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October is
SIDS
Awareness
Month



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Suggestions for the holidays.



Surviving the Holidays

Things you can do to keep your child's memory alive during the holiday season...

Find a local children's hospital that you can donate candy canes to in memory of your child (remember to purchase sugar free candy canes too). Instead of candy canes you can purchase small teddy bears, stockings, or any assortment of gifts you'd like. Remember to contact the hospital prior to purchasing anything to see their need and /or requirements.

Make a donation to a program that helps bereaved families, such as: Heavenly Hugs bears (www.battlesids.org/hh/), Donate items to TGBAS's Remembrance packages, (<http://battlesids.org/remembering.html>), or see what your local organization may need help with.

Hang a stocking for your little one. A wonderful tip for Christmas morning: Fill the bottom portion of the stocking with crumpled wrapping paper, and place some small memento style gifts at the top. Leaving the stocking empty can upset not only yourself, but also any children who may be around Christmas morning. (My daughter thought Santa was mad at her sister for leaving, and that's why he didn't fill her stocking) Wait until others have began to open gifts to empty that stocking, with all the other crumpled wrapping paper on the ground, no one will realize some came from the stocking.

Buy a special candle, and leave it lit throughout the holiday celebrations.

If it's snowing out, take your family to make snow angels... Take pictures, and blow them up for a special holiday photo! It's a wonderful tribute, and a special way to spend time with your family.

Decorate your baby's special place. Where ever it is you feel most connected to your baby. Perhaps the gravesite, or a memorial garden, maybe it's in your bedroom, where you spent so many loving hours together. Hang a wreath, put up a tree or simply put up your favorite photo.

If you go to church you could donate your time or resources for the children's holiday play.



Christmas In Heaven returns for it's 4th year!

In November Christmas In Heaven, will return. This will be our fourth year hanging memorial stockings on our website. There will be some changes this year, including a sponsorship section. Please join our Christmas In Heaven Mailing list, and be the first to know when the memorial is open.

www.battlesids.org/christmas



Visit The Great Battle
Against SIDS booth at

October 15th, 2005
Walk To Remember
Scripps Ranch Commu-
nity Park
7:30 am
San Diego, CA

California SIDS
Conference

October 26, 2005

For more information
please contact the
California SIDS
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Little Ones Grieve Too!

*Tips to help your children deal with
the holiday season.*

Allow your children to remember their brother /
sister in their own way. Children who have lost a
sibling may find the holidays very confusing.
They may feel guilty for being happy when mom
and dad are so sad. Some amazing ideas that have
been passed on to me through the years:

Buy a package of ornaments (plastic if working
with young children) and allow them to draw,
paint, or write something for their brother / sister.
Allow them to hang those on the tree. This could
also become a tradition, those ornaments being the
first hung on the tree every year. Most little ones
are proud to do something in memory of their
brother / sister, and it leaves you with a wonderful
keepsake.

Let them make a memory book of their sibling,
draw pictures to share, write a poem or story, write
a letter to their sibling, and allow them to share
these items during the holiday season.

Allow them to buy a gift for their brother / sister.
Allow them to wrap it, and find that perfect spot
under the tree.

Let them pick out a plant or tree to plant in mem-
ory of their sibling.

Remember Me

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

Birthdays

October

Bryce Charles Baker

October 05, 2002

SIDS

Brianna Leonor Velasquez

October 11, 2004

SIDS

Caleb Andrew Rowland

October 13, 2003

SIDS

(photo)

Jessica Bryn Lawson

October 17, 2001

SIDS

Kevin Ronald Thomas Shaver

October 19, 2000

SIDS

Joshua Eduardo Pinto

October 25, 1990

SIDS

Dimitri Alexander Jones

October 25, 2000

SIDS

Cheyenne Elizabeth Todd

October 28, 1997

Miscarriage

(photo)

Anna Ruby LaPierre

October 30, 2002

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Mason Drew Devasher (was a twin)

October 31, 2003

SIDS

November

Ryan David Ortman

November 03, 1999

SIDS

Christopher Shane Chisholm

November 04, 1972

SIDS



Kassidy Renee Lytton

November 05, 2004

SIDS

Joey Michael

November 16, 2003

SIDS

Thomas Edward Burleson

November 16, 2003

SIDS

Brianna E - A Padilla

November 18, 1999

SIDS

December

Zackary Shane

December 11, 1998

SIDS

Robert Wayne Brake

December 15, 2004

SIDS

(photo)

Michael Simon Chavez

December 22, 1994

SIDS



To include your child in the Remember Me section of our newsletter, please add your child to the special days registry. www.battlesids.org/specialdays.html

Remember Me

Angel Days

October

Owen James Steffke
October 06, 2003
Undetermined
Brookelynn Rae Sheehy
October 13, 2003
SIDS
Layton Riley Tippins
October 14, 2003
SIDS
Tilor Christopher Zajicek
October 20, 2002
SIDS
Jordan William
October 23, 1998
SIDS
Ryan Nicholas Del Vecchio
October 23, 2003
SIDS
Kayla Michelle Blanton
October 26, 1999
SIDS
Dominic Lincoln-William
Beaudet
October 30, 2002
SIDS
(photo)
Bailey Renee Brady
October 31, 1999
SIDS



November

Joshua Wayne Poole
November 02, 2001
SIDS
Ethan James Landes
November 22, 2004
SIDS
Nicholas Cassiano Hy-
ora
November 25, 2001
SIDS

December

Christopher Shane Chisholm
December 01, 1972
SIDS
Aislinn Celeste McComsey
December 3, 2003
SIDS
(photo)
William Edward Gasser
December 06, 1999
SIDS
Gillian Faith Wells
December 07, 2003
SIDS
Chad Kahler
December 08, 2003
SIDS
Thomas Edward Burleson
December 08, 2003
SIDS
John R Devereux
December 09, 2001
SIDS
Jeremiah Christopher Merrell
December 10, 2003
SIDS
Lori Beth Hall
December 14, 2001
SIDS
Kevin Ronald Thomas Shaver
December 17, 2000
SIDS
Joshua James Suppes
December 18, 1997
SIDS
Anna Ruby LaPierre
December 31, 2002
SUDI



Look for the remember me calendar in our cafepress
shop soon!

[Http://cafepress.com/battlesids](http://cafepress.com/battlesids)

Support Group Meetings

Oct 3 Miscarriage & Stillbirth support group
Oct 10 Infant Loss support group
Oct 17 Toddler & Young Child Loss support
Oct 24 SIDS support group
Nov 7 Miscarriage & Stillbirth support group
Nov 14 Infant Loss support group
Nov 21 Toddler & Young Child Loss support
Nov 28 SIDS support group
Dec 5 Miscarriage & Stillbirth support group
Dec 12 Infant Loss support group
Dec 19 Toddler & Young Child Loss support
*Dec 20 SIDS support group

Please note the December SIDS support group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 20th due to the holidays.

Contact Melissa for more information:
Supportgroups@battlesids.org
(909) 794-3725

All meetings are held in Redlands, CA.
To assist newly bereaved families, children should not attend support group meetings.
Child care is not provided .

A special thank you to the families who recently sponsored the site in honor of:

August 2005-

Joseph C. LaMattina

September 2005-

Bryan Charles Bemis, Chassidy

Clements

October 2005-

Deegan Tony Belingeri

For more information visit:

www.battlesids.org/sponsors

Online Support Groups

California SIDS Support
www.groups.msn.com/CalSIDS

California Infant Loss Support
[www.groups.msn.com/
CaliforniaInfantLossSupport](http://www.groups.msn.com/CaliforniaInfantLossSupport)

San Bernardino & surrounding areas infant loss support
www.groups.msn.com/SBIL

A letter written to Aislinn by Donna McComsey

Jan 21, 2004

Dear Precious Aislinn,

In 2 days you would be turning 4 Months old already. Wow does time fly! We miss you very much. I hope you are having a lot of fun with all the other Angels. I hope Great Papap Kenneth is taking really good care of you. He is a very sweet guy, very caring and loving. I know that he plays with you all the time, and will remind you of your mommy and daddy. I know that you both are looking in on us and I praise you for that. I can sometimes feel your presence around me. I wish we could hold you, hug you and kiss your cute lil button nose, like I have done since you came into our lives. I carry your pictures with me everywhere I go. You come to work with me, so I can actually get through the shift and day. I also wear the angel pin that was given to you at your viewing, and a pin of lil gold feet of a 10-week old baby after conception. I show your pictures to everyone even strangers, so you will never be forgotten down here! We have all your pictures up on our mantle in the living room, with 2 huge candles burning every day, so your presence is always around us. You have touched so many lives with your cute little face; everyone misses you and cherishes your memory. Even though we didn't have much time together, you will always be our precious baby girl... our "Beautiful Dream From The Heavens", Just like your name means! God Bless you little Aislinn Celeste. We will all be together soon, please hold a place in Heaven for Mommy, Daddy, Both your Grandma's, Grandpa & Auntie Erica!

Love Always And Forever Sunshine,
Mommy Donna and Daddy John

Thank you for your recent donations

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October 2005 is SIDS Awareness Month

The following states have declared October 2005 as SIDS awareness month (as of 10-1-05)

1:) Alabama,
2:) Alaska
3:) Arizona
4:) Arkansas
5:) California
6:) Colorado
7:) Connecticut
8:) Delaware
9:) Florida
10:) Idaho
11:) Illinois
12:) Indiana
13:) Iowa
14:) Kentucky
15:) Maine
16:) Maryland
17:) Massachusetts
18:) Michigan
19:) Missouri
20:) Nebraska
21:) Nevada

22:) New Jersey
23:) New Mexico
24:) New York
25:) Pennsylvania
26:) South Carolina
27:) Texas
28:) Utah
29:) Virginia
30:) Washington
31:) West Virginia
32:) Wyoming **July 2005**

Editors note: Other states may have declared October as SIDS awareness month, however I am unable to verify such information.

If you are interested in helping insure your state declares October as SIDS awareness Month, please consider joining the October for SIDS Awareness group. You can join the group and see the latest updates by visiting:

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

Don't forget to wear your SIDS Awareness Pin all month:

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

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