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2009 Symposium and Day on the Hill: Check Out Presentations, Podcasts and Advocacy Results

On March 23 - 25, First Candle convened the 2009 Research and Advocacy Symposium in Washington, D.C. More than 150 parents, health professionals and leading researchers joined together to discuss current research efforts, preventive strategies and educational outreach programs related to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUID) and stillbirth.

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President's Letter

I was watching TV the other day when an ad called to my attention that about 75% of the world population has never talked or received a phone call. That means they never heard, "Can you hear me?"

I remember some of the family traditions that were a part of my life when I was young. On Sunday we would visit our family, going to our grandparents for lunch and dinner. After Bonnie and I started our family, we would always call our parents on a certain night of the week. For many years, we continued this tradition. Now we work hard to manage the e-mails, Facebook connections, and just a family gathering on the holidays.

This is Memorial Day weekend and our family gathers in Limerick, Maine to celebrate the beginning of the summer season. The tradition most memorable is meal time when over the fifty-seven years we have gathered with the many children, family members and friends to share the good life and laugh heartily. The laughter has been quieted at certain times when life challenged us to deal with the tragedies of life.

What gives me hope is Spring. In Maine, Spring is the beginning of the summer season when we are renewed with the hope of the future, anticipation of new experiences, and the belief that with each new day more memories will become part of our life, and each of us will learn a little more about the meaning of life.

Life is so complicated and filled with twists and turns that often get us confused and sad. And yet, even the simple experience of a golf game I played last week when the score at the end of nine was what it should be for eighteen, I did score a birdie. That is a memory that overshadowed the rest of the game.

With all that we do, the Florida SIDS Alliance continues to learn about the families that experience the tragedies of life, the death of a precious child. Whatever the cause, stillbirth, SIDS, other diseases, or accidents, the grief and sorrow is unique to all who were touched by that beautiful life.

The reality is that traditions will continue but without all the family and friends we would like. What will continue will be the memories of those lives (however short) lived and how we laughed and cried with each other as we traveled along this journey.

May you be able to find hope this spring, recall the beautiful memories you own, and create a future filled with good things.

As a volunteer for the SIDS Alliance, I continue to find meaning and purpose in life from my opportunities in this organization and invite you to be a part of supporting others as we travel this road of life.

In the belief that every child should live.....
Roy Bagley

April - Events and Peer Contact Training

The third weekend in March was very successful for both the events and training held for the Florida SIDS Alliance.

Golfers turned out on a beautiful March 20 morning at the Alaqua Country Club and played 18 holes without a raindrop this year. The tournament sponsors were Mark and Laura Lampke, and Jim True, all from Truevance, Inc. headquartered in Jacksonville.

Walkers were met with a terrible Saturday March 21 morning storm in Jupiter, but not only did the weather clear but over 45 walkers turned out for the 1st Annual Kiara Dawn Walk-A-Thon along the beautiful Riverwalk Park.

Peer contact training was held in Jupiter on March 22. We welcomed Stacy as a visitor and new peer contact from Maine. This training will be repeated again as other groups request the course. The one day training is available to parents who want to reach out to others in the spirit of support after the loss of an infant to any sudden and unexplained death in infancy.

Thanks to all that turned out for these events.

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MAY MEMORIALS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Sierra Nicole Fonte	5/08/1995
Kevis Glenn	5/05/1990
Nolan Halligan	5/06/2005
Josh Hauser	5/23/1986
Kylie Leigh Holcomb	5/14/1996
Daniel Perez	5/31/2007
Aaron Paul Simon	5/26/1981
Jon Michael Shelley	5/29/1991
Trace Garrett Southard	5/02/2000
Brian Taylor	5/03/1989
Shelby Ann Zager	5/21/1996

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Laura Ashley Alacan	5/01/1991
Gavon Kellner Brown	5/02/1995
David Charles Burton	5/23/1985

Siena Carlson	5/26/1991
Bryce Taylor Cunningham	5/23/1994
Blake Anthony Facca	5/19/1987
Tyler Dean Gemmill	5/25/1982
Kevis Glenn	5/25/1990
Jonathan Toushay Green	5/27/1992
Joshua Headings	5/03/1999
Austin James Kremer	5/10/1996
Rose Michelle Massuh	5/09/1996
Matthew Thomas Pribisco	5/20/1995
Kiara Dawn Price	5/12/2002
Christine Diane Richards	5/19/2001
Courtney Robinson	5/01/1995
Alex John Topolewski	5/12/1994

Tammy Griffen
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Matt & Rhonda Southard
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Melody Zager

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Simone Brown, Homer & Susie Page
Amy Krewson,
Albert & Gertrude Kehne
Madeline Carlson
Katrina Cunningham
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Debbie Gemmill
Katherine Glenn
Lisa Burney
Tim & Andree Headings
Tom & Tiffany Kremer
Michelle Massuh
Lynne King
Briana Price
David & Renita Richards
Katie Coleman Robinson
Greg & Melanie Topolewski

JUNE MEMORIALS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Lazaro Alonzo	6/15/2007
Orrin Fulton Blake	6/25/2002
Ashlee Marie Fagan	6/23/1996
Corinne Finster	6/29/2000
Riley Ann French	6/14/2002
Peter Anthony Grady	6/14/1996
Mickayla Lairsey	6/01/1999
Sofia Juliana Martinez	6/30/2000
Blaine Meeker	6/01/2005
Nicholas Stanton Myers	6/19/1993
Dylan Nolen	6/26/2005
Scotty O'Neill	6/22/1992
Kourtney Larkins-Schiel	6/01/2000
Christopher Tyler	6/09/1988
Dillon Terriell Williams	6/04/1998
Mackensi Grace Van Arsdale	6/10/2006

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Micah Wolf Chamberlin	6/21/1997
Michelle Elizabeth Dickerson	6/09/1992
Sierra Nicole Fonte	6/22/1995
Nolan Halligan	6/17/2005
Tanner Chason Hendry	6/16/1999
Michael Jones	6/17/1998
Brooklynn Labarbera	6/13/2005
Mickayla Lairsey	6/12/1999
Aiden Noriega	6/18/2001
Nicolas Schenck	6/12/1998
Gina Maria Soto	6/22/1993
Collin Wolfferts	
Travis Yager	6/13/1991

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A Cause for Celebration

Birthdays are for celebrating. They are for cake and ice cream, wildly wrapped gifts that are torn open in anxious anticipation, for balloons and streamers. They are for parties with family and friends gathered close. They are filled with laughter and joy. Birthdays are for marking progress and change.

You never faced those milestones. You never turned 1 or 5, or 10 or 16. We never got to have a party for you, surrounding you with gifts and cake. We never got to see you dig your hands into your first birthday cake. We never got to see you overjoyed to finally hit "double digits" at ten like your sister did this year. We never got to celebrate those things with you.

And yet, we DO celebrate you. Even in our early grief, we made a decision that we would not treat your birthday as a day of sorrow. How could we be sorry that you were born? You were wanted, you were loved. Your life filled us with joy and laughter. You were beautiful and unique, with your own demanding, endearing and distinct personality. When you were born, we dreamed of so many years spent getting to know you. Instead we had just two and a half months. Your death overshadowed everything about our lives. And yet, even on that first birthday, we decided that we would celebrate you. We made a cake, ate fried chicken, and shared memories of you. We celebrated YOU.

We continued that formal celebration of your life for several years. As the years have passed, we no longer gather together, but we have never forgotten. In many ways, our celebration has extended far beyond that day into the fabric of our lives. We celebrate you daily in the things we do, and in how we live our lives. Your life touched us and changed us, making us who we are today. Though we will always miss you, we no longer sorrow over your death. We celebrate you. Your birthday is not a cause for sorrow, but a cause for celebration.

Happy Birthday, Joey, my "bright-eyed" boy,
Lisa Sculley
Joey Sculley 7/16/92 to 10/7/92

Does Breastfeeding Reduce the Risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome?

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BACKGROUND. In the last 20 years, the prevention campaigns to reduce the risk of sudden infant death syndrome were very successful. In some countries the advice to breastfeed is included in the campaigns' messages, but in other countries it is not.

OBJECTIVE. To examine the association between type of infant feeding and sudden infant death syndrome.

METHODS. The German Study of Sudden Infant Death is a case-control study of 333 infants who died of sudden infant death syndrome and 998 age-matched controls.

RESULTS. A total of 49.6% of cases and 82.9% of controls were breastfed at 2 weeks of age. Exclusive breastfeeding at 1 month of age halved the risk, partial breastfeeding at the age of 1 month also reduced the risk of sudden infant death syndrome, but after adjustment this risk was not significant. Being exclusively breastfed in the last month of life/before the interview reduced the risk, as did being partially breastfed. Breastfeeding survival curves showed that both partial breastfeeding and exclusive breastfeeding were associated with a reduced risk of sudden infant death syndrome.

CONCLUSIONS. This study shows that breastfeeding reduced the risk of sudden infant death syndrome by ~50% at all ages throughout infancy. We recommend including the advice to breastfeed through 6 months of age in sudden infant death syndrome risk-reduction messages.

We Remember These...

JULY MEMORIALS

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Justin Eli Blanton	7/17/1991	James & Norine Blanton
Peter James-Allen Buth	7/23/1995	James & Darlene Buth
Tyler Warren Canatsey	7/27/1989	Larry & Tammy Canatsey, Jack & Jean Canatsey
Kevin P. Conover	7/24/1991	Debbie Wolfe
Jerry Demetrius-White	7/10/1988	Connie White
Clay Tyler Doomy	7/26/1998	William Doomy
Jessica Enisey	7/20/1993	Stacy Knight
Annah Olivia Hatcher	7/28/1997	Mark & Tracey Hatcher
Alicia Anna Hicks	7/11/1976	Marianne Hightman
Brendan Johnson	7/09/2003	Sabranda Adkins
Glenn Charles Lampke	7/06/1994	Mark & Laura Lampke
Dusten Lanham	7/19/2000	Paul & Judy Lanham
Evan Christian Mesa	7/16/1997	Roly & Erica Mesa
Gabriel Julian Rodriguez	7/15/1990	Carlos & Teresina Rodriguez
James Scott	7/14/1995	Jim & Carol Scott
Joseph Allen Sculley	7/16/1992	Bill & Lisa Sculley, Bonnie Roberts
Wyatt Alexander Watson	7/09/1998	Wayne & Bianca Watson

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Kayne Adam	7/01/2002	Connie Pattillo
Joshua Conley	7/05/2004	Jessica & Brian Conley, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Kraemer
Declan Shayne Foote	7/16/2004	Elizabeth Ferrara
Riley Ann French	7/19/2002	Todd & Kris French, Cindy Dobozy
Sofia Go	7/28/2007	Raymond & Rebecca Go
T.J. Hulme	7/31/1989	Cathy Hulme, Sandra Graben
Caillou Arture Moran	7/16/2001	Kim And Jake Moran
Myleigh Kathryn O'Neill	7/16/2008	Scott & Lea O'Neill
Anthony Michael Sauls	7/01/1990	Christie & Michael Pawlak
David Maximus Santiago	7/21/2002	David & Emma Santiago
Aaron Paul Simon	7/27/1981	Helene & Hank Simon
Taylor Michael Stover	7/19/2002	Catherine & George Stover, Michael & Jennifer Nygren
Steven Chase Walter	7/17/2007	Renee Jarstad
Martin Warren	7/30/1992	Pam Gambrell
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