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October is National SIDS Awareness Month

**You can make a difference
in our fight against SIDS
and Sudden Unexpected
Infant Death (SUID)**

**Make a contribution by
visiting, www.sidsohio.org**

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If you wish to be taken off our email list,
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To Decrease Infant Mortality Summit County Infant Mortality Summit

By Lisa J. Kohler, MD - Summit County Medical Examiner

Infant mortality is an important issue in Ohio and Summit County. Infant mortality statistics are a marker of the health of the community. While many states have shown a decrease in infant mortality of 3 percent per year, Ohio and Summit County continue to see a much higher rate, and the disparity between African-Americans and others in the community continues to grow.

On June 6, over 350 community leaders and concerned citizens gathered at the John S. Knight Center in downtown Akron to learn more about this critical issue and to offer their voices in the fight to lower the infant mortality rate in Summit County.

This is the first step in an awareness campaign. We are now developing a plan to decrease the number of infants who die before
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Our Thank You

The SID Network would like to offer our sincere gratitude for contributions we received this past quarter to help us continue our programs and further our mission.

We were fortunate to once again be named a beneficiary of the **Cincinnati International Wine Festival**. Each year the Network writes a grant and volunteers for this generous organization. This year the Wine Festival had their most successful year ever due to the success of their auction and as a result of donations of very unique and special wines. Because of this, we were awarded \$12,000! The Wine Festival raises funds for local charities and promotes the wine industry. It is made up of four events including winery dinners, grand tastings, the Charity Auction & Luncheon and the Russ Wiles Memorial Golf Tournament. This year they awarded \$330,000 to 32 organizations and have donated over \$3,945,000 to various charities in the last 23 years. We are extremely grateful for their continued support and we encourage you to show your support by attending the festival this year. For more information about the Cincinnati International Wine Festival events in 2014, please visit www.winefestival.com.

Riley Tucker, big sister to Ella Tucker who passed away from SIDS
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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 74 infants in the following Ohio areas. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their grieving families.

Akron/Cleveland & NE Ohio:	28
Toledo & NW Ohio:	5
Cincinnati & Southern Ohio:	5
Dayton Area:	10
Columbus & Central Ohio:	24
South-Eastern Ohio:	2



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their first birthday in the county. By increasing awareness of the problem; identifying barriers to care and working to minimize or eliminate those barriers; and promoting the health of young women and families before, during and after pregnancy, we plan to make a difference. Every baby matters. Summit County Executive Russ Pry and Health Commissioner Gene Nixon strongly support this effort.

September is Infant Mortality Awareness Month

Visit our website www.sidsohio.org and our facebook page to learn more



Scott Widener, firefighter/paramedic, shares his story of how the death of his son, Jude, from SIDS impacted his family from the perspective of both a father and a paramedic.

The SID Network is Excited to Unveil Our New Logo

Our new logo represents the heart of our mission...creating awareness and educating professionals and families on safe sleep practices to ultimately reduce the rate of all sleep related deaths including SIDS and SUID. We are and always will be committed to supporting families whose babies pass away suddenly and unexpectedly and to support SIDS/SUID research efforts nationally.



Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014

Enjoy an evening of wonderful
raffles, auction items and prizes.

Don't forget the great food
and dancing.

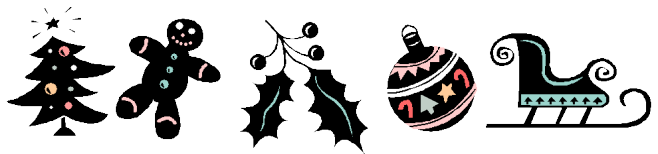
Visit www.sidsraffle.com
for information or contact
Katy Tobel at 440-823-4586 or
Renee Avampato at 440-567-5039.

Held at Brennan's Party Center
Triskett Road, Cleveland

The evening will include a buffet dinner,
open bar, dancing to the music of DJ, *TKO
Entertainment* and over \$5000 in cash and
prizes. The Main Board Prize is \$2,500!
Mark your calendars and watch your mail-
box/emails for more detailed information.

Donations have been made in loving memory of the following:

*Jacob Beyer
Joyce Haubert
Michael Kirch
Erline Layshuck
Samuel Mullen
Katie Marie Phillips
Jeanne "Chick" Riesenbeck
Quinn Kathryn Shirey
Michael Ryan Tople
Ella Tucker*



Special Thanks to all of Our Summer Event Host Families

The staff and Board of Directors would once again like to recognize and thank all of the families who have continued to host fundraising events in memory of their babies. These events raise needed funds to allow us to continue our important educational *Infant Safe Sleep Program*, community outreach and bereavement resources. In addition, these fun summer events help to raise awareness on the safe way to sleep babies while bringing SIDS/SUID families together.

This year's summer events were successful in raising over **\$50,000**. Our appreciation to the following families for their hard work and dedication in helping to bring an end to sudden infant death:

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



*Jon & Aubrey Hastings
in loving memory of their son, Corbin*



*Charlie & Tara Pease in loving
memory of their daughter, Laura Elizabeth
Co-hosted by Bob Kirch & Bev Stewart
In loving memory of their sons,
Michael Kirch & Kyle Stewart*



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



*Dan Petricini in loving memory
of his son, Jonathan Ross*



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

We would like to give special recognition to Dan Petricini for holding his **25th Anniversary SIDS Golf Tournament** in memory of his son, Jonathan. It was a beautiful, sunny day on July 13th which was fitting for this memorable anniversary. Many of his loyal friends and family have attended this golf outing each and every year and have supported the event through corporate and private donations. Dan's two sons, Danny and Bobby, have volunteered over the years and have more recently brought foursomes to play in the tournament.



Dan (middle) with sons, Danny (left) and Bobby (right)



Dan with long-time friend Kevin Johnson (right) and Kevin's son, Jeff (left)

Mother, Please don't Mourn for Me

*Mother, please don't mourn for me:
I'm still here, though you don't see.
I'm right by your side each night and day
And within your heart I long to stay.*

*My body is gone but I'm always near
I'm everything you feel, see or hear.
My spirit is free, but I'll never depart
As long as you keep me alive in your heart.*

*I'll never wander out of your sight-
I'm the brightest star on a summer night.
I'll never be beyond your reach-
I'm the warm moist sand when you're at the beach.*

*I'm the colorful leave when Fall comes around
And the pure white snow that blankets the ground.
I'm the beautiful flowers of which you're so fond-
The clear cool water in a quiet pond.*

*I'm the first bright blossom you'll see in the Spring;
The first warm raindrop that April will bring.
I'm the first ray of light when the sun starts to shine,
And you'll see that the face in the moon is mine.*

*When you start thinking there's no one to love you,
You can talk to me through the Lord above you.
I'll whisper my answer through the leaves on the trees
And you'll feel my presence in the soft summer breeze.*

*I'm the hot salty tears that flow when you weep
And the beautiful dreams that come while you sleep.
I'm the smile you see on a baby's face.
Just look for me, Mom, I'm everywhere!*

*Author Unknown
Reprinted from the Pittsburgh Chapter Newsletter*

*Submitted by Katy Tobel, SIDS Mom
Brunswick, Ohio*

My First Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless
Christmas Trees,
around the world below
with tiny lights like heaven's
stars, reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular,
please wipe away your tears,
for I am sharing Christmas, with
Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs,
that people hold so dear,
but the sounds of music can't
compare, with the
Christmas choir here.

I have no words to tell you,
the joy their voices bring,
it's far beyond description,
to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me,
I see the pain within your heart,
but I am not so far away.
We really aren't apart.

So be happy for me, loved
ones. You know I hold you
dear, and be glad I'm spending
Christmas, with Jesus Christ
this year.

I send you each a special gift,
from my heavenly home above.
I send you each a memory, of
my undying love.
After all "Love" is the gift, more
precious than pure gold.
It is always most important,
in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each
other, as my Father said to do,
for I can't count the blessing,
or the love He has for you.
So, have a Merry Christmas and
wipe away those tears,
for I am sharing Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year.

~Anonymous

Our Special Keepsake Pendant is Available for Purchase



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

Nan Far Woodworking Recalls Rockland Furniture Round Cribs Due to Entrapment, Suffocation and Fall Hazards. Sold Exclusively at jcpenny

Consumers should stop using this product unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Recall date: July 23, 2013
Recall number: 13-245



Recall Summary

Name of product: Rockland Furniture round cribs

Hazard: The crib's drop-side rails can malfunction, detach or otherwise fail. When this happens, the drop-side rail can fall out of position and create a space where an infant or toddler can become wedged or entrapped, posing a risk of strangulation or suffocation. A child can also fall out of the crib. In addition, drop-side related incidents can also occur due to incorrect assembly and with age-related wear and tear.

Consumer Contact:
Rockland Furniture toll-free at (877) 967-5770 anytime, or visit the firm's website at www.rocklandimmobilizationkit.com, then click

on "Round Crib Recall" for more information.

Recall Details

Units

About 3,900

Description

This recall involves Rockland Furniture round cribs with model number 343-8314. The model number is printed on a label located on the inner-lower portion of the crib rail. The cribs are 44 ½ inches in diameter and were sold in white, ebony and cherry finishes.

Incidents/Injuries

None reported.

Remedy

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled cribs and contact Rockland Furniture for a free repair kit that will immobilize the drop-side rail. Until the crib is repaired, consumers should find an alternate, safe sleep environment for the child such as a bassinet; play yard or toddler bed, depending on the child's age.

Sold exclusively at

jcpenny stores and online at jcpenny.com from January 2005 to December 2008 for about \$400.

Importer

J.C. Penney Purchasing Corp., of Plano, Texas

Manufacturer

Nan Far Woodworking, of Taiwan

Manufactured in

Taiwan

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in 2006, wanted to make a difference and decided to participate in *Entrepreneur Day* at her school. Riley is our littlest donor, quite literally, as she is only in fourth grade. However, she was determined to win her school's contest and donate the proceeds to the SID Network. Riley gave a presentation on the SID Network and she was voted as one of the top four in the competition! We know this was difficult and emotional for Riley and we are so proud of her. Riley's school donated \$2,702 to our organization and we are very thankful.

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

For parents, friends and caregivers...

October 20, 2013
December 15, 2013

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Panera Bread
4519 N. High St., Clintonville, OH 43214

Meets every other month on the 3rd Sunday
Contact: Tracy Tucker at (614) 855-5999

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Seasons Greetings



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 Klausing 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 the **Sandusky, Erie & Huron County** area, please contact Peggy Rodriguez at 419-266-0487.

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