



#### 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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I always procrastinate when its time to put the newsletter together. What do I say? (I always feel like it's the same thing) Is all the work we do worth it? Is the Foundation making a difference and is it worth it? Then we get notes like the ones below and I am reassured all the work and time putting the newsletter together is worth it. We are making a difference. Notes like these keep us motivated to continue!

Good morning,

I lost my baby girl today, also May 14. When I read the brochure I couldn't believe the date was the same. I just wanted to say thank you for the teddy bear. While I know it doesn't replace the baby in any way, it is something to hold onto and cry with. This is my first loss experienced and I am forever traumatized. I can't imagine what Jessica and Brian went through. My baby girl was 16 weeks. I have faith with knowing she is in heaven with my mother and I will see her again one day, just like I believe Jessica, Brian, Linda and any other family members will see Brianna again.

The teddy bear will be forever cherished- thank you. It means more than you know.

We had a loss yesterday. It was absolutely heartbreaking. Their little girl survived 2 weeks and fought so hard before she passed. When I placed Brianna's teddy bear in that momma's arms, she held it so close. It was also in all the memorial pictures. I can't tell you how much that bear meant to that mom. When she left the hospital, she was also holding on to that bear for dear life.

Sharon, Still Missed Coordinator

We had 5 losses this week. I gave a bear out this morning to a gal and her fiancé'. The gal grabbed the bear and hugged it and cried. I went back in her room a little later and she said she didn't want to leave the hospital. However, having the bear, was making it easier to, as she had laid the bear in the bassinet with the baby, so she felt like she was taking a little bit of the baby home with her.

Kelly, Bereavement Director

I just wanted to take a moment and thank you and your organization for what you do. I lost my baby this past week an it has been a whirlwind. I am so lost and hurt. One thing that has helped me sleep and stay calm is the teddy bear I received from the Foundation during my stay at the hospital. I am so grateful for is that teddy bear. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Michelle

As we celebrate/mourn the loss of Brianna, on what would have been her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday (May 14<sup>TH</sup>), we also celebrate and mourn all those precious babies who left us way too early. Please take a moment and give all those precious children in your life, an extra hug and remember to tell them you love them.

We here at the Brianna Lee Foundation, are sending extra love and thoughts to all those families that celebrated Mother's Day without their angle child. We get through it, knowing one day we will see them again.

## These are my footprints

These are my footprints, so perfect and so small.  
These tiny footprints, never touched the ground at all.  
Not one tiny footprint, for now I have my wings.  
These tiny footprints were meant for other things.  
You will hear my tiny footprints, in the patter of the rain.  
Gentle drops like angels tears, of joy and not from pain.  
You will see my tiny footprints, in each butterflies' lazy dance.  
I'll let you know I'm with you, if you give me just a chance.  
You will see my tiny footprints, in the rustle of the leaves.  
I will whisper names into the wind, and call each one that grieves.  
Most of all, these tiny footprints, are found in mummy's heart,  
'cause even though I'm gone now, we'll never truly part."

### DONATIONS

Remembering Lydia Jessie  
Williamson at Christmas. From  
Grandma and Grandpa, Jim and  
Kathy Lipovsky  
Jim and Karyl Mccullough  
Jim and Bonnie Linscott  
Kevin and Tracey Weberg  
Larry Wunsch  
Dave and Jerrie Garvin

### Welcome to our new Hospitals

Mercy Hospital in Portland Maine, Aurora  
Health Care in Green Bay Wisconsin and  
CPMC Van Ness Hospital in San Francisco  
California.

We sent out OVER 350 bears this past winter. As  
much as we wish there wasn't a need for the  
Foundation, there is, so please consider donating,  
as and when you can. What a great way to let  
those moms/families know that they are not alone  
and that there is an entire army of people,  
supporting them in their time of sorrow and need.  
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!





