amy Humphries

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 Sony
Amarillo, Texas
Director: Becky Anderson
becky@mend.org, (806) 570-4344

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
Director: Susan Crow
susan@mend.org, (360) 516-8617

M.E.N.D.—**Hot Springs, Arkansas**
OPENING APRIL 12!
Director: Amy Humphries
amy@mend.org, (501) 620-9930

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.*

Food and Fellowship

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

Contact Brittney Fish:
brittney@mend.org

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.*

Infertility group

meets the 4th Monday
at 7:30 p.m. upon request only.

Led by Melissa Stephens:
melissa@mend.org

*For families experiencing
infertility after a loss.*

**Mommies AND daddies are both
welcome at all M.E.N.D. meetings.**

All main chapter 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.

Grace

Grace. “It is not merely a free gift, but a free gift to those who deserve the exact opposite” (Martyn Lloyd-Jones). Grace comes in different forms and hits us all in different ways. God’s grace was shown upon my life three years ago, and I have never been the same. I was 31, single, and supposedly had a good head on my shoulders; but I still wound up pregnant.

If you want to talk about a call that sends you to your knees, at that point in my life that would have been it. Several things ran through my mind. How will my family deal with it? Will I be shunned by the church? And, most importantly, what was the earliest flight to anywhere out of Springfield? In no way at that point was I thinking the Lord could and would use this situation to, in some way, bring Him glory. I slowly (it took about two weeks) began to deal with the news the best I could. God’s grace showed through my friends and family who offered more love and support than I could have ever asked for. I tried with all my might to look through what the devil planned for bad—by destroying my Christian witness—and turned it over to the Lord. I watched to see how He could bring glory out of any situation—no matter how bad it might seem.

Well my situation turned bad at my 20-week appointment when my baby Grace was diagnosed with a congenital heart disorder called Hypoplastic Left Heart syndrome. Once I calmed down that night, the assurance that this child still had a divine purpose ran through me even more. The following months were filled with countless doctor appointments and plans to deliver her in St. Louis. She entered this world on December 6, 2007, and completed her task here on earth and went to be with the Lord on December 19, 2007. She touched more lives in her 13 days of life than I had in my 31 years of life. After her death, I struggled with thoughts that her death was a punishment from God for my sin. The Lord assured me that He was a God of love and forgiveness.

Grace Irene brought me closer to the Lord and allowed me to experience a walk of faith that has grown me. My life was changed through pain and loss. I continue to look for ways to use Grace’s life to glorify God, from volunteering at our local pregnancy center to supporting the American Heart Association. Losing a child is hard enough, but losing one during a pregnancy that was unplanned can make the struggle harder.

Life doesn’t always turn out the way we plan, and at times those hard bumps when our eyes are clouded with tears make it hard to see His divine plan, but looking for that purpose can be all that you have to hold on to. Christ offered me Grace that I totally don’t deserve, but He allowed me to be a mother to a child who is part of His divine purpose. So, you see, God took what the devil meant for evil and brought great glory and praise out of it. His Grace is enough for me.

♥ *Lindy Biglieni,*
mommy to Grace Irene
M.E.N.D.—*SW Missouri*

Isabella’s Legacy

At 19 years old, I became pregnant with my first child. Though young and unprepared, I welcomed her with open arms.

When we lost her on March 20, 2010, the world ended. Everything we had was taken from us, and we didn’t understand why—until the test results came back. The blood they had taken showed what I never expected—I have Thrombophilia, a serious condition that can cause blood clots.

Becoming pregnant with her literally saved my life. With the medications I was taking and living the lifestyle I was, I could have died at any time from a blood clot.

After learning about my diagnosis, my family was tested. It is genetic—and they all have it, too.

My daughter’s short life saved a dozen. Because of her, we are all on preventative medications with a prospect of a long happy life.

We named her Isabella Darlene Delgado after her great-grandmother, who passed away when I was only a few weeks pregnant. Not one day goes by that I don’t shed a tear for the child I never got to have. I owe her everything and would give the world to have a chance to thank her.

♥ *Stacie Riener,*
mommy to Isabella Darlene Delgado,
M.E.N.D.—*Houston*



Subsequent Births

Tony and Charity Myers
of Waterloo, Iowa,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Hannah Elizabeth
born August 31, 2010,
measuring 7 lb., 7 oz.,
and 20 inches long.
The Myers family lovingly remembers
Alethia Joy,
February 3, 2009,
full-term stillborn,
and Baby Grace,
miscarried July 20, 2009.

Troy and Emily Scott
of Spring, Texas,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Tanner William,
born November 24, 2010,
measuring 8 lb., 13 oz.,
and 20 inches long.
The Scott family lovingly remembers
Lauren Ashley,
stillborn June 23, 2009,
Trisomy 18.

William and Noel Giger
of Little Elm, Texas,
along with big siblings
Calvin, Jordan, and Gavin,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Aaron Thomas,
born December 30, 2010,
measuring 6 lb., 7 oz.,
and 19 1/2 inches long.
The Giger family lovingly remembers
Ian Wesley,
August 3 - November 5, 2006,
SIDS,
and Baby Giger,
miscarried February 2007,
ectopic pregnancy.

Tony and Kristie Lansdell
of Fort Worth, Texas,
along with big sister Bryleigh,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Kynlee Brooklyn,
born January 13, 2011,
measuring 7 lb., 4 oz.,
and 19 3/4 inches long.
The Lansdell family
lovingly remembers
Kaley Brooke,
stillborn January 18, 2010,
cord accident.

Albert and Ashlee Metcalfe
of Mannford, Oklahoma,
along with siblings
Anastacia, Triton and Baylee,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Preslee Metcalfe,
born November 30, 2010,
measuring 8 lb., 10 oz.,
and 20 1/4 inches long.
The Metcalfe family
lovingly remembers
Skylar Metcalfe,
January 27, 2010,
unknown cause.

Brian and Melissa Webb
of Keller, Texas,
along with big sister Sophia,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Natalie Jane,
born November 30, 2010,
measuring 9 lb., 1 oz.,
and 20 inches long.
The Webb family lovingly remembers
Sophia's twin brother,
Owen Patrick,
April 30, 2009,
term stillbirth,
unknown cause.

Looking Ahead

March 8

- Hot Springs chapter opens
in Hot Springs, AR

April 8 - 9

- Annual Leadership Conference
in Irving, TX

April 19

- M.E.N.D.—Garden of Hope
Fundraiser Dessert
in Irving, TX

October 1

- Walk To Remember
in Irving, TX

December 6

- Christmas Ceremony
in Irving, TX

December 8

- M.E.N.D.—SW Missouri
Christmas Ceremony
in Springfield, MO



Easter Wishes!

Happy Easter, Jordan, my blessed son! I am so thankful for Easter and the hope it represents. This is the time of year when I can truly breathe, and the pain of living apart from you is a little less unbearable because of the comfort Easter brings.

I love and miss you dearly, Jordan!
Happy Easter, My Love!
Mommy and Jazz

Jordan Alexander Booker
January 11, 2007
True knot in cord
Mommy: Norma Jordan
Puppy-Doggie: Jazz

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“... that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God” (2 Corinthians 1:4)

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- **Kroger grocery stores** donate a percentage of all purchases of those shoppers in Texas and Louisiana who have their Kroger Plus Card linked to M.E.N.D. To link your card, contact Rebekah (rebekah@mend.org) to obtain the Kroger Customer Letter. You must only present this letter one time to link your card to M.E.N.D.
- **Tom Thumb** also has a program in Texas that can benefit M.E.N.D. If you have a Tom Thumb Reward Card, please contact Rebekah (rebekah@mend.org) to obtain the Customer Letter. You must only present this letter one time to link your card to M.E.N.D. Reward cards can also be used at Randalls and Simon David stores.
- **Glenn Martin** is looking for M.E.N.D. families willing to grant space for small gumball machines in order to raise funds for M.E.N.D. If you have a retail business or connections to a high traffic location in the Grapevine, Southlake, or metroplex area, Glenn will place, stock, and service the equipment and give M.E.N.D. 35 percent of the proceeds. Glenn can be contacted at (817) 874-5366 or glmartin@attg.net.
- M.E.N.D. can now earn funds through **i.think inc.**, an online marketing research firm. You can help by signing up as a survey panel member and designating us as the recipient of your fee. Just go to the Web site at <http://www.ithink.inc.com> and choose “Sign up to become an i.think inc. panel member.” Fill out the sign-up survey. Under the “Funds for Charity” section, select M.E.N.D. from the list of names.
- **Little Beads and Macaroni and Cheese**, owned by M.E.N.D. member Marilyn Brown, offers custom jewelry. Her keepsake angel bracelets are \$20 each, and ten percent of each angel bracelet sale will be donated to M.E.N.D. Marilyn can be reached at (817) 996-1920 or mrbrown16@hotmail.com.
- **IBM** employees may now make charitable donations to M.E.N.D. through automatic payroll deductions. Choose Charity Code 0M562 from the *IBM Employee/Retiree Approved Charity List*.
- **GoodSearch.com** is a search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Powered by Yahoo!, it is used like any other search engine. To earn money for M.E.N.D. using Goodsearch.com, go to www.goodsearch.com and designate M.E.N.D. as your charity of choice.
- **Ebay** has a charitable giving program that can benefit M.E.N.D. If you sell items on Ebay and would like to designate a percentage of your revenue to M.E.N.D. visit www.missionfish.org to find out how.
- **Igive.com** will donate a penny a search and a portion of each purchase made through their website to M.E.N.D. Sign up today! M.E.N.D.’s cause number is 52025.
- **Angel Bracelets** creates a variety of remembrance bracelets. Buyers can designate M.E.N.D. and Angel Bracelets will make a donation to from each sale. Visit www.angelbracelets.org.