



IRIS INFANTS REMEMBERED IN SILENCE

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It's time to talk Turkey . . . Trot that is!

We can share with you countless stories of how Infants Remembered In Silence © (IRIS) has impacted people's lives for the last 35 years. We can provide you with some interesting statistics on infant death from the CDC and the March of Dimes such as:

- 1 in 4 women will experience a pregnancy or infant loss.
- As many as half of all pregnancies end in miscarriage.
- 1 in 100 babies are stillborn each year in the USA. That's nearly 24,000 children! 392 of those babies were stillborn in Minnesota.
- Each year Minnesota has 342 infants die before their first birthday.
- Covid increased the numbers of pregnancy and infant deaths and is not reflected in these numbers.
- IRIS works with approx. 7,000 people each year in a six-county service area of Dodge, Goodhue, LeSueur, Rice, Steele, and Waseca counties. This includes Faribault, Northfield, New Prague, Owatonna, Waseca and surrounding communities.
- Did you know that six months after a stillbirth/infant death, parents operate at 63% of their previous productivity due to the emotional, physical, and mental demands of grief?

What it comes down to is that pregnancy and infant loss affects us all in one way or another. Maybe it's happened to you, someone you know, an employee, or someone you do business with. Please consider becoming an IRIS Turkey Trot sponsor or making a donation to IRIS so that we can continue to provide our important services to grieving parents, family, and friends. All proceeds benefit IRIS, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations making your donation tax deductible. #41-1700704

Sincerely,

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