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## President's Letter TO BE A PARENT

It was 41 years ago when my wife and I began to celebrate these special days: we became parents, a mother and a father. I have tried to explain the feelings and emotions that took over my being but nothing was adequate. The experience changed my life forever and with it the overwhelming understanding that my work had just begun.

I have many years of education but I don't remember ever being prepared for the role of parent. Just when I believed that I had learned enough to really be called a father, my second son was born. The reality of what I didn't know humbled me. The magic of life was so unbelievable I was lost in the wonder of it all. These holidays brought more meaning to us as we celebrated not only our joy and excitement but the emotional understanding that we had been given the opportunity of a lifetime. We were overflowing in blessings and working hard to learn the job of parenthood.

My life took on a new dimension again when I became the father of a beautiful healthy daughter. Three children brought on more unbelievable joy, hope, expectations, and most of all excitement that I was being prepared to witness life in such a unique way. Life was filled with new and often unexpected experiences

and the parents' holidays took on even more meaning. It seemed like it was the spring of my life. Then the truly unexpected happened. Our beautiful, apparently healthy baby girl died suddenly and unexpectedly. The doctors told us the cause of death was SIDS.

The reality of our loss was challenging during the following Mother's and Father's Day. We had children to love and care for and we were parents, but some of our dreams had been shattered beyond recognition. The conflict of joy and

sadness continues each year when we celebrate parents' holidays. I find that mixed emotions remain; nevertheless, the most incredible feeling I could ever imagine is being a parent.

I hope and pray that you who have experienced the horror of the loss of a child can find the richness and wonderment of the miracle of life and experience what truly is a miracle, a child!

*In the belief that every child should live...*  
**ROY BAGLEY**

## Train the Trainer Workshops

More than one hundred participants have made a commitment to make a change in Florida, "spreading the message that placing babies on their back and following safe infant sleep practices will save infants' lives." Florida SIDS Alliance president, Roy Bagley, has led the team

role playing to "help handle the variety of situations that might arise when conducting classes."



Bunny Hamer and Lisa Sculley have assisted at the workshop to present examples of how the safe sleep information can be presented. Pamphlets from the Public Health Service are at the core of the ten points important to the safe sleep message. Powerpoint presentations geared to parents and/or professionals were also reviewed. An informational board and handouts were reviewed for those that might be interested in health fairs in their community. Roy asked that participants

to conduct five workshops from October 2010 to May of this year. The courses took place in Seminole, Pasco, Miami-Dade, and Leon counties. The two day workshops focused on more than just delivering the message of "Safe Sleep for Infants" – it helps to make trainers feel comfortable with the message. Participants were in discussions in both large and small groups. Roy also used

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"think outside of the box" to other groups that might benefit from the information.

Roy and Lisa also were able to bring a "reality to the information and increased the significance" of the teaching. As another participant commented, this provided the "latest information, networking, and meeting people who care."



Continuing education hours were awarded for a variety of professionals through Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and Miami-Dade AHEC in the later workshops.



Participants have been asked to conduct five to twenty classes in a one year period. Information about the type of student (family member, professional, or other), the county, will be reported back to the Florida SIDS Alliance to measure the effectiveness of this campaign.

**Lisa Sculley**  
**Secretary, Florida SIDS Alliance**

## To My Alex and His Grave

I will no longer bring a toy-  
 You are no more a little boy.  
 I'll light a candle for you instead  
 Because, for me, you are not dead-  
 You shine on me from up above  
 And fill my daily life with love.  
 Eighteen is what you'll be this year,  
 And still, I know, you're always near.  
 You are my own, my only son...  
 As for true love, you are my ONE!  
 Love,  
 Mommy

by **Christina Lukaszewicz-Hellen**

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

### Florida SIDS Alliance Annual Meeting

**Saturday, October 29, 2011**  
**Lake Mary, FL**

Details will be forthcoming.  
 This is an open meeting,  
 and all members are welcome to attend.  
 We will be electing board members  
 and officers, and presenting  
 our Annual Report.  
 Additional details will be available  
 in the July/August newsletter  
 as well as on our website, [sidsfla.org](http://sidsfla.org).

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### MAY MEMORIALS

#### MAY BIRTHS

Morgan Bloodworth	5/13/1993
Wade Michael Brewster	5/06/1996
Siena Carlson	5/03/1991
Victoria Rose Fletcher	5/15/1999
Sierra Nicole Fonte	5/08/1995
Kevis Glenn	5/05/1990
Jonathan Toushay Green	5/08/1991
Nolan Halligan	5/06/2005
Josh Hauser	5/23/1986
Kylie Leigh Holcomb	5/14/1996
Rece Huseman	5/07/2007

Shanna Madsen	5/22/1992
Liam O'Brien	5/01/2009
Daniel Perez	5/31/2007
Jon Michael Shelley	5/29/1991
Aaron Paul Simon	5/26/1981
Trace Garrett Southard	5/12/2000
Jacob Sullivan	5/27/1998
Brian Taylor	5/03/1989
Shelby Ann Zager	5/21/1996

#### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Gavon Kellner Brown	5/02/1995
David Charles Burton	5/23/1985
Siena Carlson	5/26/1991
Sara Crum	5/15/1993
Bryce Taylor Cunningham	5/23/1994
Kane Michael Eastham	5/09/1995
Blake Anthony Facca	5/19/1987
Tyler Dean Gemmill	5/25/1982
Kevis Glenn	5/25/1990
Jonathan Toushay Green	5/27/1992
Joshua Headings	5/03/1999
Stephen Highsmith	5/18/1995
Markeria Kelly	5/19/2003
Austin James Kremer	5/10/1996
Travis Markham	5/11/2000
Rose Michelle Massuh	5/09/1996
Joseph Carlos Musolino	5/16/1995
Matthew Thomas Pribisco	5/20/1995
Kiara Dawn Price	5/12/2002

Christine Diane Richards	5/19/2001
Kyle Rothenberger	5/17/2007
Alex John Topolewski	5/12/1994

Louis & Brandy Bloodworth
Dusty Brewster
Madeline Carlson
Margaret Fletcher
Tammy Griffen
Katherine Glenn
Lisa Burney
Glenn & Kerri Halligan
Jeff & Joann Hauser
Randy & Jody Holcomb
Nick & Jinmi Huseman
Michael and Sara Huseman
Raymond and Jeanne Huseman
Shawn & Kelly Flemmer
Conor & Caroline O'Brien
Cary and Alex Perez
Pam Shelley, John Shelley
Helene & Hank Simon
Rhonda Southard & Michelle Speight
Cindy Jones
Joyce Stanley Taylor
Melody Zager

Simone Brown, Edward & Susie Page
Amy Krewson, Albert & Gertrude Kehne
Madeline Carlson
Alisha Crum
Katrina Cunningham
Rene Severance
Carol Facca
John & Debbie Gemmill
Katherine Glenn
Lisa Burney
Tim & Andree Headings
April Stevens & Ray Highsmith
Marquita Kelly
Tom & Tiffany Kremer
Jason Markham & Samantha Hall
Michelle Fox
Anne Marie Pascual
Lynne King
Chris & Briana Price
Joseph and Jacqueline Salerno
Dolores Price, Kathleen Simanski
Renita Richards
Wayne and Laura Rothenberger
Greg & Melanie Topolewski

# Annual Memorial Golf Classic



Awesome weather and clear skies met the golfers returning to the Alaqua Country Club for the Annual Memorial Golf Classic. The March 18 date was perfect for an afternoon round of golf. SIDS parents, grandparents, siblings, and others interested in helping continue the support and education of the Florida SIDS Alliance all were in attendance. The tournament sponsor was Truevance as they celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> year in business. Mark and Laura Lampke sponsor the tournament in memory of their son (Glenn 7/6/1994-3/22/1995).



A putting contest sponsored by Seminole Harley, a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle kept the golfers busy as they putted and pitched. Greenway Ford sponsored a "Hole in One" lease on a car and Alaqua residents sponsored the signage printing.

Memorial signs were made for infants lost around the state. Pictures were used from those sent in by families. Golfer Steve Ira commented, "I look at the pictures at each one of the holes and realize how important this tournament is."

A buffet dinner of pulled pork and all the fixins' finished off the perfect day.

The Mark Lampke's, Melcher's, Sculley's, Amy Krewson and her friend Marsha Watters joined the committee to help for the day.

The committee: Char Melcher,

Judy Lasky, Linda Moss, Alicia Spain, Estrallita Bloss, Melissa Lue, Sandy Cannon, and Bunny Hamer worked on the tournament for six months.

The proceeds from each of the golf tournaments are divided three ways. One third of the funds are in a special fund to help families with the cost of a cemetery grave marker. One third is put into the general funds to carry on the work of our volunteer organization. The final third is sent to a researcher that focuses on SIDS. \$7300.00 was sent to Hannah Kinney, MD. after the first



tournament for her work on SIDS and possible brain abnormalities. Another donation of \$20,000.00, proceeds from the tournaments, along with a \$5000.00 donation from the Maine SIDS Foundation, was presented to Dr. Kinney this winter. This donation was able to go to a specific young researcher in the lab who shows promise and interest in the continued study of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

\$9000.00+ has now been added as the proceeds from this 2011 tournament and will be divided the three ways also. If you are interested in helping with the next year's tournament, please contact the Florida SIDS Alliance by phone (800-SIDS-FLA) or email (sidsfla@yahoo.com).



## Florida SIDS Alliance on the Web

Did you know that you can visit the Florida SIDS Alliance on the web? Our website, [www.sidsfla.org](http://www.sidsfla.org), is updated regularly with upcoming events and the latest SIDS research and education information. If you have a website in memory of your child, you can submit it to us to be included on our "About Us" page. We also have the latest CPSC recalls posted on the sidebar so you will know the latest information on all child safety issues. We are also on Facebook; just search Florida SIDS Alliance and "like" our page to receive updates right on your Facebook page. You can receive the newsletter electronically as well.

If you would like more information about our web services or would like to be added to our electronic newsletter or other updates online, please send us an email at [sidsfla@yahoo.com](mailto:sidsfla@yahoo.com). We look forward to hearing from you soon!

**Lisa Sculley**  
Secretary, Florida SIDS Alliance

# Kiara Dawn Walkathon

*The Family of Jasmine Pitts  
wish to thank your organization for the wonderful  
walk that was really a healing process for our family.  
My daughter seemed so happy to be walking,  
talking and helping a great cause!*

*We hope to be able to attempt an event in Jasmine's name soon.*

*We enjoyed meeting your representatives  
from Jacksonville, they were super nice!!*

**Tammy J. Sutcliffe**

Families from around the state converged on the Riverwalk in Jupiter on Saturday, March 19. A caravan of vehicles left the Orlando area before dawn to make the trip to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Kiara Dawn Walkathon. The 3 1/4 mile trip took walkers next to shops of all kinds as well as the marina. Briana and Chris Price, along with their family and friends, have coordinated each walk in memory of their daughter Kiara



Dawn (3/12/2002-5/12/2002). This year more than 70 walked, which included more than thirty young children. As one of the parents noted, "This is the best way to teach the next generation about safe sleep."

Babies in strollers, dads and toddlers, and many single supporters were all out for one reason – to help fight the battle against the number one killer of infants in the first year of life. Many were just attending "because they care."

Others walked as a family in memory of

their beloved baby. A new and creative way to support the walk was seen this year. "Team Jazzy" t-shirts were also made and worn by some of the walkers in memory of Jasmine Julienne Pitts (11/2/2010-2/02/2011).

Briana and Chris are looking forward to the next walk scheduled for March 17, 2011. With St. Patrick's Day as the

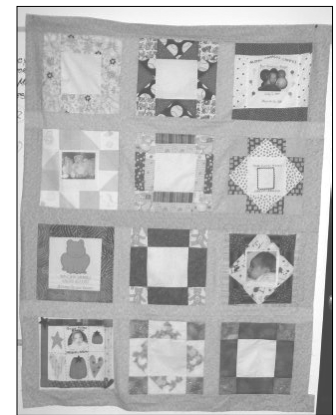


Saturday date, we are looking for some fun and games with maybe a shamrock theme. More walkers are welcome. You can come with family, friends, or a team – all walkers are welcome. Keep an eye on our website, [www.sidsfla.com](http://www.sidsfla.com) for more information as the time draws near.

## Fort Walton and Pensacola Quilt Workshops

July 15 -17, 2011

July 22-24, 2011



Come join us as we create quilt squares for a regional quilt for the Panhandle. We will use this quilt for education and public awareness. Amy Krewson, an experienced quilter as well as a SIDS parent, will conduct the workshop. Even if you have never threaded a needle, she can help you create a wonderful memory piece for your child. The location of the daily workshops will be provided based on participation.

Please call 800 SIDS-FLA or email [sidsfla@yahoo.com](mailto:sidsfla@yahoo.com) for more information. If you would like to speak to Amy and ask questions about the process and what you will need, we will be glad to get you in contact directly with her. Simply indicate this in your email or phone call, and you will be contacted shortly.

We look forward to your participation in this project. We have one quilt completed, and it is already making an impact in the Northeast Florida area.

**In the belief that every child should live,  
Lisa Sculley**

# There Should Be Another Cap and Gown

It is a day of celebration, so why am I so sad? Why do I wish for what is not, and what should be? I am proud of my nephew reaching for his dreams. Yet, I can't help but think—there should be another cap and gown.

When my sister in law, Doris, and I found out we were expecting, we were so excited to share our experience. We complained about our aches and pains, and shared the first flutters of our babies with joy. We compared baby bumps and doctor's visits. After our ultrasounds, we both picked names: Jonathan for her son, and, after much deliberation, Joseph for mine.

Jonathan was born 28 days after Joey, and from birth they were nearly inseparable. They slept in the same playpen, and played on the same blanket. Joey was a fast eater, and impatient to be

fed. Jonathan ate slowly, savoring every sip. Jonathan was big and roly-poly; Joey was long and thin. We referred to them as "Haas" and "Little Joe" after the Bonanza sons. We dreamed of first steps, kindergarten and football in the park. We planned to choke back tears together at their high school graduation. We planned ... Oh, how we planned!

Our plans were dashed in October of that year, on a bright and shiny day. My sister in law put Joey down for a nap, and he never woke up. Instead of choking back tears together at high school graduation, we shared those tears at a graveside. Our dreams for the boys were forever changed. Instead of graduating together, Jonathan graduates alone this year. And so, among the tears of joy mingle tears of loss, and thoughts of what might have been and what should be.

At the time, I could not believe that the tears at graveside and in the months after would stop, but they did. Until today, when I hide in a church hallway, trying to hold back tears. I miss what might have been. I am glad for what is. I am used to this duality of emotions, and yet it still surprises me.

Joey graduated life far before any of us, and I know he wears a much better graduation robe than we will know on Earth. He left before us, done with his task. He has earned the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" that we all reach for in the end. And yet, still, I think – there should be another cap and gown.



Joey "Bright Eyes" Sculley  
7/16/92 to 10/7/92



Jonathan Sculley 8/14/92

## We Remember These...



### JUNE BIRTHS

Lazaro Alonzo	6/15/2007	Esmerelda & Maria Sanchez
Orrin Fulton Blake	6/25/2002	Joseph Blake, Tricia Rowe
Ashlee Marie Fagan	6/23/1996	Andrew & Dana Fagan
Corinne Finster	6/29/2000	Troy & Selina Finster
Riley Ann French	6/14/2002	Todd & Kris French, Cindy Dobozy
Peter Anthony Grady	6/14/1996	Joe & Alicia Grady
Katrina Hamer	6/30/1982	David & Kate Hamer, Bunny D Hamer
Dreama Jones	6/25/1978	Barbara Boyd
Mickayla Lairsey	6/01/1999	Bob & Patricia Walls
Kourtney Larkins-Schiel	6/01/2000	Mandy Schiel, Kenneth & Gail Schiel
Sofia Juliana Martinez	6/30/2000	Felipe & Cristina Martinez
Zunill Moreno	6/15/1993	Zahira Moreno
Nicholas Stanton Myers	6/19/1993	Michael & Lucy Myers
Dylan Nolen	6/26/2005	Robert & Marla Nolen, Donna Grant
Scotty O'Neill	6/22/1992	Scott & Lea O'Neill

Michael Reedy	6/28/1979	Bernard & Stephanie O'Neill
Edward David Siska	6/25/1991	Jim & Nikki Matson, Jennifer O'Neill
Christopher Thomas Tyler	6/09/1988	Michael Moody
Mackensi Grace Van Arsdale	6/10/2006	Ellen Siska
Dillon Terriell Williams	6/04/1998	Robert & Marla Nolen
		Bryan & Cori Van Arsdale
		Melissa Thomas & Darryl Williams

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Micah Wolf Chamberlin	6/21/1997	Tammy Chamberlin
Michelle Elizabeth Dickerson	6/09/1992	Lee & Denise Dickerson, Phillip Beaulieu
Sierra Nicole Fonte	6/22/1995	Tammy Griffen
Jason Gravitt Jr	6/06/2004	Jason & Kimberly Gravitt
Nolan Halligan	6/17/2005	Glenn & Kerri Halligan
Katrina Hamer	6/30/1982	David & Kate Hamer, Bunny D Hamer
Tanner Chason Hendry	6/16/1999	Lisa Shaw, Alvin & Renva Penton
Patrick Michael Irwin	6/23/1995	Bob & Barbara Irwin
Michael Jones	6/17/1998	Morrell & Sharon Jones
Brooklynn Labarbera	6/13/2005	Victoria Labarbera
Mickayla Lairsey	6/12/1999	Bob & Patricia Walls
Garrison Nixon	6/13/1996	Vanessa Quick
Aiden Noriega	6/18/2001	Rick & Ethel Noriega
Cody Dawson Pollack	6/16/2004	Jennifer Pollack
Eduardo Jose Rojas	6/24/1995	Eduardo & Jennifer Rojas
Nicolas Schenck	6/12/1998	Andreas & Renee Schenck
Gina Maria Soto	6/22/1993	Antonio & Trinidad Roman
Travis Yager	6/13/1991	Steven & Pam Yager

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