



IRIS INFANTS REMEMBERED IN SILENCE

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The **12th Annual IRIS Turkey Trot** will be held on **November 26, 2020** (Thanksgiving morning) in Faribault, MN. We at Infants Remembered In Silence © (IRIS) understand the current challenges our economy is facing, we are especially aware of the impact the pandemic has had on our local businesses, the impact on the health care system, and sadly we see an increase in the number of requests for IRIS services.

IRIS is planning on our 2020 Turkey Trot continuing as normal, with possible modifications for safety if needed. We will, of course, adhere to COVID-19 guidelines from the City of Faribault, State of Minnesota and the CDC. If our on-site event is deemed unsafe, or if a participant is uncomfortable with attending an event that has over 2,000 people in attendance, we would encourage them to join us in our virtual event that we have held for several years.

The IRIS Turkey Trot includes a 10K Run, 5K Walk and Run, Tot Trot, Gobble Wobble, and the Virtual Race. The number of adults and children participating increase each year. While the Turkey Trot is the largest fundraising event for IRIS, it also provides our IRIS families an opportunity to honor their child that has died and loved ones. The goal is to raise awareness of the support and advocacy services provided by IRIS, and to raise much needed funds to support our 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. IRIS is funded 100-percent through donations, memorials, and our fundraisers.

Some background information about IRIS:

- IRIS was founded in 1987 (33 years ago).
- IRIS is dedicated to offer support, education and resources on the death of a child in early pregnancy (miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, etc) or from premature birth, stillbirth, neo-natal death, birth defects, SIDS/SUID, accidents, illness and all other types of infant and early childhood death.
- IRIS serves a six county area in Southeast MN – Dodge, Goodhue, LeSueur, Rice, Steele, and Waseca counties.
- On average, IRIS assists 7,000 people each year in these 6 counties. We provide services around the world through resources on the IRIS website. There have been over 520,000 website visits, from 216 countries, with the website being translated into 217 different languages.
- For each child who dies, IRIS spends approximately \$450 in the first year. This includes Bereavement Support Packets and Advocate Services. These services include hand and foot prints and sculptures, burial clothing sets for infants 2 – 24 inches in length, photo's, support groups, newsletters, memorial events, and much more.

Please consider supporting the 2020 IRIS Turkey Trot. Your donation can change the lives of many.

If you would like to request additional information or have any questions please contact the IRIS office at (507)334-4748, email: trot@irisRemembers.com, or visit the IRIS website at: www.irisRemembers.com.

Thank you for your consideration!



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