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President's Letter

Tis the season to be....! Most of the world thinks - jolly - but for many the "jolly" causes a different reaction. I remember as a guidance counselor at a junior-senior high school, those students who lived in a dysfunctional family, those depressed, those rejected by a significant other, or those not able to experience the festive activities of the season often found that jolly was sad. Often I saw tears the last day before the Christmas break because some students had to face the reality of their life without school to distract them.

Life is such an incredible journey and with the opportunity to experience the twists and turns, it can be overwhelming to deal with the many challenges we face. When we think of life changing events like the death of a child, it is difficult to comprehend that we could ever find joy in our lives ever again.

It was 32 years ago that my wife and I came up with the idea of giving our friends a special gift - we invited them to come to our home and celebrate friendship, while we served refreshments, in an attempt to make them feel special. The celebration was challenged the second year - it was

the year our first daughter died from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. She died in September and we had taken her picture for our Christmas card with Santa at Santa Village to be ready for Christmas. It was such a challenge to overcome our devastating loss and to continue this new tradition with the spirit we wanted to give to our friends.

Over the years it has become a wonderful experience that gives my wife and I much joy to thank our friends for being who they are and recognize how important they are to us. It is so easy to be so engaged in one's own life that we miss the opportunity to cherish the roses along the journey. I remember the scheduling it takes to have this event work and yet we are a team (Bonnie & I), who are fortunate to overcome those barriers and have it turn out so positive.

This year we were blessed to have our second daughter, Karen, attend the open house. It was so nice for our friends to see our youngest all grown up. It reminded me of all the years that were filled with wonderful events that brought joy to us, and most importantly, to our children and friends. To be blessed by three living children, two incredible and magnificent daughter-in-laws, a very significant other in my daughter Karen's life, and four grandchildren who have all my good traits,

life is good. I am so grateful that we continued this tradition over the years, it has been such a significant event in our lives.

I truly hope that each and every one of you had a very merry Christmas with peace and joy throughout the new year. Many of you have experienced the joy of taking a risk that turned out to be good for you and your loved ones. I hope and pray that those of you who haven't had this experience will have the courage to try. You may not be jolly at first, but it can bring joy to you over time.

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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, 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, send us an email at sidsfla@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Opportunity for Training

The Florida SIDS Alliance is committed to improving safe infant practices and have designed a day and half training to train trainers and presenters to get this message out. In this way we can continue to reduce Infant Mortality in Florida if parents and care givers will use these safe infant practices.

We are looking for four sites to deliver this training before June 2012. The Florida SIDS Board has budgeted funds to cover the majority of the costs, if you or your organization has any interest in this training please e-mail or call Roy Bagley, President. Cell is 207-233-9323 and the e-mail is roybagley@yahoo.com. We can, with proper notice, even offer professional contact hours.

New Study Reinforces Need for Continued Infant Sleep Campaigns to Prevent SIDS

New research reinforces the need for continued public education programs that encourage parents to place their infants to sleep in the supine (back) position in a safe crib or bassinet, to prevent an estimated 4,600 annual Sudden Unintended Infant Deaths (SUID), of which 50 percent are classified as Sudden Death Syndrome (SIDS). The abstract, "Retrospective Review of Sleeping Conditions in Infant Deaths in New Mexico," was presented at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) National Conference and Exhibition in Boston.

Public health efforts, such as the successful AAP co-sponsored "Back to Sleep" campaign, have resulted in a 50 percent reduction in the SIDS rate. More recently, the Cribs for Kids program provides safe cribs to low-income families, but there is no data to support the programs effect on the rate of SIDS. Despite the success of the "Back to Sleep" campaign, SIDS is the leading cause of death for infants under one year of age.

In the new study, researchers reviewed 91 deaths of children younger than age 1 in New Mexico between 2006 and 2010, of which 59 were SUID/SIDS and 28 were undetermined. Of these, 52 percent of the infants had been placed to sleep in a non-supine position, and 71 percent had been found on an unsafe sleep surface.

A shared sleep surface was the site of death in 50 percent of the cases. Having a crib in the home, however, was not a predictor of safe sleep habits. Of the 71 percent of infants found in an un-safe sleep environment, a crib was present in the home in 57 percent of these cases. In 30 percent of these homes, the crib was being used for another purpose.

"Despite the success of sleeping awareness campaigns, many of the remaining SIDS cases involve prone sleeping and unsafe sleeping environments, such as bed sharing and infants being put to sleep outside of a crib or bassinet," said lead study author Jessica Black. "Continued educational efforts on safe sleep practices for infants are essential in the efforts to prevent these infant deaths."

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We Remember These...



JANUARY MEMORIALS

JANUARY BIRTHS

Giovanni Adams	1/24/1991	Darlene Adams
Charles Jacob Atwood	1/29/1999	Staci Atwood
Zachary Bolton	1/15/1994	Terry & Evelyn Bolton
Dennis Cardenas	1/05/1997	Catherine Cardenas
Kyle Davis	1/07/2000	Jason & Shauna Davis, Vic & Deb Schaeffer
Luke Alexander Dean	1/12/1995	Wendy Dean
Natalie Frabotta	1/18/2011	Mike & Beth Frabotta, Mimi Keith
Trey Jakob Hall	1/26/1998	Melanie Manley, Homer Hall, Brittany Hall, Chance Manley
Joshua Headings	1/26/1999	Tim & Andree Headings
TJ Hulme	1/17/1989	Tim & Cathy Hulme, Sandra Graben
Dane Fisher Knihnicki	1/10/2000	Rebecca Knihnicki
Austin James Kremer	1/19/1996	Tom & Tiffany Kremer
Garrison Nixon	1/26/1996	Vanessa Quick
Jeremy & Joshua Pereira	1/21/2005	Ivette Pereira
Cody Dawson Pollack	1/17/2004	Jennifer Pollack
Christine Diane Richards	1/24/2001	Renita Richards
Kadijah Ross	1/08/1994	Clarissa Ross
Nicolas Schenck	1/01/1998	Andreas & Renee Schenck
Taylor Michael Stover	1/31/2002	Michael & Jennifer Stover, George & Catherine Stover
Taylor Marie Valenzano	1/20/2001	Donna & Tom Valenzano
Erik Robert Young	1/12/1996	Tracey Koons, Bob & Pat Koons

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Joseph Armitage	1/12/1994	Robert & Teddy Armitage
Charles Jacob Atwood	1/29/1999	Staci Atwood
Johnathan Brunita	1/25/1989	Linda Brunita
Ryan Dawson	1/09/1993	Dan & Tammy Dawson
Luke Alexander Dean	1/21/1995	Wendy Dean
Alexis Ann Dela Raga	1/26/1995	Kim Dela Raga
Evan Reed Dermer	1/04/2000	Scott & Heidi Dermer
Adina Dorrell	1/25/1989	Mardell & Angela Washington
Logan Douglas	1/08/2001	Sam & Stephanie Douglas
Cedric Green	1/29/1993	Miriam Green
Riley Daniel Hanson	1/29/2001	Kenneth & Gina Hanson
Annah Olivia Hatcher	1/08/1998	Mark & Tracey Hatcher
Christopher Henley	1/12/1989	Shawn & Kelly Hutchinson
Alicia Anna Hicks	1/08/1998	Marianne Hightman
Korin Rose Krout	1/07/2001	James & Katrina Krout
Paul Gregory McIlroy	1/09/1993	Janet & Greg McIlroy
Kristen April Moore	1/01/1991	Ed & Debra Moore
Azoriah Mouchawar	1/14/2005	Terrick & Shaumir Howell
Alexander Nelson	1/09/1997	Marcy Krysta-Smith
Jeremy & Joshua Pereira	1/21/2005	Ricardo Mandias & Ivette Pereira
Shelby Lynn Perry	1/17/1996	Pam Perry
Jasmine Pieze	1/17/1994	Nicole Pieze
Justin Purcell	1/17/1995	Jayson & Tanya Purcell
Nicole Lisa Saiontz	1/23/1987	Steven & Leslie Saiontz
Chace Alexander Steward	1/24/1997	John & Desiree Steward
Juan Tavares Washington	1/06/1996	Cheryl Mitchell
Krystal Nicole Zamora	1/09/1992	Belkys Iglesias
Heidi Marie Zamora	1/29/1984	Mario & Coral Zamora



**Florida SIDS Alliance
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The Annual Memorial Golf Classic

Friday, March 16, 2012

Registration 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

12:45 PM Shotgun Start

2091 Alaqua Drive, Longwood, FL 32779

407-333-2582

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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, Dinner
and Awards Ceremony



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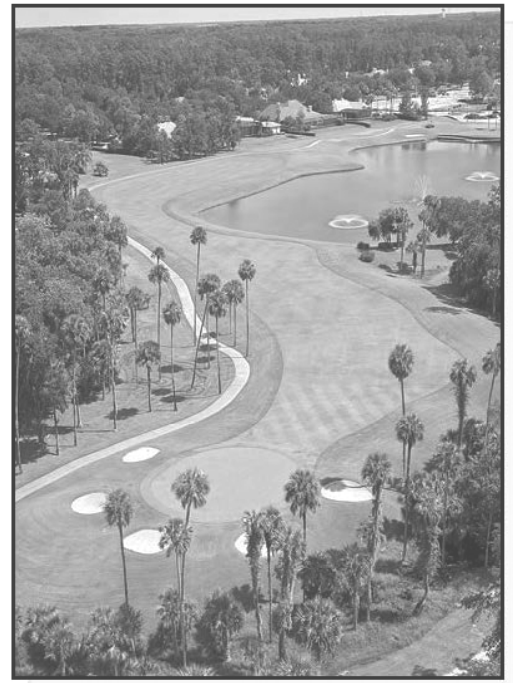
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THE FLORIDA SIDS ALLIANCE

SIDS kills over 100 babies in Florida every year. We provide family support, fund research, and provide education about reducing SIDS/other infant deaths. We need your support this year as we continue to expand our commitment to find a cure for SIDS. Past tournaments have funded a six month position for a Research Fellow in the internationally known Hannah Kinney Neuroscience Laboratory at Children's Hospital Boston. This year we are committed to fund a research assistant.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

CALL OR EMAIL TO FIND OUT

1-800-SIDS-FLA

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4th Annual Kiara Dawn Walk-A-Thon Walker Registration Form

Saturday March 17th, 2011 - Jupiter River Walk in Jupiter, FL

Name of participant: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____



Kiara Dawn Price
3/12/02 - 5/12/02

Please check all that apply:

- I would like to register to walk.
- I would like to volunteer.
- I would like to register to walk and volunteer.
- I would like to donate to the Florida SIDS Alliance.

Walkers please complete form, include a \$10.00 walker donation and mail your form and donation to: Briana Price, W.P.B. Chapter President Florida SIDS Alliance * 6690 4th St * Jupiter, FL 33458

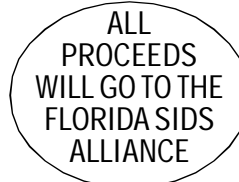
Please make checks payable to the Florida SIDS Alliance

After we receive your form and donation we will e-mail or call you with more detailed information about our event.

Please feel free to share copies of this sponsor sheet. Thank You! We appreciate your support!

This walk is intended to raise awareness to the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and to provide funds to support families, educate health professionals and the community, and support research through the Florida S.I.D.S. Alliance, a nonprofit organization.

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In 2007, over 80 babies died of SIDS in Florida. These babies were apparently healthy, and upon investigation, experts found no clear cause of death. Nationwide, over 2000 babies died in that same year.

Imagine taking home your healthy infant and placing him or her to bed believing that all will be well. In the last 10 years, approximately 1000 babies were placed to sleep in Florida, never again to wake up. 1000 families have faced the unspeakable horror of planning a funeral for their child – the child that should have planned a funeral for them.

In recent years, the rate of SIDS deaths in Florida and in the rest of the world has dropped dramatically. Nevertheless, the number of babies dying each year is still too high.

When a baby dies from SIDS, the family is devastated, and often feels alone. That is why it is important for these families to connect with other families, through local support groups where available. And that is why it is so important for these families to be able to take advantage of regional and national gatherings when possible.

March 12th, 2012 would have been Kiara Dawn's 10th Birthday. The Price's, along with the support of friends and family, have organized and plan to host the Second Annual Kiara Dawn Walk-A-Thon to raise funds for the Florida SIDS Alliance, a non-profit organization formed in 1992 through the efforts of SIDS parent groups and concerned professionals which strive to support research, educate the community and support families that have been affected by this tragic event.

The journey of grief that each family who faces this unimaginable tragedy travels can be long and hard. Though perhaps others may not understand completely their pain, they can help to make those footsteps a bit easier, by walking for SIDS in the Walk-A-Thon, or by sponsoring a walker.

Please help these families as they take this journey that none of us would choose to take. Support the Florida SIDS Alliance by sponsoring a walker, or by participating as a walker yourself. If you would like to become involved, please contact Briana Price, President of the Palm Beach Chapter of the Florida SIDS Alliance at KiaraDawnWalkathon@yahoo.com, or contact the Florida SIDS Alliance at 1-800-SIDS-FLA. If you would like more information about the SIDS Alliance, go to www.SIDSFLA.org.

***In the belief that every baby should live,
Briana Price
SIDS Parent – Kiara 3/12/02 – 5/12/02***

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Dear Potential Sponsor,

I am participating in the Kiara Dawn Walk-A-Thon. All proceeds will support research to find out the cause of SIDS and support families who have lost a child. A non-profit organization formed in 1992 through the efforts of SIDS parent groups and concerned professionals called the Florida SIDS Alliance strives to educate and support families that have been affected by this tragic incident. All proceeds will go to this organization. Make checks to the Florida SIDS Alliance. All contributions are tax-deductible. Thank you!

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Participants: To reach our goal, we hope that each participant finds 10 sponsors. Please bring this form with you to the walk-a-thon on March 20.

..... SNATCHES OF MEMORIES

In this Christmas season, I find my mind going back in time. Small things ... phrases in a song... scenes in a movie ... watching families in the mall ... bring back memories. Many... most ... of those memories bring smiles.

My children are older now. Two of them have moved into adulthood, and no longer live at home. One has a child of his own, a precious boy who looks and acts a lot like his Dad did. I remember the wonder of the season. I remember their Dad playing Santa Claus with our youngest daughter. The other day she ran across the Shoe Stencils and the Snow we used to make Santa's

footprints, and she asked me just how in the world he pulled it off. To this day, she swears she heard reindeer and saw a sleigh! And she wanted us to make sure that Aiden, our grandson, got to see Santa too. Just like she did.

I remember stress as well. That seems to go hand in hand with the season. The extra events scheduled in the month of December mean fewer days to be home and take care of normal chores, and less sleep for everyone.

I remember some Christmases that were not so jolly, as we faced tragedy and sadness. Two years ago, we said goodbye to my grandmother on Christmas Eve, as she closed her eyes to this world, and opened them in a more celestial one. As we cried tears over her passing, we were comforted by the fact that her struggle was over, and that she was healthy and able to remember once more.

I remember a Christmas 19 years ago, when the stress and sorrow of the holidays were simply overwhelming. That year, no one wanted to celebrate. We had lost a son, something precious, and it seemed as though the light in the world had been blotted out. Truly, if our other two boys had not needed Christmas, we would have curled up and ignored the whole month of December.

But children want... and need Christmas. Truth be told, grown-ups need it just as much, even if we don't want to admit

it. We also need the hope of a New Year, and a New Beginning. So, we faced Christmas. Tears and sorrow mixed with the joy of the season, and we did find that joy. We found a small glimmer of light in making the effort to remember that hope and joy.

The New Year dawned. Our pain did not disappear. At times it raged higher and more insurmountable than before. But then it ebbed. The wave subsided... as waves do. And with each wave, we became more able to ride them. I believe those waves stayed just as high and wild as the beginning for a long time. It was not the waves that changed. It was us. We became stronger. We gained the experience to learn to ride them instead of fighting them. Our muscles became accustomed to their power. We fell, but less often, and we got up again.

In time, the waves have subsided. Once in a while, a rogue wave hits. Often, it is in the holidays. A snatch of a conversation. A song that we still can't sing without tears. And we ride the wave again. We have learned one thing: Hope. For we know that the wave will pass. We will smile again. One day we will laugh. One day, we will remember no more. Until then, we will gather those snatches of memories and cherish every one, both through the laughter and the tears.

Lisa Sculley
Secretary, Florida SIDS Alliance

An Opportunity to Remember Event Memorial Signs

In the past few years, we have remembered our babies at the Memorial Golf Tournament at Alaquia Country Club with signs including their photos, names and family names at each hole. This has been a great way to remind golfers exactly why we are on the golf course, and why we are raising funds ... so that one day, no more of these signs need to be made.

Last year, we began a new project which included a picture of the baby, along with a more current picture of the family to which they belong. The theme of these pictures was "Remembering Our Children, Celebrating Families", as the logo shows. They were used both at the Golf Tournament as well as the Walkathon, which took place the next day, and were very well received.

This year, we would like to extend an invitation for each of you to participate in this project. If you would like to include your child and your family in these signs, please provide us with a picture of your child, and a current picture of your family, as well as your names and baby's name and information. You can email us these pictures at sidsfla@yahoo.com, or, if you wish, you may send a hard copy to our PO box; please make sure it is a copy that we can keep, so do not send your only copy. If you would like to make a donation to help cover the cost of the sign, you may also send that to the PO Box, or you may donate online by going to our website link at <http://flasids.com/blog/what-can-i-do/>, and using the DonateNow button.

These signs are a wonderful way to remember your child, and at the same time will serve to raise awareness that SIDS is not just something that happens to someone else... but to real people, with real names and real faces. We look forward to your participation.

Our mailing address is:
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Lake Mary, Florida 32746

In the belief that every baby should live,
Lisa Sculley
Secretary, Florida SIDS Alliance

FEBRUARY MEMORIALS

FEBRUARY BIRTHS

Kayne Adam	2/28/2002	Connie & Heather Pattillo
Lisa Marie Bagley	2/24/1980	Roy & Bonnie Bagley, Sophie Bagley, Keith & Alison Bagley, Karen Bagley, Mark & Diana Bagley, Robert & Eileen Bagley
Corey Cosentino	2/19/1993	Ken & Linda Cosentino
Blake Anthony Facca	2/15/1987	Carol Facca
Samantha Grell	2/08/1999	Claire Smith
Tanner Chason Hendry	2/25/1999	Lisa Shaw, Alvin & Renva Penton
Madyson (Mady) Kay Landrum	2/25/1998	Ben & Dianna Landrum
William Kelly McDonald	2/28/1994	Joe & Camille McDonald
Andrew Paul Richardson	2/05/2010	Mary and Matthew Richardson
David Maximus Santiago	2/27/2002	David & Emma Santiago
Olivia Lee Savarino	2/07/2007	Christopher & Brandi Savarino
Gina Maria Soto	2/24/1993	Antonio & Trinidad Roman
Reagann Cheyanne Stinson	2/14/2008	Megan Stinson
Alex John Topolewski	2/13/1994	Greg & Melanie Topolewski
Travis Yager	2/22/1991	Steven & Pam Yager
Courtney Tyler Zaldivar	2/26/1999	Reri & Andrea Zaldivar

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Jacob Neil Boger	2/23/2006	Dr. Greg and Lisa Boger
Tyler Crim	2/18/2005	Claudine Petit-Frere
Lanie Anne Detlefsen	2/07/1993	Mark & Leslie Detlefsen
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	Kim Smith, 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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