



Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc.

Whispers of the Heart Newsletter

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The Mourner's Prayer

(Excerpt From The Kaddish – The Jewish Tradition)

At the rising of the sun & at its going down;
We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind & in the chill of winter;
We remember them.

At the opening of the buds & in the rebirth of spring;
We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies & in the warmth of summer;
We remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves & in the beauty of autumn;
We remember them.

At the beginning of the year & when it ends;
We remember them.

When we are weary & in need of strength;
We remember them.

When we are lost & sick at heart;
We remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share;
We remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make;
We remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs;
We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live;
for you are a part us.....



New Year's Wishes for Bereaved Parents, Family and Friends

To the newly bereaved;
We at IRIS wish you patience – patience with yourselves in the painful weeks, months, even years ahead.

To the bereaved siblings;
We wish you and your parents a new understanding of each other's needs and the beginnings of good communication.

To those who are single parents;
We wish you the inner resources that we know you will need to cope, often alone, with your loss.

To those experiencing marital difficulties after the death of your child; We wish you a special willingness and ability to communicate with each other.

To those who have suffered the death of more than one child; We wish you the endurance you will need to fight your way back to a meaningful life once again.

To those of you who have experienced the death of an only child or of all your children;
We offer you our eternal gratitude for serving as such an inspiration to the rest of us.

To those of you who are plagued with guilt; We wish you the reassurance that you did the very best you could under the circumstances, And that your child knew that.

To those of you who are deeply depressed; We wish you the first steps out of the "Valley of the Shadow".

To all mothers, fathers, and those of you unable to cry;
We wish you healing tears and the ability to express your grief.

To those of you who are exhausted from grieving;
We wish you the strength to face just one more hour, just one more day.

To all others with special needs that we have not mentioned; We wish you the understanding you need And the assurance that you are not alone; and that you are loved.

From the IRIS Volunteers, Staff, and Board





Children We Lovingly Remembered During the IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance

December 5, 2010

This very special Holiday Service of Remembrance has been held annually for 17 years. It is always held on the 1st Sunday in December, at 2 PM, in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd on Shattuck Campus.

- ☪ Eunice K. Shumway - This Chapel is dedicated in her memory
- ☪ Kaden Robert Ackman
- ☪ Baby Anderson
- ☪ Brice Alec Anderson
- ☪ Grace Elizabeth Anderson
- ☪ Baby Bauer
- ☪ Taylor Jean Bauer
- ☪ Baby Bauer
- ☪ Cashe Lonnie Berge
- ☪ Cole Brent Krenzke
- ☪ Mariah Grace Boerner
- ☪ Betty Lynn Boerner
- ☪ Wyatt Joseph Borden
- ☪ Baby
- ☪ Hope Brandt
- ☪ Faith Brandt
- ☪ Grace Brandt
- ☪ Noah Roland Emil Brandt
- ☪ Abigail Elizabeth Brandt
- ☪ Baby Brandt
- ☪ Our Precious Angels
- ☪ Scott Arthur Carver
- ☪ Keryn Lee Caywood
- ☪ Nathan Earl Cory
- ☪ Our Babies
- ☪ Corey Lyn Creger
- ☪ Preston Hugh Crooks
- ☪ Baby Crooks
- ☪ William Robert and
- ☪ Bethany Agnes DeGrood
- ☪ Lizzy Sammon Dienst
- ☪ Lily Marcella Dietz
- ☪ My Beautiful Darling Daughter
- ☪ My Precious Beloved Son
- ☪ Tàhirih Dimayuga
- ☪ Kilian Richard Donahue
- ☪ Declan Arthur Donahue
- ☪ Malachi Donahue
- ☪ Baby Donahue
- ☪ Jerry Dougherty
- ☪ Aubrey Corionna Dozark
- ☪ Carolyn Ann Dozark
- ☪ Kayla Jamie Dusek
- ☪ Our Four Babies
- ☪ Marcia Flim
- ☪ Weston Bradley Germundson
- ☪ Victoria Ann Graves
- ☪ Lindsay Rose Hermsen
- ☪ Baby Hjelman
- ☪ Baby Hjelman
- ☪ Baby
- ☪ Derek Joel Holicky
- ☪ Grace Johnson
- ☪ McKenzie Grace Johnson
- ☪ Baby
- ☪ Trevor Clarence Kaplan
- ☪ Molly Blue
- ☪ Baby Girl Keith
- ☪ Baby Kelley
- ☪ Baby Kelley
- ☪ Baby Boy Kelley
- ☪ Mary Kelley
- ☪ Logan Leonard Kempenich
- ☪ John Knudson
- ☪ Jayden Anne Krohn
- ☪ Precious Baby K
- ☪ Hope Kuennen
- ☪ Augustus Michael Kuennen
- ☪ Alexis Brooke Kuglin
- ☪ Chase Douglas LaCanne
- ☪ Finley Rae LaCanne
- ☪ Jacqueline Margaret Mae LaCanne
- ☪ Baby L
- ☪ Joseph Robert Lake
- ☪ Christopher Larson
- ☪ Baby Maas
- ☪ Jacob Conner Mack
- ☪ Baby
- ☪ Joseph Thomas Markma
- ☪ Chester Mayo
- ☪ Aiden Patrick McGuire
- ☪ Julian Marcos Mendoza
- ☪ Nicholas Joseph Moravec
- ☪ Baby M.
- ☪ Sara Jane Murray
- ☪ Gracie Ann Narveson
- ☪ Jonathan Norbert Narveson
- ☪ Peter Vincent Narveson
- ☪ Baby
- ☪ Joshua Daniel Neubauer
- ☪ Daniel Robert Novak
- ☪ Owen Jake Ostlund
- ☪ Ariel Payne
- ☪ Gabriel Payne
- ☪ Xavier James Payne
- ☪ Lael Regina Payne
- ☪ Baby
- ☪ Lillian Grace Petricka
- ☪ Daniel James Piepho
- ☪ Makayla Lynn Pike
- ☪ Noah Ethan Priebe
- ☪ Samuel Ethan Priebe
- ☪ Bennett Lou-Jean Rassmussen-Terry
- ☪ Angel Alison Reuvers
- ☪ Jodi Lynn Rickaby
- ☪ My First Grandson
- ☪ Grandson
- ☪ Samantha Opal Rolstad
- ☪ Baby R
- ☪ Hannah Rose Rysavy
- ☪ Amanda Jo Saylor

- ☪ Baby S
- ☪ Jake Michael Schaffran
- ☪ Zachary Andrew Schmit
- ☪ Baby Bailey Schmit
- ☪ Paige Emily Schoenbauer
- ☪ Baby S.
- ☪ Blake Robert Stadler
- ☪ Baby Abby Stangler
- ☪ My Precious Baby
- ☪ Tristian Gene Steffen
- ☪ Andrew James Stephens
- ☪ Garrett Robert Sterling
- ☪ Michael Glenn Strampe
- ☪ Baby S.
- ☪ Baby S.
- ☪ Derek Joseph Sundwall
- ☪ Precious Twins
- ☪ Baby Boy
- ☪ Dawn Thorson
- ☪ Baby T.
- ☪ Arianna Luella Trotman
- ☪ Baby
- ☪ Kelly Jean Vandereide
- ☪ Erica Kay Vandereide
- ☪ Griffin Jon Velishek
- ☪ William Thomas Wagner
- ☪ Baby Wagner
- ☪ Jay Wang
- ☪ Emma Kaye Ward
- ☪ Baby
- ☪ Baby Wright
- ☪ Baby Girl
- ☪ Anthony Michael Zimprich
- ☪ Our Twelve Children

***And all the children
Remembered
in their parent's
and loved one's hearts.***



Little Toes

By: Cheryl Mills

Little toes,
You have walked
Across our souls.
For many long months
You secured your imprint
Inside of us,
Where no one else could see.
Now you've walked outside our
world
And still no one can see
What we've seen
From the start
Your tiny wrinkled footprints
Forever upon our heart.



Holiday Service Thank You!

- ♥ Father Henry Doyle
- ♥ Shattuck St. Mary's School
- ♥ Teresa Moen – program cover
- ♥ Caitlin Sundwall & Maja Kirby - Angels for your Garland
- ♥ Jessie and Jim Donahue ~ Donahue's Greenhouse
- ♥ Connie DeGrood
- ♥ Everyone who participated in the program
- ♥ Leif and Natalie Crooks
- ♥ Everyone who provided treats
- ♥ Boy Scout Troop 306



Cradles of Clouds

By the McGreal Family

Tiny hands and feet,
Perfect face soft and sweet.
Cradles of clouds
rocking gently,
Angels keeping silent sentry.
Watching over with
a loving sense,
Babes of beauty and
innocence.
What a wonderful place heaven
must be,
So many babies
to love and see.
Those special moments we
shared on earth,
Memories forever alive
from your birth.
No child who lived until old age,
Could be more loved or
precious at any stage.
Poppa, cuddle our babies and
hold them tight,
We love them and cherish them
with all our might.
Help them feel this love we
send
Til we join you in heaven and all
sorrows will mend.



The IRIS Holiday Service of
Remembrance
We hope you will be able to join us
Sunday December 4, 2011

2010 Memorial Wrought Iron Stained Glass Garden Stake



IRIS is currently taking orders for our 2010 Holiday Memorial. This year's memorial is a beautiful wrought iron and engraved stained glass garden stake. The Garden Stakes stands 22" height (Plus 3" below ground). The center bevel is laser etched with your choice of up to 5 lines of text, symbol, etc. These customs made Garden Steaks make breathtaking memorials, excellent gifts, and are available in wispy pink, blue, or white stained glass. Cost is \$30.00 each (plus \$15 shipping for each stake, if you are not picking up at IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance or the IRIS office.)

Please order early due to limited availability and custom work required.

Order Online at: www.irisRemembers.com or mail form & fee to IRIS, 101 NW 3rd St., Faribault MN 55021

Less than 15 remain... We are now on a first come basis!

1st Stained Glass Garden Stake:

Blue

Pink

White

You may choose your own symbol at the top. (Heart, Tiara, Truck, Dragonfly, Rocking Horse, etc) this can be anything you like. Please provide 2 options. Choosing this option will use two (2) lines of text.

Symbol: Option #1 _____ Option #2 _____

Line 1: _____
10 letters/spaces – No lettering if you have etched symbol listed above

Line 2: _____
10 letters/spaces – No lettering if you have etched symbol listed above

Line 3: _____
20 letters/spaces

Line 4: _____
10 letters/spaces

Line 5: _____
10 letters/spaces

Over

Candle and Snowflake Candle Snuffer Donation



Make a memorial donation to IRIS in the amount of \$12 or More and you will receive this lovely 4 ½ " candle snuffer and ½ pint jarred, soy candle, that is vanilla scented. (If you would like this item mailed to you please include \$10 for shipping.)

Soy candles emit little or no soot, they produce no carcinogens, they do not contain lead, they burn cleaner and longer. This ½ pint size candle has a burn time of 33 hours. In addition, Soy candles are made from soybeans and the wax is biodegradable.

I/We would like to make a tax-deductible donation in Memory of:

_____ This name will appear on the jar

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Order online at irisRemembers.com or Make Checks payable to IRIS & mail to: 101 NW 3rd St., Faribault MN 55021

	Item	#	Sales Tax included in Price	Total
1	Pink Stained Glass Stake		\$30.00	
2	Blue Stained Glass Stake		\$30.00	
3	White Stained Glass Stake		\$30.00	
4	Candle & Snuffer Donation		\$12.00 or more	
			Subtotal	
			Shipping Per stake \$17	
			Shipping of Per Candle \$10	
			Total Due	

Each beautiful Memorial Garden Stake is HANDMADE in Jim's Stained Glass Studio. Memorial Garden Stake make a perfect gift for any occasion; supplies limited and are on a first come basis!



How to Care for ALL Stained Glass

Including IRIS Garden Stakes, Hearts, and Angels

Jim from Jims Stain Glass Studio, located in the same building as IRIS, has done a wonderful job with this year's memorial keepsake.

Jim has offered some suggestion that will help make your Garden Stake and all other Stained Glass items last longer and bring you years of loving memories.

1. Bring your Memorial Garden Stake and other small stained glass items in doors during winter months. Sleet and other winter conditions may damage them.
2. **DO NOT** use Windex or other such cleaners on stain glass. The Ammonia in these types of cleaners will damage the lead in the piece.
3. Clean your Stain Glass Pieces with warm soapy water or with a foam glass cleaner (that contains no ammonia). This product is found in many auto part stores and will make your Garden Stake, Memorial Heart from 2009, and all other stained glass pieces glisten.
4. If your stained glass items become damaged, do not use glue to repair it! Bring it to Jim who will lovingly repair the piece, whether he or not.

Thank You for Your Special Donations

United Way

- United Way of Faribault ~ \$1,125 (First Quarter Allocation)
- United Way of Faribault ~ \$1,125 (Second Quarter Allocation)
- Northfield United Way ~ \$500 (2009 Allocation)
- Waseca United Way ~ \$2,500
- Dodge County United Way ~ \$2,750

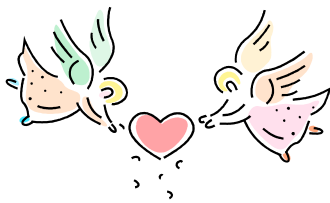
Corporate Donations

- Catholic Daughters of the Americas Owatonna, MN ~ \$25
- Catholic Daughters of the America's Medford, MN ~ \$25
- Gemini Incorporated ~ \$250
- Good Search (Search engine) ~ \$9.73
- Grandpa Al's ~ \$200
- Kwik Trip Milk Moola ~ \$55.30
- The Pratt Progressive Club ~ \$25
- Sam's Club (Volunteerism Always Pays – VAP) Volunteer hours provided by Chantell Piepho - \$250
- Razoo-MN Give A Day~\$2398.39

Personal Donations

Kerry Lagrange
Dr. Ben & Pat Tuma
Emily Velishek
Leon Dahle
James D. Walker
Tim & Sheri Wagner
Ms. Wolff

Half on behalf of
Parker Kohl Funeral Home,
Steve, John, and Jessie; for the wonderful work
they do for families that have a child die.
Thank you for your kindness.
Walt & Katie Opsal to honor the memory of
John Paul & Samuel Walter Opsal



Dear IRIS,

Enclosed please find a donation of \$300. Part of the donation came from anonymous donor at church (Cambria Crossroads Project). This anonymous donor challenged us by giving each member of our youth group a gift of money. We could choose the charity we felt could best use it to promote an outreach program. The \$157.00 was a one week paycheck from my part time job I personally donated to help your program. I hope IRIS will use this gift of money to help those in need of your services. May God Bless you and the IRIS program.

Anna Lewis

Ethan's Plant



In June 1995 the Army transferred my husband to Fort Leavenworth Kansas. Soon after we arrived, we found out that we were expecting, and the Army sent John on temporary duty for four months. The pregnancy was troubled for the first couple of months – spotting, cramping, but the Dr's told me that if we made it through the 1st trimester, everything would be fine. At 14 ½ weeks, when I thought we were home free, I suddenly suffered a miscarriage. I hadn't been in Kansas long enough to even know anyone to call, so I went to the hospital by myself. Losing a baby was traumatic and unexpected. One of the wives from John's new unit brought me this tiny plant in a basket, suddenly, I wasn't alone. The tiny little plant started to grow and happily traveled with us to all of my husband's assignments.

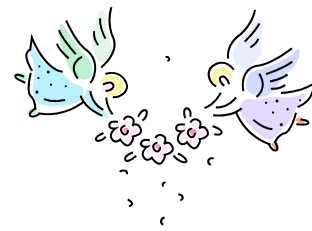
~ Melissa D.

The Ethan Plant Today:

On Christmas Eve 1998 Melissa & John were transferred, from Minnesota to Alaska. Melissa knew her lovely Ethan Plant would never survive the move in such cold weather, so she left it at the IRIS office for safe keeping, promising to someday return for it. Since that time the little plant has grown uncontrollably. Today the Ethan Plant got a much needed haircut. Many of you knowing the story of this special plant have stated that you would love a slip of it. If you would still like a slip of it, please stop into the office and pick it up, I am sure Melissa would be thrilled to share!

“Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.”

~Princess of Wales Diana



Thank You

- ☛ Thank you to Kris Schutz for the blankets and hats in memory of Joey Rank.
- ☛ Thank you to Joe, Connie, & Sarah DeGrood for the donation of the postal scale.
- ☛ Thank you to Jim Pichner from Jim's Stained Glass Studio for custom making each Memorial Garden Stake a thing of great beauty.
- ☛ Thank you to Heather from Star Trophy, for custom engraving each memorial Garden Stake with such personal and loving messages.
- ☛ Thank you to Anna Kincade, Gayle Reineke, Lucy Fechtman, and all of the others who have lovingly crafted blankets, caps and bonnets in sizes to fit the precious children who have died.
- ☛ Thank you to Ztech's web design (Jon and Vanessa Zimprich) for all of their time and talent dedicated to the IRIS website.
- ☛ Thank you to the Trotman Family for the wonderful hand crafted wooden shaker boxes made in memory of Arianna Luella Trotman and given to newly bereaved IRIS parents.
- ☛ Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers across the USA who have been sending us prayer shawls and prayer blankets.
- ☛ To the Owatonna Home Economics group for their Toll Painted Shaker Boxes given to Families in their area.

She Was Only Mine A While

By Kymberli Brady © 1999



Lord, today I sent my baby to You
Please give her wings and let her fly
She's new at this, so take it slow
Teach her how they flutter by
I'll miss her so
Though we'd never met
and I'll never know her smile
but You need her
and now she's Yours
She was only mine a while
She'll never know pain
And she'll never know fear
For I know that You will keep her near
And now... I close my eyes to say good-bye
And watch her fly away to You,
Please keep her, Lord, and love her 'till I get my wings and join You, too.



Infant Memorials

- ☪ In memory of William Thomas Wagner
Tim & Sheri Wagner
- ☪ In loving memory of Lucas James
Mark & Andrea Loomis
- ☪ In memory of Josephine Klapperich
Linda Beth Jewison Trust
Dale & Shirley Taggart
- ☪ In loving memory of Amara Anne
Susan & J. Glen Hudson
- ☪ In memory of Alexis Brooke Kuglin
Mommy & Daddy (Kristine & James)
- ☪ In memory of Merisa Mueller 11/19/1998
Gladys Barsness
- ☪ In memory of Lily Marcella Dietz 3rd Birthday
Mommy & Daddy (Cara & Jim)
- ☪ In memory of Chase & Finley LaCanne
Grandma & Grandpa LaCanne
(Janelle & Raymond Jr.)
- ☪ In loving memory of Preston Crooks
Mom and Dad (Natalie & Leif)
- ☪ In loving memory of Daniel James Piepho
Mom & Dad (Chantell & Charlie)
Ken & Kathy Ryks
- ☪ In memory of Samuel Walter Opsal (1/7/10)
- ☪ In memory of John Paul Opsal 9/20/10
Mommy & Daddy (Katie & Walt)
Co-workers at Tru-Vue: Melissa,
Rob, Maureen, Cheryl, & Jen
- ☪ In memory of Garrett Robert Sterling
Mom & Dad (Amy & Brad)
- ☪ In loving memory of Sara Jean Murray
Grandma Tonita & Harold Amundson
- ☪ In memory of Joseph Thomas Markman
Grandma Tonita & Harold Amundson
- ☪ In memory of Samantha, infant daughter of
Sheila Borwege's
From Doc's Dock & Lori Schultz



Infant Memorials

- ☪ In memory of our precious little Aubrey Corionna
Dozark
Grandma and Grandpa (Lori & Peter)
- ☪ In loving memory of Jayden Anne Krohn
Mommy & Daddy (Jessica & Jason)
Sharon Krohn
- ☪ In memory of William & Bethany DeGrood
Mom & Dad (Connie & Joe)
- ☪ In loving memory of Hannah Rose Rysavy
Mommy & Daddy (Wendy and Ben)
- ☪ In loving memory of Griffin Jon Velishek
Mommy & Daddy (Sheri & Jon)
- ☪ In loving memory of Wyatt Joseph Borden
Mom (Laura Jones)
- ☪ In memory of Nicholas Joseph Moravec
Mom (Denise Moravec)
- ☪ In loving memory of Mariah Grace Boerner
Mom & Dad (Lisa & Joel)
- ☪ In loving memory of all our children Hope, Faith,
Grace, Noah, Abigail, and Baby Brandt
Mommy & Daddy (Beth & Eric)
- ☪ In loving memory of Scott Arthur Carver
Mom & Dad (Judy and Gary)
- ☪ In memory of Blake Robert Stadler
Grandma Cheryl Armagost-Fleck
- ☪ In memory of precious Baby Lemke
Tami Lemke
- ☪ In loving memory of Tahirih Dimayuga
Mom & Dad (Michelle & Guadalupe)
- ☪ In memory of Lucas James Loomis
Andrea & Mark Loomis
- ☪ In memory of Cashe Lonnie Berge
Great Grandma (Ruth Krull)
- ☪ In memory of Cole Brent Krenzke
Great Grandma (Ruth Krull)



Infant Memorials

- ☪ In loving memory of Baby Maas
Mom & Dad (Jeanne & Marvin)
- ☪ In loving memory of Jacob E. Hiller
Mommy & Daddy (Deanna & Scott)
- ☪ In loving memory of Christian Kriesel
Julie & Larry Krisel
- ☪ In loving memory of Joshua Daniel Neubauer
Mom & Dad (Angie & Dan)
- ☪ In loving memory of Angel Alison Reuvers
Mommy & Daddy (Sue & Tony)
- ☪ In loving memory of Michael Glenn Strampe
Mommy & Daddy (Susan & Matthew)
- ☪ In loving memory of Emma Kaye Ward
Mommy & Daddy (Lisa & Nathan)
- ☪ In loving memory of Mariah Grace Boerner
Mom & Dad (Lisa & Joel)
- ☪ In loving memory of Scott Arthur Carver
Mom & Dad (Judy and Gary)
- ☪ In loving memory of Hope Kuennen
- ☪ In loving memory of Augustus Kuennen
Mommy & Daddy (Deanna & Allyn)
- ☪ In loving memory of Tristian Gene Steffen
Cera Steffen
- ☪ In loving memory of Anthony Michael Zimprich
Mommy & Daddy (Vanessa & Jon)
- ☪ In loving memory of Noah Ethan Priebe and
Samuel Ethan Priebe
Mom & Dad (Michele & John)
- ☪ In memory of Makayla Lynn Pike
Michele & John Priebe
- ☪ In loving memory of Derek Joseph Sundwall
Mom (Diana)
- ☪ In memory of all IRIS Children
Anonymous



A Lullaby for Megan

By Juanita Montefiori

Whatever will we do without you, Megan Noelle?
Words can never express how we feel;
No words can tell.
You came into our lives for such a little while.
You've warmed our hearts; you've changed our
lives with just a smile.
And though it hurts so bad to say,
The angels came to take you away;
And as your mother held you in her arms,
You looked so sweet with all your charm.
Remember this as we let go, somehow,
Jesus holds you now, hmmm.
You're in our hearts, but He holds you now.

Juanita Montefiori, a special friend of Megan's family,
wrote this lullaby and sang it at Megan's funeral.



Adult Memorials

- ☪ In loving memory of Marilyn Lindell
Julie & Larry Kriesel
- ☪ In loving memory of Connie Burnell
Diana Sundwall
- ☪ In loving memory of Barb Molby ~ IRIS Blanket
Brigade Volunteer
Diana Sundwall
- ☪ In loving memory of Dr. Gerald Heideman
Mary Heideman
- ☪ In loving memory of Ferne Thursdale
Wayne & Barbara Thursdale
Larry & Pamela Schleusner
Martha Waddell
And other family members & friends
- ☪ In loving memory of Lucy Pamsier and her infant
children lost during her life time
Sunshine Fund of Laura Baker Services



IRIS Balloon Release

The Annual IRIS Balloon Release was on October 3, 2010 in Kinder Park (the IRIS Park). Hundreds of balloons gently drifted off to the NW, phone calls started coming in within hours reporting found balloons in southern Minnesota, central and south western Iowa. We currently have several balloons returned that we have been unable to find the person who released it. If you recognize any of the names below please contact the IRIS office.

- Eden Sky Sauerbreg
- Max Jordan (unknown last name)



LaCanne's Marine 3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The LaCanne's Marine Golf Tournament that benefitted IRIS was held on August 21, 2010. There were over 45, four person teams golfing. The evening dance, held in the parking lot, featured the band "Mr. Peabody" was attended by hundreds more. IRIS received a wonderful donation of \$9,275 from the event.

The 2011 Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday August 20th. Make plans to attend... mark your calendars now!



For the Love of Joshuah Softball Tournament

The annual "For the Love of Joshuah Softball Tournament" was held August 14, with over \$800 being donated to IRIS! Thanks to Angie and Dan Neubauer for organizing this fun filled co-ed softball tournament that is held annually in memory of their son Joshuah. They are planning the 3rd Annual Tournament for August 2011!



IRIS Wish List

- ♥ Labels (Avery 8160)
- ♥ Baby lotions (sample size)
- ♥ Stamps
- ♥ Bottled Water
- ♥ Baby yarn or sport weight

yarn in pastel colors. We are very low on blue yarn.

- ♥ Printer ink (HP 56 black HP 57 color HP 61 both black & color)
- ♥ Kleenex/Puffs (non-lotion please)
- ♥ Cash donations and memorials
- ♥ Books for the lending library (we accept books that you have read and would like to share with other bereaved parents, grandparents, and friends)

IRIS Calendar of Events



- 12 Midday Support Group 11 – 1 pm
- 25 Evening Support Group 7 – 8:30pm



- 9 Midday Support Group 11 – 1 pm
- 13 IRIS Pancake Breakfast, Bingo, Bake Sale & Silent Auction
- 22 Evening Support Group 7 – 8:30pm
- 19 Scrapbooking 9 am – 9 pm
- Our Saviors -1207 Prairie Ave. SW



- 9 Midday Support Group 11 – 1 pm
- 22 Evening Support Group 7 – 8:30pm

Please visit the www.irisRemembers.com for a current listing of upcoming events that may not be listed as of press time.



2nd Annual

IRIS Turkey Trot

We are extremely happy to report that the 2nd Annual IRIS Turkey Trot was a huge success! A dedicated crew of volunteers worked many hours to ensure that every detail was covered so that we would be ready for the crowds. Their hard work paid off as well over 800 people came out on Thanksgiving morning to support IRIS. The frigid cold weather and fresh snow/ice didn't keep people away. Instead runners, walkers, and people just wanting to cheer others on – came out from all over to show their support. The event included a kid's fun run, a 5k run and walk, the Minnesota Vikings cheerleaders, food and beverages, door prizes, music, a memorial area, "Trot" the turkey mascot, and lots of laughter and tears. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, all of the "teams" that did individual fundraising, our sponsors and donors, all participants, and of course all of the angel babies that watched over us. After all expensive where paid, the event raised \$20,000! These funds will help ensure that the IRIS services continue and no one has to go through the loss of a child alone. We could not have done this without you!

- ★ Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual IRIS Turkey Trot – which will take place on Thanksgiving morning ~ November 24, 2011. See you there!



★ REMEMBER . . . If you were unable to attend the Turkey Trot we would like to remind you that your Trot goodie bag and Chocolate colored Turkey Trot Shirt are at the IRIS office. Please stop by and pick it up ASAP.

★ NOTE . . . A limited number of Turkey Trot Shirts are available for sale. Please stop in or call the office for available sizes.

Pepsi Refresh Grant



As many of you know IRIS applied for a \$250,000 Pepsi Refresh Grant for the purpose of "Training IRIS Advocates across the USA" and providing them with all of the supplies that would be needed including clothing sets. After three rounds of voting, IRIS was out of the running for the grant. The good news is that Pepsi has invited IRIS to apply again in March. This time we would like to take a different approach to obtain our goal of A National Advocate Training Program.

We are asking you, your family and friends for help!

Please consider joining us for ONE meeting on

Tuesday January 18, 2011
6:30 pm
At the IRIS Office

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Share ideas on ways to get others involved in the voting process
- Compile a list of business, schools, etc. that would be or are willing take part in daily voting
- Brainstorm publicity idea's

If you would like to see the 2010 Refresh Grant Application please visit www.refresheverything.com/iris This application will be updated for 2011, but we would love to hear your ideas and suggestions. Please e-mail or call Diana or Amber (contact info below).

We estimate that with 150 newly trained IRIS Advocates, in one year, over 30,000 people would be helped by IRIS services. Your suggestions and ideas are needed to make this dream a reality! Please consider giving back a few hours of your time.

For more information contact Diana or Amber at the IRIS office (507) 334-4748 or e-mail iris@qwestoffice.net



IRIS Continues Efforts for Paperless Newsletters

In an effort to save approximately \$5,000 per year, IRIS is asking everyone who currently receives our newsletter to provide us with an e-mail address. Being able to send you e-mail notes will eliminate the need for many of the smaller mailings that we are currently doing. This process **Will Not** completely eliminate the mailed newsletter but will allow for more complete notification and updates on events, meetings, etc. Please take a moment to send an e-mail to iris@qwestoffice.net Please include your e-mail address, Name changes and/or corrections ,and your current mailing address.

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Pancake Breakfast



8am – 12 noon
Sunday
February 13th
Faribault
American Legion
(112 NE 5th St.)
Adult \$7.00
Ages 2-6 yr's \$3.00



Bake Sale

Please drop off your Bake Sale items by Friday February 11th by 12 noon at the IRIS office or on Sunday Morning by 8 am at the American Legion. Cookies, Cakes, Pies, Breads, Snacks, etc. are welcome!



Silent Auction

Items for the IRIS Silent Auction, including arts, crafts, gift certificates, products, services, & gift baskets are currently being accepted for the IRIS Silent Auction! The Auction will be held from 8 am – 2 pm on February 13th at the Legion! Please drop off items at the office by February 11th at 12 noon.

BINGO

Sunday,
February 13th 2011

Faribault American Legion
(112 NE 5th St.)
All ages welcome
1 – 3:30 pm