



#### 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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Every newsletter I struggle with the lead story. This newsletter is no exception. If anything, this newsletter has been more of a struggle.

With what's been going on around all of us, it's been hard to focus on much. After all, we are all struggling, because we either know someone who has had Covid or we have had it ourselves. Please know that all of you have been in our thoughts and prayers!

So, while I have been thinking now is NOT the time to put out a newsletter, a few things made me realize that now IS A VERY important time to get this newsletter out!

The first thing that made me realize I needed to get the newsletter out, is that in the last thirty days we have sent out 110 teddy bears, with 60 of those being in just the last two days!

The second thing that hit me, was a news story that a local television station did. Their news report stated that in 6 million pregnancies in the UK, Turkey and the United States that there was a 28% increase in stillbirths so far during the Pandemic.

As I thought about this news story, I realized we all are being affected by Covid in one way or another. However, these moms/families are affected in a way most of us aren't. We after all have each other. These moms/families don't have the one thing they wanted the most. Their baby.

So, as we continue to work through this pandemic, let us please pray for each other and for the moms/families that have experienced a stillbirth during the pandemic.

Because of your continued prayers and support, we are able to continue to give the moms/families a teddy bear at the hospitals that we have partnered with. A teddy bear that they can hold, hug and cry with during this tragic time in their life.

God Bless each of you!  
Linda Miller

Thank you for all the donations, because of you we are able to support additional moms and families in their time of need.

In Memory of Brianna,  
Rob and Jenny Sullivan



DONATIONS RECEIVED THIS  
QUARTER

Dave and Jerrie Garvin  
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In Memory and Merry Christmas to,  
Rowan Champbell  
Mom (Megan), Dad (Gerrit), Rhys, Kiara  
and Elias

In memory of  
Eli Alexander Lee December 8, 2020  
In Honor of Parents Melissa &  
Shelby Lee  
Pamela Miller

In memory of our granddaughter,  
Lydia Williamson - January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
In Honor of Parents Phyllis and Tim  
Kathy and James Lipovsky

In Memory of Brianna,  
Uncle Jeff and Aunt Raeann Miller

Donation in Honor of all the babies born  
into the arms of Jesus  
Sharon Bowers RN

Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday and In Memory of  
our triplets  
Ryan, Blayke, and Carson Matczak  
born 12/30/2017  
Maggie Derstine

Donation in honor of her  
granddaughter and Daughter.  
To continue with the gifts of  
teddy bears,  
Deb Hanson

In Memory of Eli Lee  
In Honor of Parents Melissa and Shelby Lee  
Laurie Gole

## Letters of Appreciation and Thanks that We Received!

From Our Hospitals:

We have had 9 losses in the last 2 months and I do not know what I would do without being able to give out your sweet, soft teddy bears to our grieving parents. Thank you for blessing our heartbroken parents in such a tangible way.

4 of these parents wanted me to thank you from the bottom of their heart when I spoke with you. I tell them about your granddaughter each time I give out one of your bears.

Thank you to the Brianna Lee Foundation for the continued support you provide to our loss families. Your generosity helps so many families.

From Families:

I wanted to reach out to express my sincere gratitude for the gift of the teddy bear, during the stillbirth of my granddaughter. My daughter will cherish that bear the rest of her life, as it brought her great comfort. Your foundation is such a blessing.

Deb

Thank you so much for your vision in doing this for grieving parents. It meant so much to our daughter and son in law.

Laurie

Dear Miller Family,

My husband and I were blessed with a beautiful baby boy on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Although we knew for 18 weeks, it was still just as painful that his twin sister wouldn't be going home with us. The bear that we received from your foundation is so special and sweet. We put her name on the ribbon. Grace will always and forever bring us joy. Thank you so much for what you're doing to comfort parents in such a hard time. What you do matters.

With grateful hearts,

My husband and I went to the hospital on 12/8/2020 for our scheduled C Section of our 2<sup>nd</sup> son, Eli. We left with one of your teddy bears, leaving our stillborn angel at the hospital. I can't tell you how much comfort this precious teddy bear has brought me. Thank You! Our love, prayers and hugs to all as you remember your angel baby.

Melissa and Shelby

Thank You for all the comfort you give to parents and so many others!

Kathy

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