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SID Network Receives Funding from ODH for Community Engagement

We are pleased to report that the SID Network received \$40,000 in funding from the Ohio Department of Health for their *Infant Safe Sleep Community Engagement Project*. The project began on March 24, 2015 and will run through June 30, 2015.

The purpose of the program is to conduct community forums and implement community engagement programs in areas of the state with the largest disparities in infant mortality and sleep related infant death. The goal is to empower community leaders and African American women in the targeted Ohio Equity Institute (OEI) and Ohio Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative (OIMRI) areas with the infant safe sleep message and to carry this message on to their peers.

We began the program by sending out requests for proposals for our *Infant Safe Sleep Mini-Grant Program*. This program's goal is to provide funding to neighborhood and community groups for outreach projects to reduce the rate of SIDS and other sleep-related infant deaths. These initiatives will promote infant safe sleep practices and increase awareness surrounding the impact of sleep-related infant deaths and ways to reduce these incidences.

We funded 25 mini-grants up to \$500 each for reaching a minimum of 20 participants with the safe sleep message. (continued on page 4)

SIDS & Infant Safe Sleep Training Workshop 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". They were held on March 23, 24 and 26, 2015 and we are pleased to say that we had the largest attendance ever with **208** people in attendance! The trainings took place at the State Library in Columbus, Ohio Means Job Center in Akron and Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo. Each 3 hour workshop targeted public health professionals, social workers and other individuals concerned with infant sleep safety and SIDS risk reduction.

Our goal for these training programs was to educate local health care professionals with information on SIDS and SUID; recommendations

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Our special thanks to the hosts of the 2015 "A Night to Remember, Memorial Benefit Reverse Raffle", Katy and Russ Tobel, Renee and Sam Avampato and Amy and Janusz Kuzdowicz. This year was the most successful year they have had raising over \$36,000! Over 300 people attended the benefit and enjoyed participating in the many raffles, bidding on silent auction items and dancing to the music provided by TKO

We would like to recognize and thank their Gold Sponsors - Simplified Logistics and Tower City Center; and Bronze Sponsors Horseshoe Cleveland, Medical Mutual and Thistledown Racino. We are grateful to all of the many sponsors and donors who have helped make this evening a success!



Summer Golf 2015

We hope you can join us!

June

The 21st Annual Laura Elizabeth Pease Memorial Golf Outing

June 8, 2015

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

7th Annual Brianna Dawn Tully Memorial Golf Outing

June 20, 2015

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

July

27th Annual SIDS Golf Benefit

July 18, 2015

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

15th Annual Justin Prestage Golf Outing & Auction

July 20, 2015

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



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 **64** infants in the following Ohio areas. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their grieving families.

Akron/Cleveland & NE Ohio:	25
Toledo & NW Ohio:	6
Cincinnati & Southern Ohio:	8
Dayton Area:	8
Columbus & Central Ohio:	16
South-Eastern Ohio:	1



Donations have been made in loving memory of the following:

Ethan Riley Christopher

Erin and Mary

David Christopher Furlong

Charles M. Gannon

Alexander Kuzdowicz

Samuel Mullen

Bill Pelko

Katie Marie Phillips

Quinn Kathryn Shirey

Jonathon David Steiert

Collin Tobel

Michael Ryan Tople

Ella Tucker

Brianna Dawn Tully

Ronald G. Van Atta

Jack Vittardi

Our hearts go out to all of the mothers and fathers
on Mother's Day And Father's Day this year.

We hope you find peace and meaningful ways to keep
your child close to your heart all year.



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We have many wonderful projects and initiatives represented from across the state with unique ways to spread the safe sleep message. Projects include activities such as health fairs, baby showers, safe sleep demonstrations, grandparent classes, train the trainer classes, child care training and first responder training. Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

1. Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley
2. Asian American Community Services
3. Auntie Sister's Birthway
4. Butler County Educational Services
5. Crawford Co. Public Health Help Me Grow
6. Grace AME Church Nursing Guild
7. Harrison Hill City School District Help Me Grow
8. Harvard Community Service Center
9. Jefferson County Educational Service Center Help Me Grow
10. Lake County General Health District
11. Lucas-Toledo County Health Department
12. Mahoning County Board of Health
13. Mercy Medical Center
14. Olivet Evangelical Lutheran Church
15. P2i Global Foundation
16. Public Health Partnership of Licking Co.
17. Reaching Higher Heights Care Center for Life
18. Ross Co. Community Action Commission
19. Scioto County CAQ Early Head Start
20. Stark Co. Health Dept. Safe Sleep Task Force
21. UH Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital Injury Prevention Center
22. Vinton County Health Department
23. We are Troubled on Every Side Outreach
24. Winton Hills Medical and Health Center

We will also be conducting two community forums to address the disparities in infant mortality in our African American communities by reaching out at the community level. Our approach is culturally tailored and community based and the goal is to educate each community about African American infant mortality, SIDS and infant safe sleep practices with the goal of reducing these deaths.

The forums are planned for Cincinnati at Shiloh Seventh Day Adventist Church on May 30th and in Akron at Peoples Baptist Church on June 14th.

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

We were fortunate to have three 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 deaths in the state.

Our Thanks

We would like to thank **Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Northeastern Ohio** for their **\$500** grant to provide infant t-shirts printed with our safe sleep message. These infant t-shirts, along with our "*Keep your sleeping baby safe*" brochure, will be given to moms and their newborn babies at Union Hospital in Tuscarawas County. We are deeply grateful for their continued support.

Infant Safe Sleep



Baby sleeps safest alone, on their back, in a crib.

Our first ever *Infant Safe Sleep Mini-Grant Program* ended on May 20, 2015 and it accomplished everything we had hoped for!

Eight organizations were funded with 27 events taking place across the state.

These events reached **675 people** directly and have the potential to reach hundreds more as our attendees spread the infant safe sleep message throughout their communities!

Thank you to all of our Mini-Grant recipients!



B.A.B.Y. Project - Lima/Allen County



Elyria YWCA - YNot Talk Special Series Lunch



Neighborhood Family Practice - Safe Dreams Baby Shower



Toledo-Lucas County Safe Sleep Ambassador Program



University Settlement - Save Our Babies/SIDS Awareness Fair



Youngstown Office on Minority Health - Baby Shower/Health Fair

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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Support Information

Our bereavement support contacts are available to speak to anyone affected by a SIDS or SUID death. Please feel free to contact them when you are ready.

Cincinnati area - Bob Kirch, 513-636-8000.

Columbus area - Tracy Tucker, 614-855-5999; Aubrey Hastings, 614-539-8260; Jessica Tully, 614-315-7838 or Sara Warren, 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.

Cleveland & the Cuyahoga County area - Angela Mack, 440-327-4336.

Darke, Mercer & Preble Counties - Renea McCleskey, 937-467-3732.

Dayton area - Yolanda Young, (937)-999-9007.

Lorain County area - Sister Jeanne Marie Glorioso, HM, 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**.

Middletown area - Kendra Klausing, 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.

NE Ohio area - SID Network, 800-477-7437.

Sandusky, Erie & Huron Counties - Peggy Courtney, 419-266-0487.

Toledo area - Jim Marlowe, 419- 291-4003.