



SUDDEN INFANT DEATH NETWORK OF OHIO NEWSLETTER

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The SID Network Of Ohio Forms New Partnership

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UPCOMING STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE TRAINING

September 17, 2004
10:00 am - 12:30 pm
The State of Ohio Library
Columbus, Ohio

More information to follow. For any
questions, contact
800-477-7437

The SID Network of Ohio has formed a new partnership with the **CJ Foundation for SIDS**. The Network was formerly a member of the National SIDS Alliance (now known as First Candle). The CJ Foundation has been in existence for 10 years and has endowed over \$15 million dollars in programs and services. These endowments have included research to find a cause for SIDS and ways of preventing and/or reducing the risk of SIDS. Educational programs and campaigns have been launched to educate parents and professionals and bereavement support and counseling services have been developed to help those parents who have been tragically effected by SIDS.

The SID Network has joined CJ's Pilot Partnership project along with 6 new Partners and 2 Associate Partners from across the country. The purpose of the project is to determine the feasibility of a national entity that will provide the most effective and efficient service to SIDS families, the opportunity for education and public awareness, and support for research. In the end, the vision of the combined organization is the elimination of SIDS.

It is because of the goals of the Partners and the many opportunities that are available to the partnership as a whole, that the SID network decided to join the CJ Foundation for SIDS Partnership. Many opportunities exist including a national research fund, standardization of materials/programs; fundraising initiatives, government grants; consultant pool, national media/public relations; and enhanced communication.

Other Partnership members include: Colorado SIDS Program; the SIDS Foundation of Washington; SIDS of Pennsylvania; Tomorrow's Child/Michigan SIDS; and Sudden Infant Death Services of Illinois. Associate Partnerships have been offered to Sudden Infant Death Services of the Mid-Atlantic and the Sudden Infant Death Support Network of Kansas, Inc.

The SID Network is very excited about our new venture. For more information about the CJ Foundation for SIDS, please visit www.cjsids.com.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Sudden Infant Death Network of Ohio responds to all persons affected by the tragedy of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). In addition, the Network has expanded its mission to serve those families who lose infants, age two and under, in the Ohio population from all other sudden and unexpected causes. The Network works to improve the knowledge and skills of those who interact with SIDS/Other Infant Death (OID) families, and to increase public awareness and knowledge regarding sudden infant deaths.

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If you have any questions or just want to talk to another SIDS/OID Parent, Grandparent or Day Care Worker, please call any of us. We care and are here to help.

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 * stories for publication. We would love *
 * to share them with our readers! *
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Or email us at esuddeninfantd@neo.rr.com

Other web sites available:

- www.sidsfamilies.com
- www.nih.gov/nichd
- sids@circsol.com


In Sympathy

 We regret to inform you that due to the recent passage of the HIPPA privacy law, we will no longer publish the names of the babies who have passed away. Our hearts go out to the families and friends of these precious infants. If you would like your baby's name published, we must have a letter in writing and signed indicating your wishes.
 This quarter we lost 42 babies suddenly and unexpectedly in the following Ohio areas. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their grieving families.
Akron/Cleveland & NE Ohio: 17
Toledo & NW Ohio: 6
Cincinnati & Southern Ohio: 9
Dayton Area: 6
Columbus & Central Ohio: 4


The SID Network of Ohio Makes Generous Donation

The SID Network of Ohio has given a generous gift of \$10,000 for SIDS Research at Children's Hospital and Health Center in San Diego, California. This gift was possible because of the monies raised from the 2002 "7 Days for SIDS" fundraiser in Cincinnati.

Our donation will help support the research efforts of Dr. Henry F. Krous, a leading SIDS researcher, to further understand the mystery of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. The San Diego SIDS/SUDC Research Project is dedicated to an understanding of the underlying causes of SIDS.

It is hopeful that through research and scientific studies that prediction methods and possible prevention can be developed.

It is through the kind generosity of donations and our many fundraisers that we can continue to donate to such worthy research projects like this. We thank all of our donors for making this possible.

A Special Thank You

Our special thanks to Adam & Valerie Carr for their kind donation of eight "SIDS Survival Guides" in honor of their son, Colin James, to the SID Network of Ohio. These books will benefit families like theirs, who lose a child tragically to SIDS. It is because of thoughtful donations like this, that we are able to continue our mission of bereavement services to families who experience a sudden infant death.

Donations have been made in loving memory of the following:

Mason Bell

Carolyn Bush

Mark Robert Corio

Mary Corio

A.J. Cornish

Tatiana deCavel

Leo Feld

Nolan Piela Fisher

Sharon Flaugher

George Herrmann

Lauren Lang

Samuel Mullen

Laura Elizabeth Pease

Tony Rizzo

Rosemary Schneider

Jonathan David Steiert

Collin Tobel

Jack Vittardi



7 Days for SIDS: A One-Week Fundraiser for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

The Second Annual 7 Days for SIDS was a huge success once again. This year's event was held June 13-19, 2004. Nearly 100 restaurants and businesses banded together to participate in this event to help build a week of hope for a future without Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). The week started off with a Champagne Brunch & Silent Auction held at the Cincinnati Museum Center. Chefs from around the city served gourmet brunch fare, while Cammie Dierking of Channel 12 emceed the silent auction. Following the kick-off brunch, area restaurants held special fundraising events throughout the week including gourmet dinners, beer and wine tastings and desert specials just to name a few.

The SID Network of Ohio would like to express our sincere gratitude to Annette and Jean-Robert de Cavel and their committee for their tireless efforts in pulling together this year's participants in the Cincinnati/Tri-State community. Their work helps bring to light an awareness of SIDS. The monies raised from this year's event (not known at the time of publication) have been donated to the SID Network of Ohio for SIDS education, research, parent support and public awareness campaigns.

Our Thanks to the Following Participants Who Hosted Special Fundraising Events. For a Complete listing of Participants visit www.7daysforSIDS.com:

Aioli	La Normandie
Boca	La Petite Pierre
Bonbonerie	Latin Quarter
Brown Dog Café	Le Cezanne
Carlo and Johnny	Lookout Joe
Chokolate Morel	Market on Mt. Lookout Square
Cock and Bull Pub	Maisonette
Midwest Culinary Institute at Cincinnati State	Mangia Osteria
Cumin	Nicholson's Tavern & Pub
The Celestial	The Palace at the Cincinnati
Daveed's at 934	Paula's Gourmet Deli
deShas American Tavern	Palomino
Dewey's Pizza (4 locations)	The Pub at Rookwood Mews
Elegant Fare at Cincinnati Museum Center	Queen City Club
Embers	Riverside Korean
Encore Café	Rondo's
Guidos'	Shanghai Mama's
Jean-Robert at Pigall's	Song Long
JeanRo	Sturkey's
	Through the Garden
	Wild Oats

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SIDS Risk Factors Identified in Large U.S. Study

NEW YORK (Reuters Health) Apr 23-In a study involving more than 60,000 singleton births, researchers confirmed several well-known risk factors for SIDS and identified placental abnormalities associated with the condition.

The prone sleeping position has been linked to SIDS and a national campaign to reduce such sleeping has been successful in bringing down the SIDS rate. However, the major causative factors remain unidentified.

As reported in *Obstetrics and Gynecology* for April, Dr. Darios Getahun, from the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and colleagues analyzed data from 12,404 births that resulted in SIDS and 49,616 control births to determine risk factors for SIDS. The births were drawn from a population of more than 15 million singleton live births that took place in the U.S. between 1995 and 1998.

The overall SIDS rate was 81.7 cases per 100,000 live births, the researchers note. Maternal factors tied to a heightened risk of SIDS included younger age, less education, non-white smoking during pregnancy, and non-participation in prenatal care. SIDS cases were more likely to involve male infants than females.

In terms of placental factors linked to SIDS, the greatest elevated risk (70%) was seen with placenta previa. Abruptio placentae, premature rupture of membranes, and small for gestational age increased the risk of SIDS by 57%, 48% and 40%, respectively.

The current findings “do not provide a single all-encompassing hypothesis for the development of SIDS,” the authors note. “Nevertheless, some recent findings indicating increased risk associated with placental abnormalities along with risks associated with maternal smoking and preterm birth suggest an important role for factors that lead to ‘hypoxic conditions,’” they add.

Obstet Gynecol 2004;103:646-652

Beatitudes for Those Who Comfort

Submitted by Tina West, SIDS Mom, Mansfield



Blessed are those who do not use tears to measure the true feelings of the bereaved.

Blessed are those who do not always have a quick comforting answer.

Blessed are those who do not make judgments on the bereaved's closeness to God by their reaction to the loss of their loved one.

Blessed are those who hear with their hearts and not with their minds.

Blessed are those who allow the bereaved enough time to heal.

Blessed are those who admit their uncomfortableness and put it aside to help the bereaved.

Blessed are those who do not give unwanted advise.

Blessed are those who continue to call, visit, and reach out when the crowd has dwindled and the wounded are left standing alone.

Blessed are those who know the worth of each person as a unique individual and do not pretend that they can be replaced or forgotten.

Blessed are those who realize the fragility of bereavement and handle it with an understanding shoulder and a loving heart.

Source Unknown

SIDS Network Reaches Out To the African American Community

This past September the SID Network of Ohio along with the Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Child and Family Health (BCFHS) held conferences in Cincinnati and Columbus on reducing the risk of sudden infant death in the African American community. Despite the overall success of the Back to Sleep campaign, the rate of SIDS death in African American infants is still two times higher than white infants. Several studies have shown that African American infants are placed on their stomachs to sleep more often than other infants; stomach sleeping is a major risk factor for SIDS.

In order to make greater strides in improving the health and survival of African American infants and to begin to close the racial gap in SIDS rates, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the Maternal Child Health Bureau, along with several partnering organizations such as the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., The Women in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (WIN), and The National Coalition of 100 Black Women (NCBW), have coordinated SIDS risk reduction and education programs for the African American population. A resource kit was developed that contains culturally appropriate materials such as fact sheets, brochures, magnets, videos and a leaders guide to encourage people to lead discussion groups in various community settings on ways to reduce the risk of SIDS.

The first conference was held in Cleveland and sponsored by 100 Black Women. A captivating speech was given by Dr. Yvonne T. Maddox, Deputy Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health - Department of Health and Human Services. Over 75 people attended representing various segments of the community. Over 15 area churches attended, several health departments, the Salvation Army, YWCA, Social Service and Child Care workers, as well as Healthy Family/Healthy Start.

The second conference was held in Columbus and sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Over 85 people attended representing area churches, Early Head Start, Columbus local Fire

Department personnel, ODH Early Education & Job & Family Services, health departments, Children Hospital (Columbus) and Ohio State University Instructors. Our last summit was held in June in Cincinnati. Information about this event was not available prior to printing of this newsletter.

Both programs were packed with presenters from various organizations. It is the hope that those attending will take back the knowledge gained those days and educate the people in their communities about the risk factors for SIDS and how to Reduce the Risk.

The Brightest Star

On March 27, 2003
The angels on high
Called on Our Little Guy
To brighten up the Sky.

You see, at the time,
With his sparkling blue eyes,
He was the most brilliant star
In all of our lives.

Our Little Guy is still in our hearts
The star of Wonder
Where ever we are.

But now he shares from Heaven
To earth his joy, laughter
And love.
As his star shines brightly
In the Universe above.

Where ever we are, where ever
We go, when we look to the sky.
We'll find comfort in seeing
Our Little Guy's star as he
Will always be the Brightest Star
In our lives forever more

The above poem is in memory of Thomas William David Meier. Written by Grandma Sherry Meier.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

Mark Your Calendars!

Adventure Golf, Miniature Golf Tournament

Hosts: Frank Krafka, Jr., In honor of his brother,
Benjamin

Date: July 17, 2004

Where: Adventure Golf, Dayton

Contact: SID Network of Ohio, 800-477-7437

4th Annual Justin Prestage Golf Outing & Auction

Hosts: Jim & Melanie Prestage, Randy Matejka
In loving memory of their son & nephew,
Justin

Date: Monday, July 19th, 2004

Where: Tanglewood Country Club,
Chagrin Falls

Contact: Randy Matejka-216-956-5761

16th Annual Greater Cinti/N. KY Golf Tournament

Hosts: Jeff Picoro, Bob Kirch & Bev Stewart
In loving memory of Joshua Picoro, Michael
Kirch and Kyle Stewart

Date: Monday, October 4, 2004

Where: Grand Victoria Casino

Contact: Bev Stewart-513-636-8000 or Jeff Picoro-
859-341-9711

Tyler's Run - Walk, Run, Duathlon

Hosts: Jane & Dave Frey. In honor of their grandson,
Tyler

Where: Miami Whitewater Park, Cincinnati

Date: October 9, 2004

Contact: www.tylersrun.com

19th Annual SIDS Holiday Auction

Where: St. Thomas Eastern Orthodox Church
555 South Cleveland-Massillon Rd.
Fairlawn, OH

Date: November 13, 2004

Contact: 800-477-7437

5th Annual Memorial Benefit Reverse Raffle - "A Night to Remember"

Hosts: Russ & Katy Tobel, Chris & Amy Vidoli and Renee
Vittardi, in loving memory of their sons, Collin To
bel, Anthony Vidoli and Jack Vittardi

Where: Brennan's Party Center, Triskett Rd., Cleveland

Date: Feb. 19, 2005

Contact: Katy Tobel: 440-845-8525
Renee Vittardi: 216-520-0118
Amy Vidoli: 440-846-3911

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS:

Our support meetings are informal and open to anyone affected by a SIDS or OID death. We are here to provide you with supportive information. There are no membership fees required to attend.

The **Cincinnati** support group will meet on an "as needed" basis. Please contact Cindy Picoro at 859-341-9711 to schedule the meeting. Scheduled meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Sabin Center, Room 220 at 7:00 pm.

The **Toledo** support group's facilitator is Jim Marlowe. Please contact him at (419) 471-5419 for the next support group meeting.

The **Dayton** support group meets the 2nd Tuesday at The Children's Medical Center of Dayton, One Children's Plaza. (937) 641-3000. The contact is Mary Ann Swank, (937) 641-3463.

The **Sandusky** area support group's contact person is Karen Williams. Please call her at work (419) 626-8694 or evenings at (419)359-1499 to determine the schedule and location.

Empty Arms support group meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at New Creation Lutheran Church, **Ottawa**, Ohio from 7-8:30 pm. Baby sitting is available by advance request. Please contact Jane Morgan at (419) 523-5608 or evenings at (419) 943-3771. Email - mjlmorgan@bright.net

Lorain Co. support meets at the Family Outreach Center, 1800 Livingston Ave., **Lorain**, OH. Contact Sister Jean Marie at 440-233-1050 for the schedule.

The **Columbus** area support group's contact person is Carol Wentzel. She may be reached at 614-834-8369 to determine the schedule and location.

Please contact the SID Network of Ohio at (800) 477-7437 for other local bereavement support services located in your vicinity.

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8th SIDS International Conference
“Working Together to Keep Our
Dreams Alive”
July 2-6, 2004
Edmonton, Alberta Canada

The CJ Foundation for SIDS is the major sponsor for this years conference. The conference is designed to appeal to many including health & scientific professionals and families. Sessions will offer both traditional and emerging topics.

For more information, contact the website at:
www.sidsi-canada2004.org

Website for Grandparents

The Alliance of Grandparents: A Support in Tragedy (AGAST) is
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“What the caterpillar calls the end of life, the Master calls the butter-

