

Gone But Not Forgotten

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A Note from the President

After deep consideration, we've decided to take a vacation during the month of April. The founders, Melissa & Daniel are expecting their newest addition to the family mid month. With this anticipated absence, it made more sense to temporarily close operations of The Great Battle Against SIDS, rather than attempting to fill Melissa & Daniel's positions with volunteers.

Support Group Meetings will not be held, but will resume as normal in May. Website upgrades and additions will also resume beginning in May.

Thank you for your understanding!

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Recent Fundraisers!

A special thanks to all those who participated in our recent Shawnee Soap Maker Fundraiser! Over \$1,000 of product was purchased, with nearly \$600 profit for TGBAS! Items are expected in mid April, and will ship out ASAP! Thank you all for your hard work!

Custom Italian Charm Links!

Our personalized Italian charm links fundraiser was a huge success!

This fundraiser was a March only fundraiser, that brought in close to \$500 profit!

Since we did limited advertising, and so many people have asked, we will continue to make custom charms. We will no longer advertise the charms on our site, so you will need to directly visit the following link for additional information!

[Http://battlesids.org/pin/pcharm.html](http://battlesids.org/pin/pcharm.html)

Your
Photo
Here!



Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone you think would be interested in custom photo charms!

9 mm or 13 mm charms \$15.00 each
Superlinks or Mega charms \$20.00 each



Mission Fish Store (Ebay Giving Works Auction)

So far about \$300 has been raised through our ebay auctions!
A special thanks to the following people for their generous donations.

Leanne LaMattina in memory of her nephew,
Joey.

Stacy Belingeri in memory of
her son, Deegan

For more information on our Mission fish store please visit:
http://www.missionfish.org/cgt/nonprofit/np.show.home.do?NP_ID=5847

Remember Me

Please take a few moments to remember the little ones listed. Each is loved and missed dearly each day.

Birthdays

Jenna Michele Ponichtera

April 03, 1994

SIDS (photo)



Jacob Frank Sherman

April 05, 2004

SIDS (photo)



Dominic Lincoln-William Beaudet

April 07, 2002

SIDS (photo)

Gavin Hans Johnson

April 09, 2003

SIDS

Austen Craig Kimbro

April 11, 2002

SIDS



Malea Lynea Whitifield

April 11, 2003

SIDS

Owen John Berlin

April 14, 2004

SIDS

Colton Dale Sherman

April 19, 2004

SIDS

Ireland Rose Seda

April 20, 2004

SIDS (photo)



Joshua James Suppes

April 22, 1997

SIDS

Brookelynn Rae Sheehy

April 25, 2003

SIDS

Ava Grace Perry

May 08, 2004

SIDS

Kiersten "Kiki" Elaine Fontenot

May 10, 2001

SIDS

Hunter Matthew

May 14, 2003

SIDS

Seamus Donnelly

May 15, 2002

SIDS

Kylee Exandria

May 19, 2003

SIDS

Kayla Michelle Blanton

May 22, 1999

SIDS

Jayden Marie Shelley

May 26, 2004

SIDS

Derick James Anthony Shaw

May 31, 1991

SIDS

Joseph C LaMattina

May 31, 2003

SIDS

Kaiden Alexander Conley-McDowell

May 31, 2003

SIDS

Ashley Rose Bernt

June 01, 1989

SIDS

Nicolas Charles Kamerman-Darling

June 01, 1994

SIDS

Alana Morgan Shifflett

June 03, 2004

SIDS

Bryan Charles Bemis

June 07, 1989

SIDS

Alexander Charles Gill

June 08, 2001

SIDS

Bailey Renee Brady

June 15, 1999

SIDS

Molleigh Kay McClure

June 18, 2003

SIDS

Lucas

June 24, 2004

SIDS (photo)

Orrin Fulton Blake

June 25, 2002

SIDS



Due To computer problems, some pictures that were submitted for the Special Days, remember me section have been damaged. Please resubmit your photos if you would like them included

Remember Me

Angel Days

Joey Michael
April 09, 2004
SIDS
Cheyenne Elizabeth Todd
April 11, 1997
Miscarriage (photo)
Vanessa
April 13, 1999
SIDS
Alexis Nicole Peters
April 13, 2002
SIDS
Steven Ford White
April 15, 1995
SIDS
Carlie Eileen Shelton
April 25, 2000
SIDS
Layla Jill Rouineb
April 25, 2003
SIDS
Jacob
April 29, 1999
SIDS
Edward William Miller
May 13, 2004
SIDS
Katherine Nicole Jones
May 15, 2003
Sudden Infant Death



Ireland Rose Seda
May 18, 2004
SIDS (photo)
Brady Charles Widman
May 22, 2004
SIDS (photo)
Kylie Alexis Winowiecki
May 29, 2004
SIDS
Collin Joseph Todd
June 09, 2004
SIDS
Owen John Berlin
June 10, 2004
SIDS
Austen Craig Kimbro
June 15, 2002
SIDS
Malea Lynea Whitifeld
June 16, 2003
SIDS
Cody Dawson Pollock
June 16, 2004
SIDS (photo)
John Dylan Guitar
June 17, 2004
SIDS
Jayden Marie Shelley
June 26, 2004
SIDS
Seamus Donnelly
June 27, 2002
SIDS



Angel Day is a term used by SIDS Families meaning
Anniversary of Death.

Special days are often difficult for grieving families. Through out the years many families have shared their suggestions with us, and we'd like to share them with all of you.

Balloon, dove, butterfly or ladybug releases are all beautiful tributes. (Be sure to check your local ordinances regarding such releases prior to including them in your plans. Remember, it's never safe to release mylar balloons, or balloons with metallic strings)

A gathering of friends and family. Invite people to take a moment to remember your child in their own special way by attending an event in your child's honor. This could be something as simple as a potluck dinner.

Cards of honor. Send out special cards asking friends and family to return the cards with a special note, remembering or honoring your child.

Start a scrapbook in memory of your child. If you have few or no pictures of your child, you can still make a beautiful scrapbook. (In early May, TGBAS will be adding a section to the site about scrapbooking, including how to make a scrapbook with out pictures).

Interested in planning an event benefiting The Great Battle Against SIDS? Here is some information that may assist you!

Getting ready:

DATE: Check with your community to see what else is going on that day, or week. Being a first time fundraiser, you do NOT want to compete with other events. IT is so important that you pick your date carefully, consider the weather, event type, and of course what other events are going on during the same week or two.

PLACE: Another very important factor? Things to consider when picking a location;

SIZE OF EVENT: For a walk, estimate 50-75 possibly 100 people on your first event. For a car wash, you' d need space to wash around 5 cars at a time, and space to park cars for pick up & for those waiting, and don' t forget parking for those who are washing cars. For a car show, estimate around 30 cars plus room for vendors & admires.

ACCESS: People will not go if they can' t get to it! Be sure there is plenty of parking and space!

PERMITS & FEES: Will they be needed? How much does it cost? Is the location available for the date you picked? Are there any additional fees for using that facility?

TYPE OF EVENT: Picking the type of event is just as important as the date and Location.

Some ideas: A walk or run, Sports tournament (golf, tennis, softball, etc?), An auction, Car wash, Car show, Dinner

GET OTHERS INVOLVED: Talk to other parents & get volunteers to help plan. Add you information to The Great Battle Against SIDS, fundraiser & event page, Talk with the local police department, sheriffs office, mayor, fire departments, local officials, local stores, anyone who will offer support, either emotionally or financially! Find out what are the requirements for your event in your area!

ADDITIONAL THINGS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED: Insurance, this may be required. All (non-city) events in California must be insured and can cost between \$500.00 - \$1,000 for 24 hours. Check with your parks and rec. dept to see what is required in your city. Permits may be required for the facility, as well as the event itself. Fire department, emergency response crew may be required. This can be costly, however this requirement can sometimes be satisfied by off duty volunteer trained emergency response personnel. If off duty personnel are an option, personally invite the EMT' s, fire fighters, and police officers. Get them to participate while serving as emergency response personnel! Some events in some locations require that water and or food be made available. Community involvement? This is a very uncommon regulation but it does exist. Some city/ county regulations require that you allow small business to advertise at your event for a reasonable fee. There may be additional regulations for your town, city, county or state.

Planning: You' ve decided where, when, and what. You' ve checked the regulations and know what to expect. Know comethard part? Pulling it all together! Remember, at each stage of planning, you' ll need to go back and check the regulations regarding your decision.

Volunteers: This is one of the most important factors of a successful event! You will need volunteers for everything!

MUSIC: If you plan on having music, there are quite a few options. There is the option of playing a stereo, having a DJ, or a local band. Remember to check with your local police department & parks and regulations department to see if you will need additional permits or fees for having music. If your doing your own music, plan on at least 2 volunteers for music.

FOOD: Since a first event usually means a tight budget, food can be a difficult decision. For a first event I would suggest one of the following: See what you can get donated to the event. Bakeries, donut shops, grocery stores, club stores (Costco, Sams club, Wal-Mart) Offer to put up an acknowledgement & store flyers.

Find a vendor that is willing to either purchase a space, or is willing to share profits. This will require participants to purchase their own food, so be sure to let them know before coming!

If you' re doing your own food, plan on at least 4 10 volunteers for food.

DRINKS: Most events you will need to supply something to drink. Water is a great start! A great suggestion that has worked wonders in the past is to offer water & coffee for free, but have sodas, juice & other drinks available for purchase. This is a great money-maker, but also allows families without the extra cash to keep hydrated. (After all, we don' t want to use the emergency response personnel) If you' re selling drinks plan on at least 2 volunteers for drinks.

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How you can help!

You can help the Great Battle Against SIDS by shopping! Yep that's right, shopping! Just sign up at <http://igive.com/battlesids> and shop at your favorite stores! Just to name a few of the many stores that will donate money to The Great Battle Against SIDS when you sign up and shop: Petco, AOL, JCPennys, Petsmart, Lands End, Dell, 123 Inkjets, OfficeMax, Circuit City, Barnes & Noble, Ebay, Joann Fabric, QVC, and many, many more.

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Help us by donating your used cartridges and cell phones! Do you have a business that would like to start a cartridge and cell phone donation program Benefiting The Great Battle Against SIDS? Email

Melissa@BattleSIDS.org, or call (909) 794-3725. Mail your used cartridges to: The Great Battle Against SIDS, 2257 A Mentone Blvd. Mentone, CA 92359

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** Remember to mention that you are a referral from The Great Battle Against SIDS.
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Planning an event

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Things to do: The most important part of your first event is making sure everyone is enjoying himself or herself. If they get bored, they probably won't be back next year! So be sure there is something for all ages. For the younger ones; face painting; bounce houses, coloring area are all great ideas, but can be limited depending on the event your planning. Plan on at least 2 volunteers per table.

T- SHIRTS: Do you want to pass out T-shirts to each participant? The costs of this can be pretty high, but is often a very rewarding expense. They usually run between \$4 -\$7 a piece. Plan on at least 1 volunteer to pass out shirts.

FLOWERS: Do you want to pass out flowers as part of the ceremonies? An old legend says that a red rose for a mother, a yellow rose for bereaved mother. Some other flowers that make touching gifts are daisies. There is a beautiful poem that goes with them. Click Here for the poem.

Other AREAS WHERE VOLUNTEERS are needed: Mailing (1-2 volunteers) , Order & pick up t-shirts. (1 volunteer) , Order & pick up banners & or posters (1 volunteer) , Order & pick up equipment - musical (1-3 volunteers) , Order & pick up food & water (1-5 volunteers) , Order & pick up flowers (1-2 volunteers) , Collect items for raffle, door prize, or auction (2-10 volunteers) , Advertising (1-5 volunteers) , Decorations (1-3 volunteers) , Registration table (1-2 volunteers) , Money collecting (always have 2 responsible adults collecting money together) , Raffle (1-3 volunteers) , Set- up (2- 10 volunteers) , Tear down (2-10 volunteers) Many volunteers may be willing to work more than one volunteer spot.

OPENING CEREMONY Some ideas for opening ceremonies include: Releasing doves, butterflies, ladybugs , Having the mayor or other elected official say a speech , A special song or poem , Parent testimonials, speeches, Reading of the babies' names

Closing ceremony The same ideas apply for the closing ceremony. This could also be completely omitted. This page will be continuously updated with information so be sure to check back often for more ideas!

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