



Mission Statement

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Here is what I shared with the golfers before we sent them out to play. I would like to share it with you.

Brianna was born still on May 14th 2012. A mom enters the hospital expecting to leave with a baby in her arms. Never does she imagine leaving empty armed.

Brian gave Jessica a teddy bear so when she left the hospital, she had something in her arms.

Watching how that teddy bear helped Jessica as she had something in her arms, as well as something to hold, cuddle and cry with as she tried to heal from this tragedy, I did some research.

There are 26,000 stillbirths in the US every year. Said another way, every 20 minutes a baby is born still.

To help comfort other moms and families that have shared in this loss, we as a family, decided to start the Brianna Lee Foundation. A Foundation that honors ALL those babies that are born into the arms of Jesus.

We supply free to hospitals 18-inch teddy bears, to give to the moms that are faced with leaving empty armed.

The first year we were in 8 hospitals in the Midwest. Today we are in over 150 hospitals in 11 states.

We could not do this without your continued support, so from the bottom of our hearts, thank you and God bless you for your support.

To date we are able to supply over 8 thousand 800 bears to the hospitals! Again, because of your support.

I want to quickly share a phone call I received awhile back. My cell phone ran and I hesitated to answer it, as it was an area code I wasn't familiar with. I thought about just letting it go to voicemail, however a voice in the back of my head said to answer it. So, I did... "Hello this is Linda". Quiet on the other end. As I was getting ready to end the call that voice in my head said say hello again..." Hello this is Linda".

I could hear sobbing on the other end of the phone. After a few seconds I hear.... "My wife and I lost our daughter this morning. We received one of your bears...thank you so much".

We talked for a few minutes, him doing most of the talking and I listened. As he got ready to end the conversation he asked me how Brian and Jess were doing. I assured him they were OK. He then asked if they had any other children after Brianna. I told him they did. This poor man who thought his world was coming to end, called more for comfort and reassurance than anything else.

And we were able to provide him that, because of your support.

So again, we thank you for your support.

Jerrie Garvin 1952 - 2024

The Brianna Lee Foundation, as well as all of us on the board of the Foundation, lost a very dear and special friend suddenly this summer.

We were blest to be able to call Jerrie a friend for almost 50 years. The Foundation was blessed by her willingness to always help out, pitch in when needed, as well as supporting the Foundation financially.

Jerrie loved children. She was a special education teacher for over 30 years and taught Sunday school for almost as many years. If there was a child around Jerrie would be by that child. Jerrie was happiest when she was with children.

She was a kind and compassionate person, who always saw the good in everyone.

We will always be thankful that Jerrie was a part of our lives and she will live on in our hearts forever.

Thank you, Dave, Ben and Matt, for requesting memorial contributions go to the Brianna Lee Foundation. It is so fitting, as Jerrie would be the first one there, comforting and consoling the family that lost the child.

I can just see Jerrie in heaven with a bunch of children around her, and that smile of love and joy that she had on her face when she was with children.

We love you Jerrie and we look forward to the day when we will see you again!



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To our sponsors, golfers and donors: Check out the Brianna Lee Foundation Facebook page for all the pictures of the golf outing!

Thanks to all of you, our 11th annual golf outing was a huge success!

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Most of all we would like to thank our golfers for coming out and golfing with us.





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Save the Date

September 14, 2025

12th Annual

Brianna Lee Foundation

Golf Outing

The Meadows Golf Course

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