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in our fight against SIDS
and Sudden Unexpected
Infant Death (SUID)**

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SIDS Risk Reduction & Infant Safe Sleep Training Update

The SID Network in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Health just completed 3 training workshops entitled, "SIDS Risk Reduction and Infant Safe Sleep Educational Workshops" held on March 18, 19 and 21, 2013. These 3 hour workshops were targeted towards public health professionals, social workers and other individuals concerned with infant sleep safety and SIDS risk reduction. We had 128 people attend our workshops which were held in Columbus at the State Library of Ohio, Atrium Medical Center in Middletown and Sanger Public Library in Toledo.

Our goal for these training programs was to educate local health care professionals with information on SIDS and SUID; recommendations for infant safe sleep and SIDS risk reduction measures as defined in the AAP guidelines; and how to best respond to families after the death of an infant. In addition, attendees learned about the most recent SIDS and SUID statistics
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Mother's & Father's Day

As we see new life begin all around us and fill our surroundings with beauty at the onset of Spring, we are also reminded that this season may be filled with sorrow for parents whose babies have passed away. Mother's and Father's Days are typically days of celebration for many parents. But parents who are mourning the death of their child may find this day especially difficult, filled with heartache and despair.

It is our hope that through time, your wounds will begin to heal and you will be able to move forward through your grief. This is an emotional time and the support you receive from family and friends will help you through this difficult and trying season.

The SID Network remembers all of the Mothers and Fathers who have lost their babies suddenly and unexpectedly. Please know that we are thinking of you this year on Mother's Day and Father's Day.



Mission Statement

The SID Network of Ohio promotes infant safety in an effort to reduce the rate of sleep related infant deaths including SIDS, Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID), accidental suffocation, asphyxia, overlay and other undetermined deaths. We accomplish this through the promotion of infant health and wellness, community education and medical research. We also provide supportive services to those who have been affected by the sudden loss of a child age 2 and under.

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In Sympathy

Our hearts go out to the families and friends of these precious babies who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. Since our last publication, we lost 71 infants in the following Ohio areas. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their grieving families.

Akron/Cleveland & NE Ohio:	18
Toledo & NW Ohio:	5
Cincinnati & Southern Ohio:	9
Dayton Area:	15
Columbus & Central Ohio:	19
South-Eastern Ohio:	5



INFANT MORTALITY SUMMIT

JUNE 6, 2013

JOHN S. KNIGHT

CENTER

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

IN OHIO, A BABY DIES
EVERY 8 HOURS.

Summit County Public Health, along with community partners, is sponsoring this summit in order to locally address this urgent issue of infant mortality.

This is an opportunity to meet this challenge head-on by becoming aware of the contributing factors, and mapping a strategy to affect change as a county.

**OHIO'S INFANT MORTALITY
RATE RANKS 11TH HIGHEST
IN THE NATION.**



**OHIO'S INFANT MORTALITY
RANKS 5TH HIGHEST
IN THE NATION FOR
AFRICAN-AMERICANS.**

THIS CONFERENCE IS OFFERED FOR PHYSICIANS, NURSES, COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS, HOME VISITORS, EDUCATORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMUNITY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SCPHOH.ORG



The Support Group Meets

*four couples
new to grief
ask how you cope
and though
it's only been
seven months
you give them hope
and discover
a common bond*

*thoughts and actions
so much the same
the lingering odor
of baby's clothes
the need
to say his name*

*the dark days
arms that ache
to hold
that baby tight*

*the brighter days
recalling love*

*the fight
to stumble
through each day*

*you have helped
these couples
in a way
no others could
for you have
walked the path
felt the pain
and in their
bleakness
you have also stood*

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"Brian's Book"
By Elaine Hornsby

Donations have been made in loving memory of the following:

*Ethan Christopher
Marjorie Cole
Linda Fisher
Charles M. Gannon
Lyla Green
Katie Marie Phillips
Noah Leibacher
Karla Prenger
Terry Raeburn
Quinn Kathryn Shirey
Jonathan David Steiert
Collin Tobel
Michael Tople
Jack Vittardi
Jude Thomas Widener
Laurence Fischer Wolf*



SID Network Receives Grants for our Infant Safe Sleep Program

The SID Network of Ohio would like to thank the **Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Northeastern Ohio, Inc.** for their support of the Network's *Infant Safe Sleep Program*. In March, the Network received a \$500 mini-grant from **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio, Inc.** to provide 215 safe sleep t-shirts and educational brochures to Union Hospital in Tuscarawas County, the only hospital in the county with a labor and delivery department. We are grateful for their continued support of our program in this underserved area.

We would also like to offer our sincere appreciation to the **International Paper Foundation** for their \$3,000 grant to fund our *Infant Safe Sleep Program* in the Neonatal Intensive Care Units at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, University of Cincinnati Medical Center and the Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati. Their on-going support over the years helps us in our efforts to spread the infant safe sleep message which we hope will reduce the rate of these deaths.



Thank You

Our thanks to **Pampers®** for their donation of 75,000 "Keep your sleeping baby safe" brochures. Our brochure includes the SIDS and infant safe sleep recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics and a Spanish version of the guidelines on the back side of the brochure. Since 2006, they have donated over 475,000 brochures and through our partnership, hundreds of thousands of families have been educated on the safe way to sleep their babies to reduce the risk of SIDS and prevent accidental infant death such as asphyxia, overlay and entrapment.



For the 13th year in a row, Renee and Sam Avampato and Katy and Russ Tobel have hosted "A Night to Remember" Reverse Raffle in memory of their sons, Jack and Collin. The event was held on Feb. 23, 2013 at Brennan's Party Center in Cleveland. Approximately 350 of their families and friends attended to show their support for this important cause. This highly successful event raised over \$24,000 to support our programs at the SID Network.

The funds raised will be used to provide infant onesies that carry the Safe Sleep message to area hospitals and given to new mothers in their take home packets. Additionally, proceeds will help to support our bereavement program for families and caregivers impacted by a sudden infant death.

The evening was filled with exciting raffles including their Vacation Raffle for a 7 Day Cruise, silent auction and over \$5,000 in cash and prizes. Guests enjoyed the delicious buffet dinner, open bar and music and dancing by TKO Entertainment.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to Katy, Russ, Renee and Sam for their hard work and dedication. *A Night To Remember* is the success that it is because of their tireless efforts.

We would also like to thank the event sponsors:

Gold - \$5,000
Simplified Logistics

Bronze - \$1,000
Medical Mutual





Summer Fun



**We hope you will join us! For more information
contact Jennifer Connolly at 800-477-7437.**

**13th Annual Nolan P. Fisher
Golf Outing**

Friday, May 24, 2013

Raymond Memorial Golf Course, Columbus

Paul Fisher and Matt Piela, in loving
memory of their son and nephew,
Nolan

**19th Annual Laura Elizabeth Pease
Memorial Golf Outing**

June 10, 2013

8:00 am or 1:00 pm

Wyoming Golf Club, Wyoming

Charlie & Tara Pease in loving memory of
their daughter, Laura Elizabeth. Co-hosted
by Bob Kirch & Bev Stewart

**5th Annual Brianna Dawn Tully
Memorial Golf Outing**

June 22, 2013

1:00 pm

The Links at Echo Springs, Johnstown

Brian, Jessica, Connor & Ava Tully
in loving memory of their
daughter and sister, Brianna

25th Annual SIDS Golf Benefit

July 13, 2013

7:30 am

Paradise Lake Country Club, Mogadore

Dan Petricini in loving memory of his son,
Jonathan Ross

**13th Annual Justin Prestage Golf
Outing & Auction**

July 22, 2013

9:00 am

Coppertop at Cherokee Hills, Valley City

Jim & Melanie Prestage & Randy Matejka
in loving memory of their
son & nephew, Justin



Other Statewide Events Supporting the SIDS Effort

4th Annual Memorial Golf Outing

August 24, 2013

Medina, OH

For more information, visit
www.thomashiltallen.org

Gina & Mark Allen in loving memory
of their son, Tommy

Proceeds will also benefit the SID Network

2013 SIDS Awareness 5k

July 27, 2013

Columbus, OH

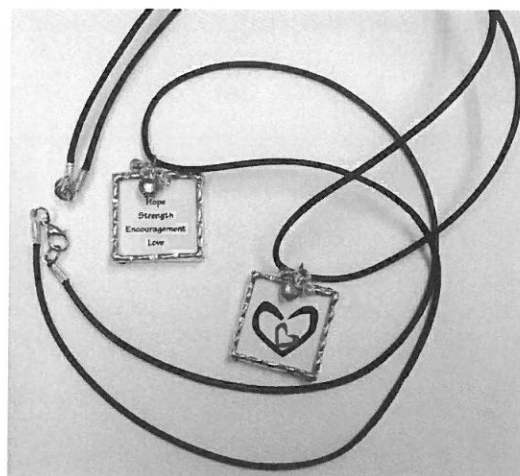
For more information visit
www.babywill.org

Nathan & Michelle Hurd in loving memory
of their son, Will

Order this Special Keepsake Pendant



Each necklace contains both the front and back sides as shown



The SID Network has commissioned Local Artist, Jennifer Scourfield, to create this one of a kind keepsake pendant.

We offer this very special pendant to you as a way of keeping our families who have lost a baby suddenly and unexpectedly in our hearts forever. We also encourage you to wear this pendant as a voice for our mission as we continue to support and educate our community.

As you wear this keepsake let it be a daily reminder of the families and friends who are affected by a sudden infant death.

For your \$35 donation, you will be a part of our program as we continue our mission to promote infant health and wellness, community education, supportive services and medical research.

To order your keepsake pendant, please visit www.sidsohio.org. You will be able to select either silver or black.

Our thanks to Artist, Jennifer Scourfield, (330) 730-4536

CPSC Approves New Federal Safety Standards For Play Yards

<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Newsroom/News-Releases/2012/CPSC-Approves-New-Federal-Safety-Standard-for-Play-Yards/>
April 4, 2013

June 29, 2012
Release Number: 12-214

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has approved a new federal mandatory safety standard to improve the safety of play yards and to prevent injuries and deaths to children. The vote was 4 to 0.

The new federal standard incorporates provisions in the voluntary standard ASTM F 406-12a. Mandatory requirements for play yards include:

- A stability test to prevent the play yard from tipping over.
- Latch and lock mechanisms to keep the play yard from folding on a child when it is being used.
- Entrapment tests for attachments so a child's head does not get trapped while a bassinet or other accessory is attached.
- Floor strength tests to ensure structural integrity and to prevent children from getting trapped by the play yard floor.
- Minimum side height requirements to prevent children from getting out of the play yard on their own.
- A test to prevent play yards whose top rails fold downward from using a hinge that creates a V- or diamond shape when folded to prevent head or neck entrapments.

There were more than 2,100 incidents with play yards reported to CPSC, including 60 fatalities and 170 injuries, between November 2007 and December 2011.

The effective date for the mandatory play yard standard is six months after the final rule is published in the Federal Register.

Section 104 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 requires CPSC to issue safety standards for durable infant or toddler products, including play yards. In addition to play yards, CPSC has issued mandatory safety standards for cribs, children's bed rails, baby bath seats, baby walkers and toddler beds.



Our SIDS / SUID Support Group**Columbus Area**

For parents, friends and caregivers...

April 21, 2013**June 16, 2013****August 18, 2013 - Park of Roses
(Family Picnic)**4:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Panera Bread
4519 N. High St., Clintonville, OH 43214

Meets every other month on the 3rd Sunday

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in Ohio and the nation and how our state is responding to lowering the rate of infant deaths.

We were fortunate to have two local SIDS/SUID parents share their experiences. Their moving stories, videos and pictures helped us all understand what families go through, how professionals can assist them and ways to improve the line of communication as the parents progress through their grief journeys.

Thousands of pieces of risk reduction and safe sleep literature were given to the local professionals to distribute to families and caregivers in their areas. Three infant deaths each week in Ohio are sleep related so it is imperative to educate everyone on this life saving safe sleep message. We all share the same goal to reduce the rate of sudden unexpected infant death in the state.

Support Information

Our bereavement support contacts are available to speak to anyone affected by a SIDS or SUID death.

For support in the **Cincinnati** area, please contact Bob Kirch at 513-636-8000.

For support in the **Columbus** area, please contact Tracy Tucker at 614-855-5999, Aubrey Hastings at 614-539-8260, Jessica Tully at 614-315-7838 or Sara Warren at (614) 975-2471. In the **Dublin** area, contact Karen Williams at 419-656-1997. In the **Lancaster** area, email Scott Widener swidener5@gmail.com or leave a message at 740-407-3299.

For support in **Cleveland & the Cuyahoga County** area, please contact Angela Mack. Angela can be reached by calling 440-327-4336.

For support in the **Dayton** area, please contact Yolanda Young. Yolanda can be reached by calling (937)-999-9007.

For support in the **Lorain County** area, contact Sister Jeanne Marie Glorioso, HM at 440-282-9380. She will meet one on one with families and is located at Church of Saint Peter Parish Center, 3655 Oberlin Ave., Lorain.

In the **Middletown** area, contact Kendra Klausung at 937-748-2347. In addition, the **HEALing Together Parent Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month from 7:00-9:00 pm at Hilltop OB/Gyn office, Professional Bldg. 1 on the Atrium Medical Center campus, One Medical Center Drive, Middletown. For information, contact Sheree Young, RNC, Program Coordinator, 513-705-4056. All materials are provided and registration is not required.

In **NE Ohio**, call the SID Network, 800-477-7437.

In **Ross, Scioto, Pike & Jackson counties**, please contact Amy Brown for support. Amy can be reached at 740-352-2553.

In the **Sandusky, Erie & Huron county** area, please contact Peggy Rodriguez (419) 266-0487.

The **Toledo** support facilitator is Jim Marlowe. Please contact him at 419- 291-5419.