



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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Brianna Bear

Here we are, over a year after our angel was born, and I still can't believe she is gone. I love and miss Brianna so much it hurts, but I have comfort in knowing that I have a loving husband, two beautiful boys who make me smile every day, and I have my Brianna Bear.

I will never forget when Brian put that bear in my arms, it was a bittersweet moment because I was wishing for my little girl to be in my arms, but also finding comfort in knowing I had something to hold onto when I walked out of that hospital. While it will never replace Brianna, it is the only thing I have that is representing her. The bear is something that I can hold and hug as if she was here with us.

The first few weeks were the hardest; I found myself going up to my room where I kept the bear and hugging it very often, even sleeping with it. I have gotten more comfort from that bear than words can even express. The grieving process is long and I am still grieving and will be for the rest of my life, but this bear, is a physical piece that can represent the baby that I only could hold for a few hours. It is my Brianna in angel form. I truly believe that she is a part of that bear and she has helped me grieve for her. She is the reason I can hopefully help other moms, other families grieve for their little angels.

Written by Jessica Miller

Save the date! Upcoming events around the area

The West Michigan Walk to Remember is an annual event at Fallasburg Park in Lowell Michigan to honor the memory of our beloved children who died due to miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant death. This year's event is on October 5, registration is from 9:00 am to 10:00 am, Memorial Service from 10:00 am - 10:30 am, Decorate Balloons 10:30 am - 11:00 am, Walk to Balloon Release 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, and the Walk to Covered Bridge 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm. Registration will be done online at www.ellabullis.org and will begin about 1 month prior to the event. Shirts and apparel will be available to order thru the site as well. You can look them up on Facebook to stay up to date on the latest information.

Addyson's Angel Run is a 5k run/walk to support the Star Legacy Foundation. The Star Legacy Foundation is an organization dedicated to Stillbirth research and education (for more information on the Star Legacy Foundation, please visit www.starlegacyfoundation.org). This is the first year for this event and it will take place on October 12, at Hagar Park in Jenison Michigan. Cost of the Event is \$25 if you pre-register (\$35 day of), which includes a t-shirt and lunch from Palermo Pizza. You can also pre-register kids 3-10 years old for \$10 (\$15 day of) for a 100-yard fun run. You can visit their website, <http://www.addysonsangelrun.com>, to register for the event and for more information. They also have a Facebook page so you can stay up to date on the latest information.

Our First Delivery of Bears!

We are excited to announce that our first delivery of teddy bears was made on May 14th to Spectrum Hospital, Zeeland Campus. We were able to make this donation, as well as schedule two additional hospitals, due to your donations. All monies sent to the foundation go towards helping us to get another hospital supplied with teddy bears. Your donation truly helps another hurting mom know that she is not alone, that others are thinking of her, supporting her and praying for her.

A special thanks to Tamara Potter and Julianne Carey from Spectrum Hospital for being so kind during the presentation. It was a tough day as it would have been Brianna's 1st Birthday. They were so gracious and wonderful during this emotional day. So thank you ladies! You are wonderful!

To all of our donors, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your donation. We cannot do this without you. If you are interested in donating and helping us out please send your donation, using the enclosed envelope.

To all of you that have prayed for us and helped in getting this foundation up and running, thank you! We could not have gotten where we are today without your prayers and support. My dream is that this foundation will be as big as the Susan G Komen Foundation, with teddy bears in every hospital in the United States. As I have shared this vision and dream with some folks, a few will look at me as if to say "yea, right". Then my son reminded me that the worst thing that can happen when you reach for the moon, is that if you miss, you will land among the stars.

With your help and support we will be among the stars or moon, helping every mom that has to face this horrific loss, know she is not alone. She will know she is loved, by the simple act of receiving a teddy bear.

God bless you all and from the bottom of our hearts THANK YOU!

Linda Miller

President Brianna Lee Foundation



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***Because of your help the foundation was able to make the first donation of bears to Zeeland Hospital.

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Fox TV 17 features the Brianna Lee Foundation
We would like to thank Janice Allen at Fox TV 17.

Fox 17 does a paying it forward segment in their news and on 5/10/13 they featured the Brianna Lee Foundation. In case you missed it here is the web site fox17online.com/news. Click on the paying it forward link and look for the 5/10 segment titled "non- profit aims to put teddy bears in arms of mourning moms."

A special Thank you to Janice Allen for helping to bring awareness to our foundation.

Fundraising for the Foundation

31 Designs Independent Consultant Deanna Duram, niece-in-law to the founder of the Brianna Lee Foundation, is sponsoring a fundraising party to help us ensure that “No Family Leaves the Hospital Empty Handed”. Deanna will be donating at least 20% of the fundraising party sales to the foundation!

Not only are at least 20% of the proceeds being donated but everyone who makes a purchase will be entered into a drawing for the “Hostess Grand Prize”. The winner of the Hostess Grand Prize will earn the Hostess Rewards from the Fundraising Party, earning Hostess Credit for Free Product (and who doesn’t love free!), the ability to purchase Hostess Exclusive Items, and to purchase one or more items at half-price! (Note that there are some limited exclusions as described in the fine print...)

Review the chart below or click here for the details on Thirty-one’s Hostess Rewards.

Want to earn extra entries for the Hostess Grand Prize? If you agree to host a party you will get a second entry into the drawing. While Deanna may be located in Georgia, you can always host a catalog party or even a Facebook Party. For those interested in Hosting a Party, please email Deanna directly at dduram@juno.com and indicate you heard about this opportunity through the Brianna Lee Foundation Fundraiser. For every party booked through this fundraising event, Deanna will donate a portion of the proceeds from that event to the Brianna Lee Foundation as well! It’s a win-win for everyone.

Now it’s time to SHOP– put your own wish list together as well as your gift list !

Our online catalog demonstrates all the versatile products of 31 Designs and provides inspiration for product personalization. Be sure to take advantage of the June customer special, the Large Utility Tote. For every \$35 spent in June, you can purchase a Large Utility Tote for just \$10 – a savings of \$25.

Remember at least 20% of sales will be donated to the Brianna Lee Foundation. All items will be shipped directly to your address and one lucky person will win the hostess benefits! This online party will close on Thursday, June 20th.

All orders should be placed via the Brianna Lee Foundation Fundraising Party Link If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Deanna via email at dduram@juno.com or cell phone at (678) 360-4001

Thank you Deanna for helping the Foundation with this great Fundraiser.

The Brianna Lee Foundation would make a great mission project! If your church, group, or organization would like us to come and speak at an event to let people know about stillbirths and our great foundation please feel free to contact Linda Miller (616) 481-3727.

Are you interested in shopping, spending time with the girls, or wearing great cloths? If you are, consider hosting a Jockey Party. Linda Miller has started selling Jockey and ALL the profit goes direct to the Brianna Lee Foundation. If you are interested or would like more information feel free to contact Linda.

