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President's Letter

It was a privilege to deliver a combined check from the Florida SIDS Alliance and the Maine SIDS Foundation totaling \$25,000 for research. The amount will fund one researcher for half a year and keep young researchers working on the brain stem and related research being conducted in the Dr. Hannah Kinney Lab at Boston Children's Hospital, in association with Harvard University. I was accompanied by Caroline O'Brien, who experienced the loss of her infant son, Liam, a year ago. I offer her words to describe the experience.

Kinney's Mothers' Broken Heart Club Band

Having lost my precious Liam a year and one week prior, I accompanied Roy to meet Dr. Hannah Kinney and her distinguished research team, almost as a means of filling the vacuum of pain that this dreadful anniversary delivered. It was, in a sense, a SIDS Mom's (& Dad's) fieldtrip to the lab to discover what pathology reveals about the roots of this horrific syndrome so that it can be eradicated. Roy's mission was to present a \$25,000 check from the Florida SIDS Alliance and the Maine SIDS Foundation.

As I expected, it was rather clinical - the eleventh story of Boston's Children's Hospital - with conference rooms; small offices stacked with neuropathology, genetics, and other journals from more over-my-head fields; as well as catalogues of mice slides; and labs with really expensive equipment. "How was this field trip going to help me in the aftermath of my tragedy?" I asked myself in true, newly-bereaved, self-centered fashion. But it filled the time when my mother's broken heart would have otherwise been reliving the moments of the prior year's tragedy. Apart from Roy and me, no one at the table had had first hand experience with SIDS.

Then the question was asked of Dr. Kinney, "How did you come to specialize in SIDS research?" Her answer revealed the compassion that impels her work and the self-described "slave driving" of her research assistants. Her slave driving was ignited twenty years ago when she met a brand new member of "The Mothers' Broken Heart Club." Doing pediatric work as an intern, she was working the E.R. on a red-eye shift. At four am, a woman was screaming in the hallway while Dr. Kinney attempted to resuscitate her baby. Her failed attempt, followed by a cop blaming the parents for their baby's death, conceived a commitment to unveil the insidious cause of SIDS, develop a test and a treatment. Twenty years later, she has brought clarity to the murky waters of SIDS.

After examining the role of neurotransmitters and subsequently breaking through the confusion to identify serotonin

and its manufacturing site the brain-stem as the anatomy and physiology of SIDS, she trudges on to further narrow her search. Cause, test, treatment. Three simple words, but twenty years of searching with brilliant minds has uncovered only the tip of the iceberg. Nevertheless, Kinney and her colleagues press on in the neuro-wilderness to hone in more exactly on their target - all with the hope of reducing the size of the Mothers' Broken Heart Club and, eventually making it obsolete and extinct. With their \$75,000 neurotransmitter separator, \$40,000 microscopes, and \$50,000 slide maker, along with their wonderful minds, commitment, and compassion, as well as people like Roy's hard work at raising money to support them, I know that their work will someday culminate in huge success and that membership to the Mother's Broken Heart Club will be closed forever.

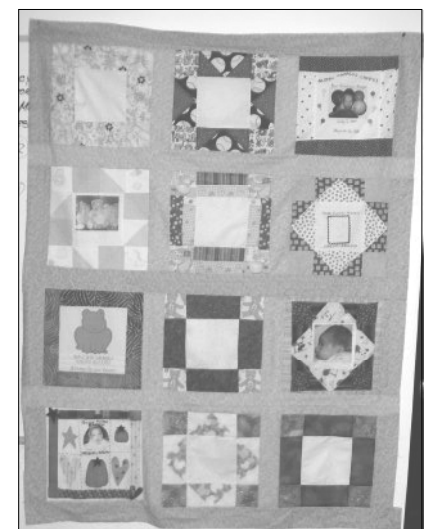
Florida SIDS Alliance Regional Quilt Project: The Faces of SIDS

Pensacola, FL - March 26-27, 2011

The Florida SIDS Alliance Memorial Quilt Project will be in Pensacola, Florida, on March 26-27, 2011. Each parent will be able to create their quilt square during this time. One quilt for the Northeast Region of Florida has already been completed and can be viewed on our Facebook page.

Amy Krewson (SIDS parent - David Burton / 17/85-5/23/85) will be conducting the quilt workshops. All of the necessary equipment, including sewing machines, material, and instructions for making a quilt square will be provided, at no expense. If you have a special theme or baby item (t-shirt, socks, or blanket) it can be incorporated in your square. No experience in sewing or quilting is necessary. Many parents have successfully made a square without prior sewing experience. It does not matter if you have ever threaded a needle or if you are an expert seamstress, you are invited to participate in the workshop.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please use the link below to contact us, or call 800-SIDS-FLA. We hope you will participate in this project and we want to remember all of our babies. That way everyone can see the Faces of SIDS and we can work towards preventing others from losing their baby.



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Sincerely yours,
Amy L. Krewson

"In the belief that every child should live"

THIRD ANNUAL Kiara Dawn Walk-A-Thon



SATURDAY, MARCH 19th
Jupiter River Walk, Jupiter FL

a 5 mile Walk to raise funds for the Florida SIDS Alliance

9 AM Registration, 10 AM Start Time

For more information on how to register and participate, call us at 800-SIDS-FLA or email sidsfla@yahoo.com

In addition to the registration fees, walkers can help to raise additional funds by gathering sponsors. Below is a sponsor sheet you can use. Ask family, friends and coworkers to sponsor you. They can donate even small amounts. Last year we raised over \$3,000 at this event with 40 walkers. Almost every donation was less than \$50 per sponsor; many were under \$20. Don't forget — some companies offer to match donations to charitable organizations given by their employees too.



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We Remember These...



Princess Buttercup

by Briana Price

You came into our life as a blessing, an angel from God. You were so precious and beautiful, you were our perfect child. We will always remember the way you laughed and smiled, and your smell so sweet. We feel very guilty for not having the opportunity to be able to see you crawl, teach you to walk or even to hear you say mommy or daddy. We had so much planned for our little angel that we will never be able to do now. We will never understand why it was your time to go, but we will always cherish the little time we had together. I guess God took you because you were too perfect for this earth. We just ask for you to be our guardian angel. So the only thing left to say is sweet dreams our precious angel - we will keep you in our hearts and see you in our dreams. Kiara, because the memory of you will always live on. In your memory on March 19, we plan on hosting the 3rd Annual Kiara Dawn walk a thon in your honor!

March 12, 2011 would have been Kiara Dawn's 9th Birthday. The Price's, with the support of friends and family, have organized and planned this special event. The walk will be held at the Jupiter River Walk in Jupiter, FL. All of us in the Palm Beach Chapter for the Florida SIDS Alliance are asking for your help in supporting this amazing foundation. Registration will begin at 9am and the walk starts at 10am on Saturday, March 19, 2011. We are asking for a \$10.00 donation from all walkers. Please bring your friends and family out to celebrate the memory of all our angels and enjoy beautiful weather and vendors.

Kiara Dawn Price
3/12/02 – 5/12/02



MARCH MEMORIALS

MARCH BIRTHS

Matasion Beasley
Michael Robert Brown
David Charles Burton
Kathryn Cunningham
Bryce Taylor Cunningham
Savon Giovanni Davis
Evan Reed Dermer
Michelle Elizabeth Dickerson
Nicholas Shane Duncan
Cara Michele Frawley
Gregory Freiberg
Jason Gravitt Jr
Alyssa Hoffman
Lazarus Addison Jacobs
Michael Jones
Jacob Peter Koomen Jr
Noah Matthew Lueken
Travis Markham
Rose Michelle Massuh
Ezekiel Sean Nichols
Matthew Thomas Pribisco
Kiara Dawn Price

Eduardo Jose Rojas
Austin Keiffer Sawyer
Kyle Edward Spiller
Tyler Wadkins
Lyndria

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Giovanni Adams
Justin Robert Bonwit
Samuel Brannon
Edward Burton
Alexandra Carby
Dennis Cardenas
Jerry Demetrius-White
Linda Farrar
Sophie Fritz
Rian Paige Goldberg
Franklin Guice
Trey Jakob Hall
Alyssa Hoffman
Deanna Johnson
Antonio Demark Jones Jr
Dane Fisher Knihnicky
Jacob Peter Koomen Jr
Glenn Charles Lampke
Madyson (Mady) Kay Landrum
Emma McNulty
Magdalena Moore
Ezekiel Sean Nichols
Triston Jeffery Pickell
Andrew Paul Richardson
Kadijah Ross
Jazmine Roundtree
Jessica Smith
Zoey White

3/06/2004 Jennifer Roy & Chris Beasley
3/04/1993 Mike & Pat Brown
3/17/1985 Amy Krewson, Albert & Gertrude Kehne
3/08/1993 Kevin Cunningham, Pam Cunningham
3/09/1994 Katrina Cunningham
3/12/1998 Ronnie Allen
3/30/1999 Scott & Heidi Dermer
3/28/1992 Lee & Denise Dickerson
3/14/1991 John & Gina Duncan
3/15/1994 Chris & Lynne Frawley
3/02/1996 Irv & Abbey Freiberg
3/23/2004 Jason & Kimberly Gravitt
3/21/1990 Patricia Hoffman
3/19/2002 Eddie & Jenny Jacobs
3/05/1998 Morrell & Sharon Jones
3/01/1999 Jacob & Kris Koomen
3/27/1999 Scott & Beth Lueken
3/06/2000 Jason Markham & Samantha Hall
3/20/1996 Michelle Massuh
3/15/2001 Ezekiel & Holly Nichols
3/01/1995 Lynne King
3/12/2002 Chris & Briana Price, Kathleen Simanski, Joseph and Jacqueline Salerno, Dolores Price
3/26/1995 Eduardo & Jennifer Rojas
3/12/1996 Keith & Robin Sawyer
3/02/1989 Suzanne Spiller
3/20/1996 April York
3/11/2002 Yannine Camara, Digna Bayron

3/17/1991 Darlene Adams
3/25/1996 Steve Bonwit, Annette Bonwit
3/02/2009 Joey & Nicole Union
3/08/1995 Lisa Schroeder
3/12/1991 Tracy Morales
3/01/1997 Catherine Cardenas
3/18/1989 Connie White
3/03/1988 Jim & Edna Farrar
3/23/2007 Ashley Fritz
3/09/1989 Lee Nossen
3/20/1993 Kelly Guice
3/21/1998 Melanie Manley, Homer Hall
3/21/1990 Patricia Hoffman
3/07/1994 Edna & Darrcelle Covert
3/06/1999 Chauncey & Antonio Jones, Dannette Jones Whitley
3/01/2000 Rebecca Knihnicky Roblin
3/23/1999 Jacob & Kris Koomen
3/22/1995 Mark & Laura Lampke
3/14/1998 Ben & Dianna Landrum
3/11/1999 Jessica Miller
3/08/1996 John & Nancy Moore
3/19/2001 Ezekiel & Holly Nichols
3/25/1998 Jeffery & Lisa Ann Pickell
3/23/2010 Mary and Matthew Richardson
3/14/1994 Clarissa Ross
3/06/1993 Kim Roundtree
3/20/2005 Malinda Smith
3/18/2005 Marcia White

★ *Florida SIDS Alliance is proud to host*
The 2011 Annual Memorial Golf Classic



★ **Friday, March 18, 2010**
Registration 7:30-8:30 AM ★

3060 Players Point • Longwood, FL 32779 • 407-333-2582

★ **ENTRY FEE IS \$150 PER GOLFER**
Includes: Green and Cart Fees, Range Balls, Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Beer, Soda, and Water on the Course

Make checks payable to: FL SIDS Alliance
Mail to: 4404 W. Lake Mary Blvd. #104-209, Lake Mary, FL 32746

1st & 2nd Place Prizes
 Longest Drive Contest—Men & Women
 Closest to the Pin—Men & Women
 Hole in One Contest
 Participant Bag
 Tickets for Door Prizes

It's that time of year again! For the past four years our Memorial Golf Tournament has been at the beautiful Alaqua Country Club in Longwood, Florida, benefitting the Florida SIDS Alliance. This year it will be an afternoon event, with a shotgun start at 12:45 pm.

The time may have changed, but the reason for the event remains the same. The Florida SIDS Alliance works to support parents who have lost a child to SIDS or other infant death, to educate the community on SIDS and Safe Infant Sleep Practices, and to promote research into the cause and cure of SIDS.

Many of you have participated in the past, and that participation has been crucial to the success of this event. We are asking for your support again this year. We need:

Golfers, Sponsors, Silent Auction and Product / Service Donations

Babies are still dying of SIDS and other infant death. Until we find a cause and cure for these deaths, we must continue to work to fund these efforts. We invite you to participate and support our efforts once again. To register for this event or become a sponsor, simply return the form on this page to get started.

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★ We will see you
 March 18th
 on the green! ★

We Remember These...



APRIL MEMORIALS

APRIL BIRTHS

Shauna Faith Aicklen	4/26/2006	Kelley Aicklen
Trinity Alexis Atkins	4/27/2005	Chris & Melissa Atkins
Chelsea Bischoff	4/25/1992	Myrna Grossman
Renae Anne Colby	4/06/1986	Sandy Colby
Declan Shayne Foote	4/02/2004	Elizabeth Ferrara
Francis Fuller	4/07/1995	Francis & Colleen Fuller
Sofia Go	4/05/2007	Raymond & Rebecca Go
Olivia Goodinson	4/05/2005	Amy Goodinson
Eddie Hooper	4/24/2009	Debra Hooper
Patrick Michael Irwin	4/14/1995	Bob & Barbara Irwin
Christopher Madera	4/12/1996	Nicole Madera
Caillou Arturo Moran	4/09/2001	Kym And Jake Moran
Aiden Noriega	4/04/2001	Rick & Ethel Noriega
Jonah Pak	4/05/2004	Kyungjun & Sophia Pak
Janelle Paragas-Aponte	4/07/1995	Miguel Aponte & Joanne Paragas
Milagros S Perez	4/19/1989	Reinaldo & Juana Perez
Anthony Michael Sauls	4/13/1990	Christie & Michael Pawlak
Alex Shockey	4/03/1994	Samantha Hargrave
Gary Shutter	4/03/2001	Denise Waltz
Steven Chase Walter	4/30/2007	Renee Jarstad
Christopher Whitty	4/03/1990	Terry Stephenson
Uriah Wilson	4/01/1994	James & Becky Wilson
Collin Wolfferts	4/10/2006	Melissa Wolfferts
Billy	4/04/2003	Jennifer Roberts

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Jacob Neil Boger	2/23/2006	Dr. Greg and Lisa Boger
Tyler Crim	2/18/2005	Claudine Petit-Frere
Lanie Anne Dettlefsen	2/07/1993	Mark & Leslie Dettlefsen
Beaugard Diedrich	2/26/2002	Chris & Sherry Diedrich
James Earl	2/22/1999	Jacklyn Earl
Connor Rea Gallagher	2/24/1997	John & Maria Gallagher
Jenna Ren Hayes	2/12/2001	Lynne King
Scott Hutchinson	2/21/1994	Timothy & Jody Hutchinson
Brennen Neal Johnson	2/06/2000	Rachel Christian
Jacqueline Renee McClellan	2/09/1987	Jim & Tammie McClellan
Noah Daniel Morell	2/05/2008	Mark & Emelita Morell
Trevor Austin Morrison	2/11/1994	Rick & Lisa Pelletier
Shayne Lesley Nummela	2/25/1986	David & Donna Nummela
Alex Shockey	2/25/1995	Samantha Hargrave
Brianna Velasquez	2/16/2005	Leanna Torres & Roberto Velasquez

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THE FLORIDA SIDS ALLIANCE

In 1992, The Florida SIDS Alliance was formed through the efforts of SIDS parents and other professionals. Governed by a volunteer board, the Florida SIDS Alliance meets the guidelines for a non-profit tax exempt IRS 501(C)3 organization.

The goals of the organization are:

- * Eradicate SIDS.
- * Provide service to families.
- * Provide education for people involved, i.e. Nurses, Emergency personnel, Medical Examiners, Funeral Directors, Support Group Leaders, etc.
- * Establish guidelines for transport, scene investigation, and autopsy.
- * Raise awareness.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?
 CALL TO FIND OUT...
 800-SIDS-FLA**

***I want to help the Florida SIDS Alliance
win the fight against SIDS!***

Here's my gift to help save our babies:

\$15 \$25 \$50 \$ _____

**Please make check payable to
FLORIDA SIDS ALLIANCE**

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All Contributions are Tax Deductible

Florida SIDS Alliance is a non-profit,
charitable organization and has
501(c)(3) status granted by the IRS.

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- Please add my name to the postal mailing list for your newsletter.
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- I would like to volunteer in my area to help the fight against SIDS.
- Please provide information about support of the Florida SIDS Alliance by payroll deduction through the United Way Contributor Choice / Donor Option.

Please acknowledge my gift

In Memory of:

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Date of Birth _____

Date of Death _____

In Honor of:

Name _____

Reason for Honor _____

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