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Upcoming SIDS and Infant Safe Sleep Educational Workshops for Professionals

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2013 Fiscal Year in Review

(Oct. 1, 2012 - Sept. 30, 2013)

The SID Network of Ohio continues to offer programs and services to parents, professionals and the community to further our mission to promote infant safety in an effort to reduce the rate of SIDS and SUID. As we reach out across the state educating parents and caregivers on safe ways to sleep their babies, we are reminded of the startling statistic that 3 infant deaths each week in Ohio are sleep related. Many of these deaths are preventable and through education we hope to make a difference in our overall infant mortality rate which is currently ranked 48th worst in the country. Our efforts are ongoing and each and every one of our programs is vital in reducing the number of sudden unexpected infant deaths. To help scientists understand how and why babies are dying suddenly and unexpectedly we continue to support medical research. We also provide bereavement support services to those families who so desperately need it.

The Infant Safe Sleep Program and distribution of informational
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New Program Manager - Dr. Stacy Scott

The SID Network is pleased to announce that Dr. Stacy Scott will be joining us in the newly created position of Program Manager. Stacy has worked with us for over a decade as a trainer at our 3 annual *SIDS and Infant Safe Sleep Educational Workshops* and she has helped us to facilitate community outreach programs such as "SIDS Sundays". We are excited to welcome Stacy as she brings a wealth of experience and practice into this new role. Stacy's focus will be on educational initiatives that increase public awareness regarding SIDS and other sleep related infant deaths and the impact of these deaths on families and communities with the primary emphasis on minority populations.

Stacy has dedicated the last 25 years to designing and implementing programs that impact underserved communities in the areas of health disparities, prevention and delivery of services. She has served as a national health advocate working to reduce infant mortality with emphasis being placed in the African

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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.

Staff:

Leslie Redd	Executive Director
Jennifer Connolly	Development Coordinator
Dr. Stacy Scott	Program Manager
Therese Johnson	Fiscal Manager
Carolyn Stroud	Administrative Assistant

Board of Directors:

Tracy Tucker	President
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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 **61** infants in the following Ohio areas. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their grieving families.

Akron/Cleveland & NE Ohio:	18
Toledo & NW Ohio:	7
Cincinnati & Southern Ohio:	9
Dayton Area:	13
Columbus & Central Ohio:	13
South-Eastern Ohio:	1



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American community.

Stacy just received her Ph.D. in Urban Higher Education from Jackson State University. She also has a bachelor's degree in Human Service Administration and a Master's degree in Public Administration.

Stacy has worked with both Federal and state governments, foundations and faith/community based organizations. She served as a Project Manager for the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of child Health and Human Development's "Reducing the Risk of SIDS in African American Communities" outreach project where she worked with 3 national organizations on planning and executing 3 regional summits dedicated to reducing the risk of SIDS in communities of color.

Farewell

The SID Network says goodbye to our long-time Fiscal Manager and friend, Mary Ellen Hinkle. Mary Ellen has worked part-time for us while also working full time at The University of Akron. She is part of our family here and we will miss her but we are thankful for her guidance over the years!

Welcome

As we say goodbye to Mary Ellen, we welcome Therese Johnson as our new Fiscal Manager. Therese is a CPA and will be working part-time. It has been a smooth transition and we are happy she has joined our staff.



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
to order tickets 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!

Be sure to order your tickets today before
they sell out!



**Donations have been made
in loving memory of
the following:**

*Jacob Kent Beyer
Mark Corio
Marisa Aurelia Cox
Alexander F. Jaffe
Michael Kirch
Ashlee Louise Kleiner
Rosemary Osborn
Chick Riesenbeck
Jack Shelby
Quinn Kathryn Shirey
Ross Skorepa*

SIDS Risk Reduction and Infant Safe Sleep Educational Workshops

**Presented by Ohio Department of Health and
Sudden Infant Death Network of Ohio**

Free Workshop - Register Today!

March 19, 2014

**Lorain Co. Community College
Elyria**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

March 26, 2014

**Atrium Medical Center,
Middletown**

1:00 – 4:00 pm

March 27, 2014

**State Library of Ohio, Columbus
10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Please visit our website to download
registration forms under the
Professional Education tab

www.sidsohio.org

Call or email Carolyn Stroud at
the SID Network of Ohio for any questions
you may have.

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accredited as an approver of continuing nursing
education by the American Nurses Credentialing
Center's Commission on Accreditation.*

Our Thanks



The SID Network is very thankful for those families and friends who hold events in their hometowns to raise money for our organization. Each event honors the memory of their baby or a baby whom they have known personally. We are grateful for each and every donation, big or small, as they allow us to further our programming efforts in the hopes that sudden infant death will one day be eliminated.

Henleigh's Benefit

The *Henleigh Engard Benefit Fund* donated \$1,100 from their booth at the Downtown North Baltimore Festival. The Festival was held on a windy and rainy Saturday, July 27, 2013 and Henleigh's Benefit booth offered games, raffles and face painting.

Primrose School

The Primrose School in Gahanna donated \$965 to the Network from proceeds of their Spring Fling. Our thanks to Emily Shirey for nominating us as one of their charities.

Mudathlon-Cincinnati

A \$100 donation was received from this event held on Saturday, August 10th. Tiffany Obermeyer organized a group of 20 Mudathletes to raise money for the Network. They ran 3 miles while maneuvering 40 obstacles through tons of mud. Tiffany was inspired to select the SID Network as her Mudathlon charity by The Klemm family.



Janet and Marjory Klemm

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materials is essential as we educate parents and caregivers on the ways to sleep babies safely to reduce the risk of SIDS and to prevent accidental death from positional asphyxia, suffocation and overlay. During fiscal year 2013, the SID Network distributed **18,750** infant safe sleep t-shirts to 30 hospitals, health departments and agencies throughout the state. We are pleased to report that we distributed 4,000 more t-shirts than fiscal year 2012! This program is made possible largely through families who host fundraising events and small foundation grants. Over **41,267** "Keep your sleeping baby safe" brochures (an increase of approximately 6,800 over the previous year) were distributed statewide as part of our *Infant Safe Sleep Program* to various hospitals/agencies and at our trainings. These brochures are printed and shipped to us through an in-kind donation from Pampers®. In addition, **4,471** additional risk reduction and safe sleep materials were sent to our partners to further our mission of reducing and one day eliminating SIDS and sleep related infant death.

An important part of our mission is to send families who lose a baby suddenly and unexpectedly information on the grieving process and resources that can help them deal with the unimaginable grief they are facing after such a tragic loss. This fiscal year we sent out 188 bereavement packets to families.

Other grief materials including 22 books entitled, *SIDS and Other Infant Death Survival Guide* were sent to parents and caregivers at their request. Our parent support contacts throughout the state were available to talk with these families as well. Families have found our support group in Columbus to be invaluable as they navigate through their grief and talk with other families who have suffered the same tragedy. The Network also logged over 130 phone calls and emails requesting bereavement support. Our newsletter, *Encouragements*, is a bereavement resource for parents and professionals and it also contains up to date information on SIDS and SUID related issues. Approximately 1,225 newsletters were emailed to families and professionals.

The SID Network continues our partnership with

the Ohio Department of Health's *Sudden Infant Death Program, Provision of Mandated Reporting and Bereavement Support*. This relationship will continue as we were awarded the contract through June 2015. The purpose of this program is to receive reports of sudden unexpected infant deaths from county medical examiners/coroners; report these deaths to the local health departments; insure that the local health departments have resources for providing bereavement support and to serve as the state expert on SIDS. The SID Network received 214 infant death referrals from coroners this past fiscal year. Final diagnoses were received for 164 babies to date with 10 diagnosed as SIDS.

As part of our mission to promote infant health and wellness through community outreach and education and our partnership with the Ohio Department of Health, the SID Network held 3 training workshops throughout the state. The *SIDS Risk Reduction and Infant Safe Sleep Educational Workshops* focused on educating public health nurses, community health workers, social workers, counselors and daycare providers. We had 128 in attendance at these 3 hour workshops in Columbus, Middletown and Toledo.

The SID Network also sat on the planning committee, volunteered and was the Gold Sponsor for the first ever *Summit County Infant Mortality Summit* held on June 6, 2013 at the John S. Knight Center in Akron. Summit County Public Health (SCPH) in partnership with many community partners held this one day Summit to highlight the need for action to address Summit County's high infant mortality rate which is higher than the nationwide rate. The infant mortality rate in the United States is 6.9 deaths per 1,000 live births, while it is 7.2 deaths per 1,000 births in Summit County. The rates among African-American mothers: 13.6 deaths per 1,000 live births in the U.S., compared to 14 deaths per 1,000 live births in Summit County, according to data from SCPH. Over 350 professionals, leaders and concerned community members attended the conference. Plans are in place to develop ways to decrease the numbers of babies who die before their first birthday.

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Mark Your Calendar for Our 2014 Events

February

14th Annual Memorial Benefit Reverse Raffle

February 22, 2014

Hosted by Katy & Russ Tobel and Renee Vittardi, in
loving memory of their sons Collin & Jack
Brennan's Party Center, Cleveland

April

Corbin Hastings "Spring for SIDS" Duathlon

April 27, 2014

Hosted by the Hastings in loving memory
of their son, Corbin
Battelle-Darby Creek Metro Park, Galloway

May

14th Annual Nolan P. Fisher Golf Outing

May 23, 2014

Hosted by Paul Fisher & Matt Piela in
loving memory of their son and nephew, Nolan
Raymond Memorial Golf Course, Columbus

Corbin Hastings Charity Ride & Run for SIDS

May 26, 2014

Hosted by the Hastings in loving memory
of their son, Corbin
Alum Creek State Park, Delaware

June

The 20th Annual Laura Elizabeth Pease Memorial Golf Outing

June 9, 2014

Hosted by Tara & Charlie Pease in loving
memory of their daughter, Laura Elizabeth
Wyoming Golf Club, Cincinnati

June

6th Annual Brianna Dawn Tully Memorial Golf Outing

June 21, 2014

Hosted by Brian, Jessica, Connor & Ava Tully
in loving memory of their daughter
and sister, Brianna
The Links at Echo Springs, Johnstown

July

26th Annual SIDS Golf Benefit

July 12, 2014

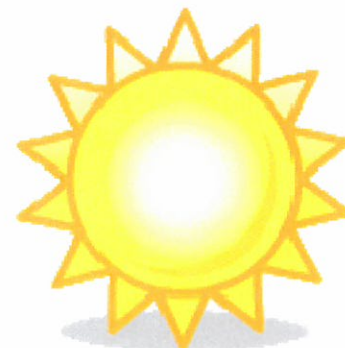
Hosted by Dan Petricini in loving memory
of his son Jonathan Ross
Paradise Lake Country Club, Mogadore

14th Annual Justin Prestage Golf Outing & Auction

July 21, 2014

Hosted by Jim & Melanie Prestage
and Randy Matejka in loving memory of
their son & nephew, Justin
Coppertop at Cherokee Hills, Valley City

We hope you can join us!



Angelcare Recalls to Repair Movement and Sound Baby Monitors After Two Deaths Due to Strangulation Hazard

CPSC - November 21, 2013, Recall #14-028



Description

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), in cooperation with Angelcare Monitors Inc.®, of Quebec, Canada, is announcing a voluntary recall to provide cord covers for 600,000 Angelcare Movement and Sound Monitors with Sensor Pads. The cord attached to the baby monitor's sensor pad is placed under the crib mattress, which poses a strangulation risk if the child pulls the cord into the crib and it becomes wrapped around the neck.

Angelcare and CPSC have received reports of two infant cord strangulation deaths. In November 2011, a 13-month-old female died in San Diego, California, and, in August 2004, an 8-month-old female died in Salem, Oregon. In both fatalities, the cord from the sensor pads was pulled into the crib by the infant. In addition, there have been two reports of infants who became entangled in cords of Angelcare baby monitor models, which did not result in fatalities. In these incidents, it could not be determined if the "sensor pad cord" or the "monitor cord" was involved in the incident.

The recall involves the Movement and Sound Monitor manufactured by Angelcare. This design of baby monitor includes a unique sensor pad placed inside the crib, under the mattress, to monitor movement of the baby. An electrical cord about 11 feet long is permanently connected from the sensor pad to the nursery monitor unit. The hazard is created by a cord within reach of a baby inside the crib. The cord can be pulled into the crib and can wrap around the child's neck. The recall involves all versions of Angelcare sensor monitors including model numbers: AC1100, AC201, AC300, AC401 AC601 and 49255 that did not include rigid cord covers, offered in the remedy. The model number is located on the back of the nursery monitor unit. The monitors were manufactured between 1999 and 2013.

Angelcare is providing consumers with a repair kit that includes rigid protective cord covers through which the sensor pad cords can be threaded, a new, permanent electric cord warning label about the strangulation risk, and revised instructions.

The recalled baby monitors were sold at Babies R Us/Toys R Us, Burlington Coat Factory, Meijer, Sears, Walmart, Amazon.com, Target.com, Overstock.com, and nearly 70 small baby specialty stores, from October 1999 through September 2013 for about \$100 to \$300.

Consumers should immediately make sure cords are placed out of reach of the child and contact Angelcare toll-free at (855)355-2643 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's website at www.angelcarebaby.com to order the free repair kit.

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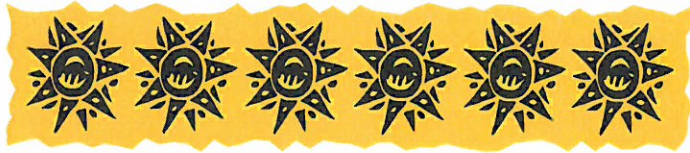
Other education and awareness events included:

- ◆ (3) Infant Safe Sleep presentations to pregnant moms in hospitals and agencies in the Cincinnati area
- ◆ Conducted a Safe Sleep/SIDS training in Wooster for Medina and Wayne County Head Start employees.
- ◆ Baby Bonanza & Kids Expo, Columbus

The SID Network would like to offer our gratitude to 17 SIDS/SUID families who held fundraising events this past year in memory of their babies. Their commitment to our organization is critical as it enables us to continue to fund programs and services that are essential to the heart of our mission. We truly appreciate their hard work and dedication.

We would also like to thank our donors who included hundreds of individuals, businesses and charitable organizations.

The Staff and Board of the SID Network are pleased with our accomplishments this past year and we offer our gratitude to everyone who supported us.



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Walk for SIDS

This was the second year for this event organized by the Beyer Family in memory of their son and brother, Jacob Kent Beyer. Friends and family raised \$465.

Motorcycle Run for SIDS

This was the 2nd Motorcycle Run organized by Chad Ware in Piqua, OH. He holds this event on behalf of Karole Kleiner, in memory of her daughter, Ashlee Louise Tester, who passed away from SIDS on June 1, 1988. The year's event raised \$231.

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 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.