# A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR FAMILIES FACING THE LOSS OF A BABY

This resource guide was compiled by parents and families in your area who have experienced the loss of a baby. We want you to know that you are not alone, and through it may be difficult to reach out at this time, we found that the following resources offered comfort and support in our time of need. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or to let us know about an outdated resource or for additional support: heavenshummingbirds@commonspirit.org.

If you are in an immediate crisis please call or text the suicide and crisis hotline at 988.



Their song will be sung, but we must do the singing.



#### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

#### **Angel Names Association**

Financial assistance for end-of-life expenses and counseling services.
www.angelnames.org

#### The Tears Foundation

Assists bereaved parents with financial expenses. Works with Dignity Memorial Mortuary/Funeral Homes in the valley.

https://thetearsfoundation.org/application/ https://thetearsfoundation.org/

# Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery and Funeral Home

Free burial for babies under 20 weeks gestational age. Families will meet with Queen of Heaven Mortuary and parents provide transportation for your baby the day of the services and/or burial. 480-892-3729 Mesa (Queen of Heaven) 623-936-1710 Phoenix (Holy Cross Catholic Cemeteries)

https://www.qohcfh.org/services/unborn-babies

#### PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES

#### **Bella Baby Photography**

In-house photography company offering free photography services. In-patient services, your nurse will assist with the arrangements. 480-253-9485

www.BellaBabyPhotography.com

# Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep (NILMDTS)

Nonprofit organization of volunteer photographers providing the gift of portrait photography and retouch.

www.nowilaymedowntosleep.org

#### MARKETING / COMMERCIAL

#### **Direct Marketing Association**

Removal of your name from telemarketing materials for a fee.

www.dmachoice.org/register.php

# **Federal Trade Commission**

Removal of your name from baby product advertisements.

www.consumer.ftc.gov

#### COUNSELING

#### Women's Health Innovations of Arizona

Children's and Family Services Available 480-339-7119 www.whiarizona.org

intake@whiarizona.com

#### Calm Hearts Counseling -Christine Slomski, MS, MPC

Provides counseling services for anxiety, trauma, grief, infertility counseling, women's mental health. 480-253-9171

www.calmheartscounseling.com hello@calmheartscounseling.com

# **Family Strategies**

Specializes in traumatic grief and loss. 480-668-8301 www.familystrategies.org

www.ramiiystrategies.org

#### Sacred Hearts Center for Counseling

Counseling Rooted in Catholic Christian Model of the Person.

1176 E. Warner Rd., Ste 203, Gilbert, AZ 85296 www.sacredheartscenterforcounseling.com

# Franciscan Renewal Center - Ryan Sheade, LCSW

Offers grief support. No one is turned away due to funding.

480-948-7460

www.thecasa.org/tscm

## Transformative Moments Counseling -Andrea Boyd, LPC-S, NCC, PMH-C, CCTP

Individual or therapeutic group counseling and virtual group that meets for 8 week cycles. 602-315-8664

aboyd @transformative moments counseling.com

# **ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY**

#### Gideon's Care Farm -Erin Perre, MC, NCC, LAC

Healing hearts, with horses. Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy. Ages 6+. Specializing in grief, anxiety, and ADHD. 480-466-0389

www.gideonscarefarm.com

#### **CRISIS LINE**

## Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Dial 988 or online at www.988lifeline.org

# **SUPPORT GROUPS (in person)**

#### **Heaven's Hummingbirds Support Group**

Dignity East Valley Perinatal Bereavement Support Services. Meets the 3rd Monday of every month from 6-7:30pm.

www.heavens-hummingbirds.org

# Banner Desert & Banner Children's Support Group

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7-8pm. RSVP to: Jenny Pearson BSN, RN, RNC-OB 480-412-9451 office 480-412-9475 L&D

#### **Grief Share**

Faith based support groups for any loss. www.griefshare.org

# **New Song Center for Grieving Children**

Groups for children, teens, young adults and adults. Spanish groups available. 480-951-8985

www.hov.org/our-care/grief-support/new-song-center-for-grieving-children

#### SUPPORT GROUPS (online)

#### **Bridget's Cradles-Hope**

Online support group. A gathering of bereaved moms who have lost a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss.

www.bridgetscradles.com/hopeonline

#### **Hope After Loss**

#### Spanish groups available.

Virtual support groups for men, couples, parenting and pregnancy after loss. www.hopeafterloss.org/support-groups

#### M.E.N.D.

Offers virtual support groups and chapter in person support groups.

www.mend.org/virtual-support-group-links

#### **Postpartum Support International**

Virtual support groups for parents after loss / pregnancy after loss.

www.postpartum.net/get-help/loss-grief-in-pregnancy-postpartum

#### Spanish

https://es.postpartum.net/get-help/loss-grief-in-pregnancy-postpartum/

#### **Helping After Neonatal Death**

Offers Virtual Support Groups 888-908-4263

http://www.handsupport.org/ Spanish

www.handsupport.org/resources/espanol

# **EVENTS**

# **Annual Candle-Lighting Service**

Hosted by Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Center. \*October 15th of every year at Mercy Gilbert Medical Center Healing Garden http://heavens-hummingbirds.org/

#### Dignity Health Family Remembrance Run

\*First Saturday in May

http://heavens-hummingbirds.org/

# **Miss Foundation**

Offers retreats for grievers in Sedona, Arizona. www.missfoundation.org/grieving

# **Return to Zero Hope Retreats**

Women's holistic retreats for bereaved mothers who have experienced any type of pregnancy and infant loss. (California based).
www.rtzhope.org/retreat

#### Stepping Stones of Hope-Camp Paz

For grieving kids and adults. www.steppingstonesofhope.org

# **COMPANION PROGRAMS**

#### M.E.N.D.

Online Resources.

www.mend.org/resources

#### **Miss Foundation**

Counseling and Support Services for Bereaved / Grieving Parents & Families
www.missfoundation.org/grieving

#### Stillbirthday

Birthplans and support for dads, moms, and support of grieving children.
www.stillbirthday.com

#### **Just Enduring**

Help families navigate grief of losing a child from infancy through adulthood.
www.justenduring.org

### **Star Legacy Foundation**

Family Support.

www.starlegacyfoundation.org/family-support

#### **Born Abel**

Angels support group and books to honor child. www.bornabel.org

#### **Elizabeth Ministry International**

Catholic based ministry offering hope, help and healing. 920-766-9380

www.elizabethministry.org

#### We Carry You Still

Local Catholic based miscarriage and infant loss ministry.

www.wecarryyoustill.org

#### **Bridget's Cradles**

Resources for grieving parents and families. www.bridgetscradles.com

#### **Babies Remembered**

We offer grieving, healing, and helping needs all in one place.

www.wintergreenpress.org/about-us

#### Cradled in Hope Podcast Hosted by Ashley Opliger

Faith based podcast.

www.bridgetscradles.com/podcast

#### Return to Zero: HOPE

Tools and resources during vulnerable moments. www.rtzhope.org/parents

#### **Share Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support**

800-821-6819

https://nationalshare.org/ Spanish

https://nationalshare.org/share-espanolesperanza

# **BLOGS AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

# **Happy Sad Mama**

www.happy-sadmama.blogspot.com

#### Tuesday's Hope

www.tuesdayshope.blogspot.com

#### **Still Life with Circles**

www.stilllifewithcircles.blogspot.com

#### Stillborn and Still Breathing

www.stillbornandstillbreathing.com

#### **Grief Healing**

https://www.griefhealingblog.com/

#### Glow in the Woods

http://www.glowinthewoods.com

#### Heaven's Hummingbirds

www.facebook.com/heavenshummingbirds

#### **Star Legacy Foundation**

www.facebook.com/StarLegacyFoundation

#### Hope After Loss

www.facebook.com/hopeafterloss

#### Still Standing Magazine

https://stillstandingmag.com/

#### **Compassionate Friends**

www.facebook.com/TCFUSA

# **Pregnancy After Loss Support-Rachel Lewis**

www.pregnancyafterlosssupport.org/author/rachellewis

### A Blog for Fathers When a Baby Dies

http://fathersgrievinginfantloss.blogspot.com

# All that Love Can Do for Grandparents

ATLCD\_Grandparents

www.facebook.com/groups/556440507701165/

# **KEEPSAKE / MEMORIAL ITEMS**

#### Shades of Shila (Local)

Custom Resin Keepsakes www.shadesofshila.com

# **Kissing Collies (Local)**

Keepsake Stuffed Animals www.kissingcollies.com

#### Liquid Goldsmith (Local)

Keepsake Jewelry
www.liquidgoldsmith.com

# Stardust Memorials

Urns, jewelry, gifts, accessories 888-872-0228 www.stardust-memorials.com

#### **BOOKS FOR PARENTS**

**Empty Cradle, Broken Heart: Surviving the Death of Your Baby** 

Deborah Davis

Three Minus One: Stories of Parents Love and Loss

Sean Hanish

They Were Still Born: Personal Stories About Stillbirth

Janel Atlas

An Exact Replica of a Figment of My Imagination: A Memoir

Elizabeth McCracken

A Silent Sorrow: Pregnancy Loss Guidance & Support for You and Your Family Ingird Kohn & Perry-Lynn Moffit

Healing Your Grieving Heart After Stillbirth: 100 Practical Ideas for Parents and Families Alan Wolfelt

**Couple Communication After a Baby Dies: Differing Perspectives** 

Sherokee Ilse and Tim Nelson

**Empty Arms: Coping with Miscarriage,** Stillbirth, and Infant Death

Sherokee Ilse and Tim Nelson

Help, Comfort, and Hope After Losing Your Baby in Pregnancy or the First Year Hannah Lothrop

When Hello Means Goodbye: A Guide for Parents Whose Child Dies Before Birth, At Birth, or Shortly After Birth

Pat Schwiebert and Paul Kirk

Life Touches Life: A Mother's Story of Stillbirth and Healing

Lorraine Ashe

You Are the Mother of All Mothers: A Message of Hope for the Grieving Heart

Angela Miller

Grieving the Child I Never Knew: A Devotional for Comfort in the Loss of Your Unborn or **Newly Born Child** 

Kathe Wunnenberg

Bearing the Unbearable: Love, Loss, and the **Heartbreaking Path of Grief** 

Joanne Cacciatore, Jeffrey Rubin

Hannah's Hope: Seeking God's Heart in the Midst of Infertility, Miscarriage, and **Adoption Loss** 

Jennifer Saake

**Unexpecting: Real Talk on Pregnancy Loss** Rachel Lewis

#### **BOOKS FOR MEN**

Grieving Dads: To the Brink and Back

Kelly Farley and David Dicola

He Lost His Baby Too: Survival Guide for the **Grieving Dad (Grieving Dad Series)** 

**BOOKS** 

Kelly Farley and David Dicola

A Guide for Fathers: When a Baby Dies

Tim Nelson

#### **BOOK FOR GRANDPARENTS**

Grandparents Cry Twice: Help for **Bereaved Grandparents** 

Mary Louis Reed

#### **BOOKS FOR TWINS**

The Lone Twin: Understanding Twin Bereavement and Loss

Joan Woodward

Always My Twin

Valerie Samuels

#### **BOOK FOR PREGNANCY FOLLOWING LOSS**

Trying Again: A Guide to Pregnancy After Miscarriage, Stillbirth, and Infant Loss

Ann Douglas and John Sussman

#### **BOOKS ON HELPING CHILDREN**

How Do We Tell the Children?: A Step by Step Guide for Helping Children Cope When Someone Dies

Dougy Center Staff

Something Happened: A Book for Children and Parents Who Have Experienced **Pregnancy Loss** 

Cathy Blanford

The Moon is Always Round

Jonathan Gibson and Joe Hox

#### **BOOKS FOR CHILDREN**

Flowers for Hope

Alicia Johnston et al.

We Were Gonna Have a Baby, But We Had

an Angel Instead

Pat Schwiebert and Paul Kirk

Someone Came Before You

Pat Schwiebert and Paul Kirk

When Someone Very Special Dies

Marge Heegaard

The Story Of...Your Own Special Child: A Personalized Book to Cherish the Memory of a Loved One

Kate Polley

My Baby Big Sister: A Book for Children **Born Subsequent to a Pregnancy Loss** 

Cathy Blanford

**Love You Forever** 

Robert Munsch

Molly's Rosebush

Janice Cohn

Remembering Our Baby

Patti Keough

Thumpy's Story

Nancy Dodge

Our Baby Died. Why? Journal and Workbook for Children

Jake Erling

Tell Me, Papa

Jov and Marvin Johnson

What's Heaven?

Maria Shriver

A Child's View of Grief

Alan Wolfelt