What a spectacular day it was to golf at the 22nd Annual AT&T SIDS Golf Invitational! The sun greeted friends of the Center as they prepared to golf and enjoy the day. Morning volunteers and staff welcomed many familiar and new faces. The buzz of excitement to hit the green was in the air. The shotgun call sounded and golfers went on their way, cheered on by volunteers, to the beautiful fairways at Turf Valley Resort - the beginning of a phenomenal event.

The day could not have been such a success without the help and support of our corporate sponsors, golfers and donors. Your generous contributions helped the Center raise $88,800.00! Our 22nd year was a challenging one, but proved to be every bit a success as we embarked on New Beginnings… with our new title sponsor AT&T - with their support we will continue to achieve Infinite Possibilities.

The AT&T SIDS Golf Invitational enables the Center to provide grief counseling services, community education, training, outreach and research to benefit Maryland families. One-third of the Center’s annual operating budget is raised at this event. Simply put, without our annual golf invitational there would not be a Center for Infant & Child Loss, thus our gratitude for our many supporters.

Please mark your calendar for the 23rd Annual AT&T SIDS Golf Invitational – October 7, 2013 at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, MD.

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At the 2012 International Conference on Stillbirth, SIDS & Infant Survival, The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development promoted its new Safe to Sleep initiative which builds on the successes of the Back to Sleep Program and supports the 2011 recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) which provided guidance to parents and others who care for infants to assist them in assuring a safe sleep environment. Placement of babies on their backs had a significant role in reducing the number of SIDS cases, but as the infant deaths were studied, a safe sleep environment was found to have a critical role in a baby’s survival and significant room for improvement was established.

Their campaign encourages us to expand our focus on sleep related deaths due to causes in addition to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome such as suffocation, entrapment and asphyxia, which have increased. The Safe to Sleep campaign does this by describing actions that parents and caregivers can take to reduce the risk of SIDS and sleep-related causes of infant death, such as suffocation, based on the AAP Task Force’s 2011 recommendations.

The AAP Task Force recommendations stated that breastfeeding is recommended as it is associated with a reduced risk of SIDS. Infants should be immunized as evidence suggests that immunization reduces the risk of SIDS by 50%. Bumper pads should not be used in cribs as there is no evidence that bumper pads prevent injuries and there is a potential risk of suffocation, strangulation...
In Honor of Dr. Henry F. Krous

Proceedings of a symposium in honor of Dr. Henry F. Krous were presented at the International Conference on Stillbirth, SIDS and Infant Survival on October 5, 2012 in Baltimore MD. Eight colleagues discussed forensic issues related to SIDS, tissue banking, animal models in SIDS, brainstem and genetic studies in SIDS, establishment of a SUDC registry, neuropathologic research in SUDC, and potential shared mechanisms underlying sudden and unexpected death in early life. Dr. Krous is retiring as Clinical Professor of Pathology and Pediatrics at the University of California Schools of Medicine and as Director of the San Diego SIDS/SUDC Research Project after 37 years of dedicated service.

The proceedings are published in a Forensic Science Medicine and Pathology article titled Sudden and Unexpected Death in Early Life: proceedings of a symposium in honor of Dr. Henry F. Krous (authors: Kinney HC, Rognum TO, Nattie EE, Haddad GG, Hyma B, McEntire B, Paterson DS, Crandall L, Byard RW).

Dr. Krous became interested in the field of sudden unexplained infant death (SUID) when a fellow intern’s daughter died suddenly and unexpectedly and ultimately lead him to the work of Dr. J Bruce Beckwith, world renowned pediatric pathologist. The two were instrumental in suggesting the need for a new definition of sudden death in infants and small children and the standardization of autopsy protocols. This definition ultimately benefited families whose children had died and faced scrutiny that they had some responsibility for their child’s death.

Dr. Krous established the SUDC Program (Sudden Unexpected Death in Childhood) with Laura Crandall of the CJ Foundation for SIDS and the San Diego SUDC research project. This partnership has increased public awareness of SUDC, created a worldwide network of support, information, advocacy and conducted research into the causes of SUDC. The project maintains a database of deaths in children over 1 year of age. SUDC occurs in 1 out of every 100,000 toddlers.

The San Diego SUID Program began a tissue consortium for researchers. Four medical examiner districts in Florida are participating in the consortium. Consent assistance is being conducted by the University of Miami Tissue Bank's Donor Services. Note that medical examiner’s need for evidence take precedence. Following the de-indentification of the tissues, they are banked at the National Institute for Child Health and Development Brain and Tissue Bank at the University of Maryland (Baltimore). The Center for Infant & Child Loss provided a grant to the Brain and Tissue Bank from fundraising proceeds for the purchase of equipment for housing tissue samples.

Thanks to tissue samples, researchers have been able to make discoveries into brainstem abnormalities, neurotransmitter function, gene mutations, laryngeal chemoreflexes and other potential areas of concern that make infants vulnerable to SUID. Using results from research in the early 1990s, the federal Back to Sleep campaign was created and recommended back sleeping which, along with the reduction of other risk factors, is credited with a 50% reduction in SIDS.

We congratulate Dr. Krous on a distinguished career and wish him many years of joy and relaxation in the future.
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f being a bereaved parent is something you have never been before, you may have to do something different to get you through the holidays. You are walking in unfamiliar territory. Because it’s an emotional issue, you might not think to approach the holidays in the same way you would approach other problems. Stephen R Covey, author of The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, has being proactive as his first habit. To be proactive means to act in anticipation of future problems, needs, or changes. The holidays are coming and even before you were a bereaved parent, they had to be ‘managed.’ The problem now is that you may not feel like participating to the level you may have in the past. A sense of dread can wash over you. With a little planning and decision making, you might be able to minimize some of the problems you anticipate.

At a memorial service, where you can remember your child, in a safe atmosphere, will be a comfortable place to allow you to express your feelings, even though it might be difficult. Here are some things to consider:

- Lighting a candle can have special significance and is a beautiful way to remember your child.
- To hear their name called in public lets everyone know they are not forgotten.
- Being around other bereaved parents knowing that you are not alone, may give you hope.
- Give yourself permission to say no to traditions that you know will cause you discomfort or you just don’t think you can handle. Telling your family what you want and don’t want is very important. Communicating is the most important thing and doing it ahead of time is even better. This might be a good time to rid yourself of obligations/traditions that you no longer suit your current situation. You can always resume them later on. (Dinner at someone else’s house.)
- Do something for others, whether it would be volunteer service or making a donation to a charity that has meaning to you in memory of your child. This could be a tradition you start to honor your child.
- If you never travel during the holiday season, consider a trip. While you do take your thoughts with you, a change of scenery could be beneficial. Spend some time every day, thinking about your child. While it’s hard to come to grips with what you have lost, in time, the memories that you have will sustain you and will forever be in your heart.
- Planting a tree in memory of your child is a physical symbol that will continue to grow and stand as a reminder of their life. Sometimes we need to ‘see’ things to help us along our journey. You could decorate it for the seasons, or sit under it on a special bench as a place to remember.
- Seek comfort from those who may have traveled this journey. Just hearing that others have experienced what you are going through is helpful. The Compassionate Friends tells us – you need not walk alone. Grief can be so isolating.

Take some time to think about the coming holiday season and find ways to minimize the stress it might cause. Maybe shopping from catalogs or the Internet so you don’t have to be in the stores could be helpful. Take advantage of the people who said to let them know how they might help you. Remembering your child with love is a wonderful way to honor them.

Peace to you this season.
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CICL is pleased to have formed such an amazing alliance with Wireless Zone. Headquartered in Middletown, Connecticut, Wireless Zone is the largest independent cellular agent in the country, with over 500 locations from Maine to Virginia, the Midwest States, and Florida. Wireless Zone stores sell a total cellular solution, specializing in the sale of Verizon Wireless Voice and Data Services. Presently Wireless Zone has over 3 million customers nationwide. Wireless Zone Foundation for Giving has committed to donating a percentage of every activation and upgrade done at a Wireless Zone store in the Washington/Baltimore/Virginia market with specific funding matched by Automotive Technologies, Inc., parent company of the franchise system.

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September – October 2012

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Gutberlet Scholarship

The Center would like to remind interested parties of the Ronald L. Gutberlet, M.D. Parent Conference Scholarship Award that provides parents/grandparents the means to attend conferences regarding SIDS and other child deaths. Conferences are always announced on our website at: www.infantandchildloss.org and most are held annually. Examples of organizations having annual conferences are California SIDS Program, CJ Foundation, First Candle/SIDS Alliance, and The Compassionate Friends.

For more information please contact:
LaToya Bates at 410-706-5089 / 800-808-7437 or lbates@peds.umaryland.edu

Center for Infant & Child Loss Memory Quilt

Many of you have seen the beautiful quilts displayed at the annual memorial services and events each year. These quilts have individual squares created by families of loved ones to remember their child. If you would like to add a quilt square please follow these guidelines:

- Size 8x8
- Material – cotton or cotton/poly blend
- Design – individual taste and creativity

Mail to the Center for Infant & Child Loss at the address on this newsletter.

Outreach and Training Efforts

September – October 2012

TRAINING
Day Care Providers ......................... 36
Professional Staff .......................... 18
Pregnant / Parents ........................ 96
Students .................................... 22

OUTREACH
Risk reduction materials ...................* 3,053
Light switch covers ....................... **14,365

* includes Spanish materials
** includes light switch covers provided to all birth hospitals

Maryland Charities Campaign

If you are a State employee and would like to contribute to the Center through payroll deductions, be sure to include Book 5384, UMB Foundation, for the MCC account code. There is a listing of accounts under the School of Medicine for SIDS (26309) which will designate your donation to the Center. Check the box and fill in the amount. Thank you so much for considering the Center as the recipient of your donation.

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In Memory of Dr. Ronald Gutberlet

Dr. Gutberlet died peacefully on February 29, 2012, with his lovely wife Shirley, sons and close friends by his side. As Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Mercy Medical Center, Dr G. was so many things, but to us at the Center for Infant & Child Loss he was inspiration. He was an active member of the Center’s Advisory Board always challenging us to think beyond the parameters of our program. During the evening reception, the Center honored Dr. Gutberlet by presenting his wife Shirley with a Crystal Award that simply read: “In loving memory of Dr. Ronald Gutberlet for 38 years of dedication, service and support to the Center for Infant & Child Loss, 1974 until 2012.” In addition to the Crystal Award, the Gutberlet family (particularly the grandchildren) was presented with the original copy of the grant co written by Dr. Gutberlet in 1974. It is a beautiful tribute to Dr. Gutberlet and an example to his grandchildren of how ideas on paper could formulate into a Center that touches and heals the lives of so many. The Gutberlet legacy will continue at the Center as Shirley and her daughter in law, Michelle (Mitchie) will now serve as active members of the Advisory Board. The blessings continue…

Hold the Dates

Saturday, December 1, 2012
Kaitlyn's 4th Birthday Dinner Dance for SIDS
6 - 11 p.m. Circle D Farm, Woodbine, MD
For more info or tickets kaitlynsdance@gmail.com

January 27, 2013
Andrew’s Pins for a Purpose
6 - 11 p.m. Glen Burnie Bowl, Glen Burnie, MD
For more info andrewspinsforapurpose@gmail.com

March 2013
Bryan Thomas Palmer Bull & Oyster Roast
Columbus Gardens, Nottingham, MD
For more info or tickets bryanpalmerfund@comcast.net

April 2013
Annual Bull & Oyster Roast
Level Fire Hall, Havre de Grace, MD
For more info or tickets Donna Hawley GDHMN@aol.com

May 2013
Walk/Run For Sids & Child Loss
Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis, MD
For more info www.infantandchildloss.org

July 2013
Dakota in the Park
Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis, MD
For more info www.infantandchildloss.org

Remembering Our Children

The program will commemorate the lives of our children. All persons interested in preparing a reading or music for the programs are welcome and encouraged to participate. A reception will be held following each program.

We will include the names of our children in the program and service, even if you cannot attend. Please complete the form below and return it to the CENTER. The programs will be held in the following areas:

Baltimore Area: Sunday, December 9, 2012
Brown Memorial Church
6200 N. Charles Street, Towson, Maryland – 7:00 p.m.
Directions: Baltimore beltway (I-695) to Exit #25 Charles Street; South on Charles St. approximately 2 miles to church on right directly across from 7-11

Prince Georges’ County: Sunday, December 9, 2012
St. Philips Episcopal Church – 2:00 p.m.
6th & Main Streets, Laurel, Maryland 20705
Directions: From I-95 take Exit 35A East, Scaggsville Road, toward Laurel (1.7 miles). Bear left on Main Street

Eastern Shore
Tuesday, December 4, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.
St. John United Methodist Church, Fruitland, MD
For information call Gail Jablonski at 410-543-7039

Refreshments will be served following each service. Please bring a ‘finger food’. Please bring a photograph or other memento of your child for the memory table. Be sure to put your name on the back.

To register online visit www.infantandchildloss.org.
Click on right navigation bar, scroll to bottom.

Please RSVP by December 1
Golfers enjoyed the day on and off the courses at Turf Valley Resort. Temperatures topped in the mid 70’s on this perfect day to support the Center at the 22nd Annual AT&T SIDS Golf Invitational.
An event of this magnitude could not have come together without the minds, hands and hearts of our 2012 Golf Committee. The Golf Committee worked tirelessly to make this year a success. The work that you do for the Center is unwavering and does not go unnoticed. **2012 Golf Committee we salute you!** We would like to especially thank Brian Felch, Andy LaPointe, John Happel, and Phyllis West for going the extra mile for auction and raffle items – Thank you!

**Corporate Liaison:** Lauri Moore (AT&T)

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William Connor, Anne Cooke, Scott Fava, John Happel, Bill Jones, Andy LaPointe, Jason Los, Luis Maldonado, Terry McClung, Ellen Motley, Katherine O’Hara, Steve Snider, Carolyn Thompson, Phyllis West
Volunteers

The Center and Golf Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers who came out to lend a helping hand this year. Your dedication and commitment is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Anne Cooke and Camilla Hyman for coordinating the volunteer schedule. The camaraderie of the volunteers helped the day run flawlessly.

Thank you to this year’s phenomenal team of volunteers:

Anthony Aranas • Roweena Arasah • Debbie Basile • Paul Beck • Michelle Bell • Rodney Black • Eric Byrge • Ellen Board • Veronique Cabulong • John & Cindy Carrico • Lauren Conner • Andrew Daigle • Denise Dixon • Mable Dixon • Colleen Driscoll • Tanya Doggett • Jenny Fales • Cassie Felch • Margaret Frost • Bob Frazier • Kayti Gamer • Jared Gill • Connie Grossart • Lisa Hallinger • Atusa Haynes • John Hoban • Dolapo Junaid • Greg Keyes • Xina Kojzar • Howard & Sonya Lane • Linda & Drew LaPointe • Tina Lolley • Stephanie McClung • Keysa McGee • Mauricio Menendez • Regina Minor • David Mullinix • Andrea Murphy • Aus Musa • Karen Parks • Rodger Pulley • Robin Reich • Stacey Ross • Mike & Jeanne Shoemaker • Tanisha Smith • Mark & Jennifer Storch • Kevin Thalheimer • Carolyn Thompson • Judy Treuth • Wesley Waters • Justin Wells • Ciara Willis
Thank you Geico for continuously sponsoring our Evening Reception! Our evening reception would not have been lead and executed with such professionalism without; Mindy Basasra, WBAL Channel 11 News, our Master of Ceremonies, Bill and Lauren Connor provided music entertainment, Bob Frazier and Scott Fava our video and sound specialists, Anne McConnell, America’s Mrs. Maryland 2012, served as Honorary Chair, and David Hartman our live auctioneer.

The 2012 Golf Committee and Center staff are thankful for the tremendous support from all of our corporate sponsors. Your loyalty enables us to help families in their time of need. THANK YOU!

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Over 200 golfers participated in golfing and concluded the day at our evening reception in the Grand Ball Room at Turf Valley Resort. During the reception, live and silent auction packages were enthusiastically bid on, delicious food and cocktails were relished, and the golfers who competed to win 1st, 2nd and 3rd place were announced.

**ORIGINAL COURSE**

1st Place Team 7-A – (63) Carl Coney, Dwight Fletcher, Tony Gay, Brian Fletcher
2nd Place Team 15-A – (64) Brian Felch, Josiah Mueller, Darren Parker
3rd Place Team 3-A – (64) Rocky Cintron, Joe Leitner, Josh McCloskey, Les Trachtman

Longest Drive #18 – Walt Hiltabidle
50/50 Original – Bob Macmillan

**HIALEAH COURSE**

1st Place Team 18-A – (58) Howard Abramson, Eric Francis, Louis Kovalsky, Jerry Roma (Best score of the day)
2nd Place Team 1-A – (59) Rob Forsyth, Joan Forsyth, Glenn Cassell, Roger Cassell
3rd Place Team 6-A – (61) Jeffrey Bucher, John Bayley, Kenney Reed, Joe McDonald

Longest Drive #17 – David Abramson
50/50 Hialeah – Oscar Jennings

Putting Low – Glenn Cassell
Putting Not So Low – Darren Parker

The evening program continued and concluded with special thanks to our wonderful sponsors and friends, and a heartfelt word from our beloved Director, LaToya Bates, who is so passionate about the Center’s mission.

The echoing report was that everyone had a delightful time, for an amazing cause.

Until next year…
The Center’s goal is to assist families as they learn to live with the loss of their child and to have hope for the future. Our programs reach out to bereaved families and the community. Center programs foster hope by offering public education, health care provider training, and instruction for emergency responders and others who may provide support.

Each of our four programs is designed to meet individual, family, and community needs. For those families who do experience the sudden death of an infant or child, the Center makes immediate contact to give them available information about the cause of death and support in their grief.

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