The man smiled and took my hand. “Thank you,” he said.

I often encounter people who are at the end of life in my work as a hospital patient advocate. I was drawn to this work as a way to shine a light on my fears, death being one of them.

Each dying person has his or her own way of leaving the world, and each mourner has his or her own way of dealing with being left behind. I have watched a gray-haired, newly widowed woman grasp her dead husband’s foot and plead, “Don’t go! You said you’d never leave me. How can this be happening?” I have met another gray-haired widow who wore her wedding ring on a heavy chain about her neck. She told me that in all their years of marriage, her husband had never once taken her in his arms and told her that he loved her or that everything would be all right. “I’m glad to be rid of him,” she nearly spat. “If only it had happened sooner, I could have had a second chance at life.”

I have seen a husband grow angry at the doctors, at the world, when his wife was pronounced dead. “Keep everyone away from me!” he cried. “If Jesus himself wants to talk to me, I swear to God, you keep him away!” He finally unclenched his fists and pulled his wife’s hairbrush out of his pocket. It still had a few strands of her hair in it. He began softly brushing the hair away from her face. No one dared disturb him as he remained at her side, sighing and brushing.

As a healthy young woman, years before I came to work at the hospital, I gave death noises, the little babbling sounds he made, and a baby chuckle or two. I got out my sewing scissors and cut a lock of his hair and placed it in an envelope. I held him close for a long while—as if by that gesture I could protect him—and inhaled deeply, memorizing the scent of his skin.

I was in a state of continuous mourning during the invasive surgeries and brutal chemotherapy treatments that followed. I wondered what the stream of young residents thought of me, the weeping mother, as they stood there and discussed their “case” in quiet, clinical tones as if I weren’t in the room. Sometime during the complications, fevers, infections, and subsequent surgeries, I was transformed into a courteous, civilized human being into a fierce mother tiger, complete with claws and fangs. I stopped crying and started throwing people out of the room, or giving them such a hard time that they wished they had never come in. I summarily fired the surgeon who’d sutured my son’s chest, rendering the device useless. I regarded all unfamiliar nurses or physicians as a potential threat until they proved themselves otherwise.

Midway through the chemotherapy, Josh was so weakened that he had to be put on a feeding tube. Worried that he couldn’t tolerate the rest of the chemo, one of the doctors visited me at the bedside to discuss measuring him for radiation treatments as a backup plan. I told him to get out of the room. I would take my son out of the hospital, and he might not be coming home again. I think we wanted to believe that if we stayed there, motionless and silent in the car, everything would remain as it had been.

After we went inside the apartment, I held our son. I got out the tape recorder and sang to him and recorded his cooing sounds, the little babbling sounds he made, and a baby chuckle or two. I got out my sewing scissors and cut a lock of his hair and placed it in an envelope. I held him close for a long while—as if by that gesture I could protect him—and inhaled deeply, memorizing the scent of his skin.
hospital and dig up wild roots in the desert to cure him myself before I'd let anyone radiate his brain. Thankfully, Josh's condition improved, and we never had to discuss the backup plan again.

During the two years that it took to complete Josh's chemotherapy, there was a period when I woke each morning and seemed to sense death close by. I saw it all around me. A flower wilting in the garden or the evaporation of the morning dew on the grass could cause me to break down. Nothing lives forever, but it seemed wrong that a child should have to face death. Death was for people who had lived their lives, tasted happiness, made mistakes, and had chance to make amends; it was not for babies.

Wanting to understand the enemy, I began reading books and asking doctors and nurses about the process of dying. I needed to know what could happen to my child if his treatment didn't go well. As his mother, I was supposed to test the waters for him, to have some idea of what could be ahead. I wanted to know about the final moments of life: Would it hurt? What shuts down first: the beating of the heart or the moments of life: Would it hurt? What shuts down first: the beating of the heart or the breathing of the lungs? Would it be fast or slow?

One day a fat envelope arrived in the mail. I was from the secretary of a church I no longer attended. I barely knew the mail. I was from the secretary of a church I no longer attended. I barely knew the woman, but apparently Josh was on her prayer list. Her note said she thought I would appreciate the enclosed article. Her note said she thought I would appreciate the enclosed article. That was all.

I read the article, which was about life after death. It said the body is like a womb after it is born, so the spirit sloughs off the body at the moment of death and passes into the next realm. As alienated as I felt from churches, this concept appealed to me. It didn't stop me from feeling sad or afraid, but it helped me make a kind of peace with what I could not control.

The mission of the SIDS Network of Kansas is to serve those who are or may be touched by the tragedy of SIDS by providing supportive services for all those affected, community awareness, professional development and support for medical research efforts.
Network News

2nd Annual SIDS Walk of Topeka was Saturday, October 6, 2012, at the Kansas State Capital Building. The event promoted safe sleep education and support for grieving families. Thanks to the volunteers who planned the event and everyone who participated.

Farewell: The Network is grateful to Lindsay Smith, Program Administrator, for the six years of service to the SIDS Network. We wish Lindsay much success as she begins a new phase of her career. Thank you, Lindsay.

New Staff: On November 5th, the SIDS Network welcomed Libby Baumgartner into the positions of Bereavement Specialist and Art Therapist. Libby began her work with the SIDS Network in 2009 as an art therapy intern working on a master’s degree from Emporia State University. Libby will be in contact with families to provide grief support throughout the state. Welcome, Libby.

Kingdom Jam SIDS fundraiser will be held on Sunday, January 13 at the CrossRoads Church in Salina. Christian music festival with over eight bands. For more information go to: http://www.facebook.com/KingdomJam.

Dear Families:
On January 15th of the new year, the SIDS Network of Kansas, Inc. will change its name to Kansas Infant Death and SIDS Network, Inc. (KIDS Network).

Time is often measured by holidays, anniversaries and birthdays. As we ready ourselves for the holidays and the new year, many of us are reminded of changes we have gone through; some were of our own choosing, while others were not. The SIDS Network also goes through transitions.

The SIDS Network of Kansas began as a resource for families living with the tragedy of SIDS. As a network, we continue to remember these families and their children. They will not be forgotten. At the same time, we are pleased to report that since the Back to Sleep Campaign began in 1994, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome has decreased significantly. However, many other infant deaths still occur. Our name change allows for the inclusion of Sudden, Unexpected Infant Death (SUID), deaths due to SIDS as well as stillbirths and all sleep-related, sudden, unexpected infant deaths.

KIDS Network will continue to offer bereavement services to those affected by a sudden, unexpected infant death. These services include counseling, grief resources, peer contact, support meetings, memorials, newsletters, and our memorial website. We will also continue to promote prenatal care, safe sleep, breastfeeding and other ways to help infants survive. Even though our name is changing, we remain committed to healthier infants and fewer infant deaths. We feel confident that this transition will help us better serve all families touched by sudden infant death.

Sincerely,

Christy S. Schunn, LSCSW
Executive Director
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**May tender memories soften your grief,**
**May fond recollection bring you relief,**
**And may you find comfort and peace in the thought**
**Of the joy that knowing your loved one brought…**
**For time and space can never divide**
**Or keep your loved one from your side**
**When memory paints in colors true**
**The happy hours that belonged to you.**
~ Helen Steiner Rice
In memory of our babies — September, October, November

Kyleigh Rosalie Aguilar
3-8-10 to 11-14-10
Daughter of Luis & Destiny Aguilar

Octavio Yawo Amorin
9-3-04 to 11-3-04
Son of Yawo Amorin & Melinda Edmondson

Zachariah James Anderson
7-4-06 to 9-8-06
Son of Douglas Anderson & Renea McBride

Joshua Nicholas Antle
5-31-08 to 9-25-08
Son of Tracey McNeely

Alexandria Suezanne Augustine
8-8-97 to 10-13-97
Daughter of Kim & Michael Augustine

Skyler d’Ené Austin
9-20-02 to 11-2-02
Son of Tammy Austin

Arabelle Elizabeth Louise Baker
8-7-06 to 9-26-06
Daughter of Josh & Theresa Baker

Kloe Angel Barkley
7-1-05 to 9-17-06
Daughter of Brandi Barkley

Addison R. Bartell
10-17-08 to 10-23-08
Daughter of Brian & Heather Bartell

Kaia Bethel
7-28-07 to 10-21-07
Daughter of Jayson & Zan Bethel

Amber Marie Birch
7-29-92 to 9-1-92
Daughter of Teresa Muniz

James Lamarr Black, II
9-8-07 to 10-7-07
Son of James Black & Tammie Duval-Blaek

Levi Jeriah Bland
8-8-08 to 10-10-08
Son of Jerry & Zolenie Bland

Kayla Michelle Blanton
5-22-99 to 10-26-99
Daughter of Angie & Bryan Blanton

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9-20-98 to 11-5-98
Son of Christina & Earl Blocher

Roper Edward Bloomfield
9-17-05 to 10-8-05
Son of Amelia & Charlie Bloomfield

Daniel Lee Bockelman
6-26-05 to 10-12-05
Son of Jake Bockelman & Heather Castillo

Shialy Oliya Rain Breedlove
5-13-99 to 10-9-99
Daughter of Angela Breedlove

Arielle Elizabeth Jane Broadstock
7-20-98 to 11-5-98
Daughter of Steven & Tabatha Broadstock

Marvin Brown
7-12-94 to 9-15-94
Son of Marcus Brown & Dorothy George

Christopher Burch
11-27-08 to 9-19-09
Son of Tami Burch

Jaqwann M. Byrd-Johnson
8-9-01 to 10-17-01
Son of Raylena Byrd & Charles Johnson

Juanita Calderon-Cordoba
7-2-01 to 10-17-01
Daughter of Mauricio Calderon & Ana Cordoba

Cloey Dawn Ann Chamberlain
8-1-03 to 10-18-03
Daughter of Daniel & Jeneil Chamberlain

Nova Ione Chapak
8-21-08 to 10-16-08
Daughter of Kabran & Drie Chapak

Lakaycia Patrina Denise Coleman
6-1-05 to 10-3-05
Daughter of Ashley Coleman & Mark Raya

Simone Collins
10-4-11
Daughter of Brian & Demi Webber

Kayante Duke Cook
1-6-00 to 9-29-00
Son of Johnny Cook & Tamisha Miller

Kelsey Lynn Cooley
6-10-95 to 11-18-95
Daughter of Kris & Shannon Cooley

Coby Allen Cozart
8-17-98 to 10-19-98
Son of Dwayne Cozart

Chris Cuevas-Salinas
7-1-05 to 11-15-05
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Avery Jeremiah Dahna
7-2-06 to 9-16-06
Son of Jasmine Dahna

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9-6-09 to 10-6-09
Daughter of Robert & Edith Dashiel

Courtney A. Davenport
3-18-06 to 9-24-06
Daughter of Nicole Davenport

Leah Renee Dechant
7-13-00 to 11-29-00
Daughter of Lance Dechant & Toni Jackson

RaySean Daniel DeShazer
8-23-03 to 10-12-03
Son of Sean DeShazer & Lisa Mack

Ethan Dickey
7-12-98 to 11-30-98
Son of Trisha Waters

Vonteze Dixon
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Aiden Dockens
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Son of Anthony Dockens & Amanda Dockens-McRae

Taileon Dunbar
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Son of Samone Dunbar

Rachelle Lynn Durossette
10-26-00 to 11-26-00
Daughter of Michele Durossette

David Edward Ellis
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Son of Jodi Ellis

Laura Enloe
5-20-05 to 9-8-05
Daughter of Tara Johnson

Jack Austin Estes
7-19-98 to 10-23-98
Grandson of Beverly & Stanley Estes

Anastasia Marie Faber
8-7-04 to 11-7-04
Daughter of Ashley & Brandon Faber

Alexis Nicole Ficke
7-22-07 to 10-23-07
Infant of Chasity Bennett

Kordell Jacob Floyd
5-12-99 to 10-30-99
Son of Alicia Kunde

Brandon George
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Son of Patricia George

Kansas JoRiah Renee Gibbs
3-7-01 to 9-3-01
Daughter of Joseph Gibbs & Latasha Townsend

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8-9-01 to 11-15-01
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Yovanni A. Gonzalez
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Son of Fabian & Becky Gonzalez

Gannon J. Greenelee
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Son of Jacob Greenlee & Brady Rebholz

Rebekah Lee Ann S. Grisamore
11-26-02
Granddaughter of Ben Grisamore

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Asher Ray Grundmeyer
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Trenton Hanchett
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Son of Tim Houser & Andi Hall

Taylor Jackson
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Biloxi Breeze Jacob
9-8-05 to 10-7-05
Daughter of Jace Jacob & Melinda White

Amesha T. Jones
9-22-02 to 10-14-02
Daughter of Latisha Sutherland

Austin L. Jones
9-9-01 to 10-31-01
Son of Amy Avery & Charles P. Jones
In memory of our babies — September, October, November

Osceola Matthew Jones
2-6-08 to 9-27-08
Son of Christopher & Abigail Jones

Elizabeth Renee Kates
8-17-00 to 10-3-00
Daughter of Melissa Kates

Kayden Alexander Kauffman
9-21-00 to 11-9-00
Son of Justin & Rhonda Kauffman

Brydon Douglas Keane
7-10-02 to 10-11-02
Son of Brandy & James Keane

Gavin Michael Kennedy-Bordwell
7-13-04 to 9-24-04
Son of Aaron & Deborah Bordwell

Eli William Krueger
8-6-07 to 9-26-07
Son of Brandy & Kenneth Krueger

Ariah Lawrence
7-4-06 to 9-23-05
Daughter of Mark Holley & Shanell Lawrence

Christopher Luebbert
2-2-90 to 8-3-90
Son of Mary Luebbert

Justus N. Madden
7-17-07 to 9-19-07
Son of Jennifer Jones & Michael Madden

Erlan Maldonado-Ortiz
8-26-05 to 11-17-05
Son of Gelacio Maldonado & Yolanda Ortiz

Tina Ann Marshall
10-27-09 to 11-27-09
Daughter of Eric Marshall & Kyla Colbert

Arianna Maskrid
5-20-95 to 10-19-95
Granddaughter of Dana Maskrid

Landry Kathleen McClaskey
7-2-95 to 9-6-95
Daughter of Mary McClaskey

Eshay D’Juan McCular, Jr.
8-13-04 to 11-11-04
Son of Eshay McCular

Alyzae Marie McCulley
9-4-05 to 10-8-05
Daughter of Jeremy McCulley & Elise Strobel

Jayden E. McNealey
8-29-07 to 11-30-07
Son of Miranda McNealey

Alexis Cory Meeds
6-10-03 to 10-4-03
Daughter of Amara Meeds & James Epps

Abigail Ann Moody
8-29-02 to 9-18-02
Daughter of Curtis Moody

Malakai Malik Mosley
8-18-04 to 11-10-04
Son of Rikki Mosley

Remico Charles Munoz
6-20-02 to 9-5-02
Son of Howard Bradley & Tamica Munoz

Joshua Murphy-Williams
7-13-06 to 9-17-06
Son of Jason Murphy & Brandy Ridge

Amera Marie Myers
8-28-08 to 9-29-08
Daughter of Zachary & Brittany Myers

Samuel Lorence Myers
7-25-05 to 9-13-05
Son of Brian & Jami Myers

Mikaila Nikole Nevergall
9-22-02 to 10-10-02
Daughter of Casey & Melissa Nevergall

Eli Norman
10-6-01 to 11-9-01
Son of Elesia Norman & Karlton Williams

Lance Elle Oakley
8-7-03 to 10-2-03
Son of Daniel & Vanessa Oakley

Adrian James O’Brien
8-13-07 to 9-1-07
Son of Meagan O’Brien

Cody Olson
8-24-02 to 10-21-02
Son of Wendy Olson

Waylan Doyle Omstead
9-3-03 to 11-29-03
Son of Rusty Omstead & Vicky Robey

Gunner Dean Owen
9-17-07 to 10-21-08
Son of Morgan Owen

Kyng D. Paschal
8-14-09 to 11-10-09
Son of Breanna Trotter & Travell Paschal

Brandon Dean Pearce
8-24-94 to 9-27-94
Son of Adam & Shelly Bauman

Lauren Phillips
9-7-02 to 10-3-02
Daughter of Rachael Sizemore

Abigail Phillips
5-16-11 to 5-24-11
Daughter of Danny & Melissa Phillips

Elly Ann Pippitt
5-26-04 to 9-9-04
Daughter of Stacy & Tammy Pippitt

Jordan M. Pressler
7-27-01 to 10-20-01
Daughter of Tabitha Taylor

Dillon Robert Reece
8-20-99 to 11-15-99
Son of Ginger & Mike Oroke

Avery Marie Reno
7-5-99 to 10-6-99
Daughter of Kenneth Reno

Shawn Alan Roy
5-16-97 to 11-9-97
Son of Michelle Roy

Destiny Dawn Ruddell
10-19-99 to 11-6-99
Daughter of Patricia & Travis Ruddell

Andrew Patrick Sargent
6-30-95 to 11-27-95
Son of Kerry & Pete Sargent

Kaden Schroeder
7-8-06 to 11-20-06
Son of Kristin Rexroad & Richard Schroeder

Naomi Nicole Segrest
10-1-02 to 11-27-02
Granddaughter of Donna Wolf

Sergio Migel Solis
7-26-04 to 9-26-04
Son of Michelle Davis & Sergio Solis

Aaron Stalbaumer
9-18-08 to 10-31-08
Son of Tommy Day & Jessica Stalbaumer

Evans Ray Stumblingbear
11-26-01 to 11-26-01
Son of Mark & Megan Stumblingbear

Abella Swan
9-22-06 to 10-9-06
Daughter of Sarah Swan

Layla Mae Vaughn Tacy
8-1-07 to 11-15-07
Daughter of Jeanne Clinton & Kyle Tacy

Kaila Jade Tegethoff
5-18-04 to 10-24-04
James & Tonya Tegethoff

Korbin A. Thomas
7-7-07 to 9-5-07
Son of Rebekah Thomas

Tank Tyler Thornton
6-15-03 to 9-10-03
Son of Stephanie Bell & Bart Thornton

Iain Michael Tinsley
5-28-02 to 10-19-02
Son of Erin Jones

Lilly Madgdeline Tread
8-25-09 to 10-27-09
Daughter of Jason & Amy Tread

Antwen I. Tucker
7-10-11 to 11-5-11
Son of Marco & Eva Tucker

Andre’ Turner-Ibarra
7-2-05 to 10-5-05
Olga Ibarra & Angeno Turner

Damien Vanderhoof
8-6-81 to 11-20-81
Son of Damien Vanderhoof

Brody Ray Wallace
9-2-09 to 11-13-09
Son of Dale Wallace & Amber Thompson

Charles Wesley Washington
9-7-93 to 9-29-93
Son of Edna Williams

Celsie Ann Webb
4-22-99 to 11-12-99
Daughter of Cara Hosey & Phillip Webb

Harli Nicole Weber
6-18-04 to 10-11-04
Charles & Natasha Weber

Draven Michael Whitley
7-12-98 to 9-17-98
Son of Christy English

Ayden Levi Wilder
5-10-08 to 9-1-08
Son of Devan & Stephanie Wilder

Gabriella Ashlynn Wiley
7-20-92 to 9-9-92
Daughter of Cathy & Tom Wiley

Christopher T. Williams
9-24-09 to 11-30-09
Son of Rachel Smalley & Duane Williams

Joshua James Winze
8-21-96 to 9-12-96
Son of Douglas & Susan Winze

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Our deepest sympathy for the recent unexpected death of:

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In Memory of
Tristin McLaughlin
& In Honor of
Irvin Lee Beery
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Dorothy Duerson
Robert & Freda Durbin
Paul & Sharon Esposito
Mel, Beverly, & Lisa Hambelton
LeDon & Priscilla Harlow
Pamela Harmon
Virgil Harmon
Glenn & Billie Jackson
Melba Langenegger
Steve & Jane Lehning
John & Patty LeMay
Bill & Lois Mainz
Earl & Rhea Mills

Dr. Howard & Margaret Moore
Steven & Louise Moreland
Stan & Debra Rinehart
Lynn & Joyce Saathoff
Carol Scott
Jean Walker
Arnema Watson
Roma & Laverne Welch
Gene & Kay Woodard

In Memory of Sharon Gronwich
Garry & Ruth Battey
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Buzzhard
Troy & Janice Coon
Donna Davis
George Frisbie
Mark & Tina Sayler

Congratulations to the following families...
Adam & Kara Millican welcomed a new baby boy, Hayden Patrick Millican on November 12, 2012.
Anna & Noah McLauglin welcomed a new baby girl, Hope Elizabeth McLauglin on December 3, 2012.

We apologize for any errors made. Please call the office (1-866-399-7437) and we will make the necessary corrections.
If you would like a picture of your child in the newsletter and/or on the web site, please send us a picture via e-mail or US mail. (We plan to return pictures, but please keep a copy just in case.)
Dear Family and Friends:

Thank you for not expecting too much from us this holiday season. The absence of our child when the “whole family” gathers seems to accentuate our incomplete family. It is difficult to cope with the “spirit” of the holidays on the radio, TV, in the newspapers and stores. We will need the patience and understanding of our family and friends to help us through the holidays as best we can.

Our family traditions may be too painful for us to continue this year. We may want to change the way we spend Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Hanukkah. Please understand this and maybe some time in the future we will have these traditions again. Whatever our thoughts are for coping with the day, please take our feelings into consideration when you make your plans.

Please allow us to talk about our child, if we feel a need. Perhaps the single most helpful thing you can do for us is to include our child in the holidays. We want to hear his/her name, to have you recall fond memories of their lives, to know that you, too, are feeling their absence and remembering them with love.

As we work through our grief, we will need your patience and support, especially during these holiday times and the “special” days throughout the year.

Thank you for not expecting too much from us this holiday season and thank you for caring so deeply about us.

With Love,
A bereaved parent/family

Songs of the Wind
Mattie J.T. Stepanek
July 1998

Listen to the wind.  
If you listen carefully,  
You will hear soft notes.  
Listen with your mind and  
Heart—you will hear a song.  
A soft, relaxing song that  
Reminds you of peace,  
Harmony, and love.  
If you hear this song,  
Always remember it.  
For if you do,  
You can teach it  
To other people,  
And they, too, will forever  
Remember their Heartsongs.

SIDS Network of Kansas
2012 Annual Candle Lighting Memorial

Date: Sunday, December 9, 2012
Where: The Wichita Boathouse
      515 South Wichita Street
      Wichita, KS 67202
Time: 2:30 p.m.
RSVP: 316-682-1301/1-866-399-7437

The SIDS Network of Kansas 13th Annual Candle Lighting Memorial will feature poetry, a memorial slideshow and candle lighting.

Parents, family members and friends are welcome to attend. A children’s grief group and child care will be available. Please RSVP by Monday, December 3.

If we don’t already have a picture of your child for the memorial slideshow, please e-mail or mail a picture to the SIDS office at: info@sidsks.org or US Mail, 1148 S. Hillside, Suite 10, Wichita, KS 67211.

If you are unable to attend the SIDS Network memorial, please light a candle in recognition of the Worldwide Candle Lighting, initiated by The Compassionate Friends, and place it in your window to honor all children who have died too soon. http://www.soul-awakening.com/quotes/quotes-bereavement.htm

We do this...that their light may always shine!

Halo SleepSacks™ & Sleepsack Swaddle-Me™ infant wearable blankets have arrived for the fall and winter months. Order yours now for shower or holiday gifts.

The Halo SleepSack™ is a wearable blanket with a zip front closure for easy changing. The design eliminates the need for loose blankets in the bed and encourages caregivers to place their baby on its back for sleep.

Available by calling the SIDS Network at 316-682-1301 or toll free 1-866-399-7437.

The SleepSack Swaddle-Me™ Wearable Blanket has an adjustable, removable swaddle feature. The 2-in-1 SleepSack™ Swaddle hugs your baby to prevent the startle reflex and eliminates the need for loose blankets in the bed.

Available by calling the SIDS Network at 316-682-1301 or toll free 1-866-399-7437.

All are available in microfleece, for the cooler months, and come in an array of colors and prints. For more information contact the SIDS Network office toll-free at 1-866-399-7437. All profits go to SIDS research through the CJ Center without Walls.

For more information about the Halo Infant SleepSack™ please go to: www.halosleep.com/
Mark your calendars for the 10th Annual Step Up for KIDS 5K & Memory Walk

Saturday, May 4, 2013
5k Run begins at 8:30 a.m.
Memory Walk 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
WSU Cessna Stadium in Wichita

Step Up for KIDS is the signature fundraising event for the KIDS Network.

Please call, e-mail or visit the KIDS Network web site for details.
Phone: 316-682-1301
E-mail: info@kidsks.org
Web site: kidsks.org

How to contact us—
We want to hear from you. Whether you or someone you know needs services, or you want to volunteer with the SIDS Network of Kansas, we look forward to hearing from you. We can be easily reached through:

Mail: SIDS Network of Kansas, Inc.
1148 S. Hillside, Suite 10
Wichita, KS 67211
Phone: 1-866-399-7437 (toll-free) or 316-682-1301
Fax: 316-682-1274
Web site: kidsks.org
E-mail: General e-mail—info@kidsks.org
Christy Schunn—christys@sidsks.org
Bridget Koenig—sidsbrk@aol.com
Amanda Yoder—sidsayod@aol.com
Libby Baumgartner—sidsks.bsat@gmail.com
Office hours: please call to ensure staff is present.

Online Support Groups

General Web site: www.sidsfamilies.com

Support Groups:
—General SIDS Discussion:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sidsfamilies
—SIDS Grandparents:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sidsgrandparents
—SIDS Fathers:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sidsdads
—Expecting SIDS Moms & Moms w/subsequent babies:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/babiesaftersids
—SIDS Moms Trying to Conceive:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sidsmomstrying
—SIDS Siblings:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sidssiblings
—SIDS Parents a Few Years Down the Road:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sidsdr
—Help with SIDS websites and related graphics:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/wsgn
—SIDS Aunts:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sids-aunts
—SIDS Awareness:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/angelsinthemedia
—Online support (live chats or specific sessions) for parents, grandparents, and siblings (over the age of 18) grieving the death of a child:
www.compassionatefriends.org/resources/Online_Support.aspx

SIDSS Support Meetings

Wichita
Meet 4th Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m. SIDS Office, 1148 S. Hillside, Suite 10, Wichita. Childcare available—Please call in advance so arrangements can be made.

Topeka
Meet 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Pozez Education Center—1505 S. W. 8th, Topeka. RSVP (1-866-399-7437) is required otherwise meeting will be canceled.

Salina
Meet 1st Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m. R.S.V.P. 1-866-399-7437
Salina Public Library—301 W. Elm St., Salina, KS
RSVP is required otherwise meeting will be canceled.

If you are interested in attending a group in Hays, Hutchinson or Pittsburg please call the SIDS office at 1-866-399-7437.
Step Up for KIDS 5K & Memory Walk Fundraiser

Saturday, May 4, 2013

Call or e-mail the KIDS Network to volunteer

(316) 682-1301 · info@kidsks.org · kidsks.org

FREE T-SHIRT WILL BE PROVIDED