



#### 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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### Sharing of My Thoughts and Memories

Reflecting over the past 13 years, brings me to both tears and a full heart!

We love all the amazing and emotional notes and calls we get, from both the family of the child born still and/or the hospital staff that gave one of the Brianna Lee teddy bears to a family.

The hospitals always share how when they give the bear out, it is immediately grabbed, clutched and how the bear opens a place in the heart, that nothing else can touch. It gives them something to hug, cry with and carry out of the hospital. It helps with the empty arm syndrome a mom will experience because her arms don't have the baby to hold.

I reflect on a call I received a few years ago, from a gentleman who was crying. He and his wife had just lost their daughter. They were given a teddy bear and while his wife was sleeping, he called. He felt his world had just come to an end and he was scared. He wasn't sure what was next. He asked me how Jess and Brian were doing since having lost Brianna. I assured him they were doing OK. A long pause and then the next question; "Have they had any children since losing Brianna". I replied yes. I could tell my answers helped him to feel a little better as he wasn't crying as hard. He thanked me for taking his call.

To that gentleman, thank you for your call. These calls give us the motivation to continue the mission of the Foundation.

Another story that grabs my heart, is the story in the last newsletter. Garrett's story was shared by his parents, Greg and Sabrina Vasher. This story is amazing because the Foundation helped and touched the heart of a mom and dad, 29 years after Garrett was born still. Just by sharing their story, (and receiving a teddy bear), they were able to continue in their healing process.

When parents are allowed to share the story of their child, healing begins or continues. As I stated above, these bears touch a place in a parent's heart that no person can reach.

So, thank you for your continued support! We couldn't do it without you!

God bless each family that has had to experience this tragedy. And God bless each of you for your help and support of the Foundation!

Together we will continue to touch the hearts of families by the small gesture, of giving them a teddy bear.

Linda Miller

Thank you for your donation this past quarter!

Jim and Bonnie Linscott

Acton Family Chiropractic Grandville

Denisse Castillo - in memory of her daughter

Jim and Kathy Lipovsky - in memory of Lydia Williamson and in honor of Tim and Phyllis Williamson

Kevin and Tracey Weberg

Melissa M Lee - in memory of Eli Alexander Lee

Thomas & Laurie Cole - in memory of Eli Alexander Lee

Ashley Castle – Wilson in memory of Ella Rae Wilson

Matt Wilson - to fill empty arms with teddy bears

Valerie & Jordan Vande Guchte – in honor of Julian Milwaukee & heavenly siblings.

Message from a MOM

Thank you for what you do. God will multiply you forever. My husband and I lost our baby girl on September 30<sup>th</sup> and that teddy bear is what keeps me a float.

From the bottom of my heart, God Bless you!

To the wonderful community that is the Brianna Lee Foundation.

Thank you for the important mission you live out to help families who have suffered a terrible loss.

I have enclosed a donation in memory of my granddaughter, Lydia Williamson who was stillborn on January 1, 2018. Also in thanksgiving for her dear parents, Phyllis and Tim Williamson, who now have 2 beautiful little girls, Camille and Valerie.

Thank you!

God bless you

Kathy and Jim Lipovsky

Save the Date  
September 13, 2026

13<sup>th</sup> Annual

Brianna Lee Foundation

Golf Outing

The Meadows Golf Course

4645 W Campus Dr  
Allendale, MI 49401

Thank You to Greg and Sabrina Vasher for their Go Fund Me Page/Donation in memory of Garrett Vasher

We would like to welcome two additional hospitals to the Brianna Lee Family.

Memorial Hospital Miramar Florida  
and

IU Fishers/Saxony Hospital in Fishers IN