



No family should have to endure the trauma of a child's death alone: M.I.S.S. is committed to the memory of the children who lived, who died and who continue - even in death - to matter.

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How You Can Help the M.I.S.S. Foundation

The M.I.S.S. Foundation is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt nonprofit. Your donations help us continue our work in the community. If you are able to support our MISSION and donate to the Northern VA/DC Metro Area Chapter of the M.I.S.S. Foundation, please contact Tara Pitts by telephone at (703) 730-8266 or by email at tara@missfoundation.org.

To donate to the International M.I.S.S. Foundation, please send donations to:

M.I.S.S. Foundation
c/o Joanne Cacciatore, Founder
P.O. Box 5333
Peoria, AZ 85385-5333

For more information on the M.I.S.S. Foundation, please visit our informative and resourceful website (with online message boards, family and professional resources, an online store, etc.) at:
www.misssfoundation.org.

The M.I.S.S. Foundation

Mothers In Sympathy & Support



Infant Loss Support Group



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Our Community Support Programs

Local Services

Support - Our Northern VA/DC Metro Area chapter holds local support group meetings bi-monthly, Mom's Nights Out, annual picnics and more.

Community Outreach - Our volunteers are available to visit local funeral homes and hospitals to offer support, information and referral packets to families.

Memorial Service - Each December, our local chapter holds a memorial candle lighting service.

"There is incredible power in testimony. Every time you share your story with another gentle soul, you help yourself remember and heal." -

Joanne Cacciatore, Founder of the M.I.S.S. Foundation

Please contact our Group Facilitators for more information or support:

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Monthly Support Meetings

Our support meetings are held the 1st Wednesday in Fairfax each month. We are a group of bereaved parents who find comfort and strength in knowing we are not alone in our journey of grief. We warmly welcome all who have experienced the loss of a baby or toddler. Please call if you have any questions about our meetings.

Fairfax County:

Date: The 1st Wednesday of each month

Time: 7:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Place: Fairfax County Government Ctr.,
Conference Rooms (Please check room schedule upon entering building as room #'s vary.)

12000 Government Center Pkwy
Fairfax, VA

Please visit our websites for more information on the MISS Foundation:

www.dcmisfoundation.org

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About the M.I.S.S. Foundation

Our MISSion Statement

M.I.S.S. is a nonprofit, volunteer based organization which provides immediate and ongoing bereavement support to grieving families, empowerment through community volunteerism opportunities, public policy and legislative education, and programs to reduce infant and toddler death through research and education.

Manifesto

M.I.S.S. is committed to providing emergency support to families in crisis after the death of a baby or young child from any cause. We are here to help families cope with the resultant feelings of overwhelming grief. We are committed to public awareness to decrease infant mortality and to educate the public about bereavement, and death and dying issues. Our support network is available to help.

"YOU DON'T HEAL FROM THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE BECAUSE TIME HAS PASSED. YOU HEAL BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU DO WITH THAT TIME."