



Mission Statement

Our Mission is to bring light in a time of sorrow. To provide a bear as a reminder of your little angel and that you are not alone, but accompanied by the thoughts and prayers of everyone who has shared in this emotion.

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A Personal Story

My husband and I were anxiously counting the days till our gender ultrasound which was just one week away. We had an early ultrasound done previously due to a prior miscarriage. During the first ultrasound we heard the heartbeat and witnessed our precious little one kicking and moving his arms at just 10 weeks. It was so amazing to see. At our next doctors visit we were able to hear the strong heartbeat yet again of our sweet baby. We made all of our plans to announce the Gender of our baby at a party planned for our friends and family on January 18th. But sadly on January 6th I started spotting very lightly. I called my doctor and she told me not to worry, that this can be very common but to go to the hospital if the spotting was to become heavier. Consumed with worry we decided to go to the hospital anyway we needed to know if our baby was Okay. The tech came in to do an ultrasound and she started out very chatty but then became somber and turned the monitor away. The E.R. Doctor came in and told us our baby had no heartbeat or brain activity. We were devastated. Since I wasn't in active labor I was able to go home and meet with my doctor the following day to discuss our options. After talking with her the following day she had sent me to the hospital to induce labor. On January 8, 2014 at 4:30 a.m I delivered our Baby Hayden. This was exactly 5 months to our due date. He was so tiny but so perfect. "There is no footprint so small that it cannot leave an imprint in our hearts." The Doctor and her Nurses showed such compassion while our friends and family surrounded us with love and strength during this difficult time for us. The staff at Metro Hospital went above and beyond their job to comfort us, making us feel as if they were our family. Before they discharged me the nurses presented me with something I never knew could bring such comfort and ease so much pain, a Blue Teddy Bear from the Brianna Lee Foundation. Although this bear can never take the place of Hayden it has brought such comfort. Instead of leaving the hospital with our arms empty we had the bear to hug and Hayden forever in our hearts. Losing Hayden was the most difficult pain we have experienced but our bear has brought us a sweet memory of our precious Son. "Our mission is to bring light in a time of sorrow. To provide a teddy bear as a reminder of your little angel and to let you know that you are not alone, but accompanied by the thoughts and prayers of everyone who has shared in this emotion." This is the mission statement of the Brianna Lee Foundation and their mission has helped in the healing of our hearts. We will forever be grateful.

In Memory of our Precious Son. We never got to hear you cry. We never got to feel you kick. We never got to hold you close but you will forever be missed. We Love you Always and Forever our Baby Hayden.

Brandon and Traci Oliver

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We are excited to welcome 4 new hospitals to the Brianna Lee Foundation Family. We welcome Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, Bronson Lakeview Hospital, Bronson Battle Creek Hospital and Borgess Hospital. We are looking forward to helping them in the Bereavement Support that they offer to their moms that experience a Still Birth. Pictured are Jim Miller, Jessica Miller, Brenda Terburg-Fawley (Bereavment Coordinator-Medical Social Worker Trauma Unit), Linda Miller and Terry Morrow (Executive Director). Not pictured, as she is taking the picture, Lynne Seibert, (Bronson Foundation Department).



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