

"There is no footprint so small that it does not leave an imprint on this world."

Website

www.emilias-wings.org

Our website includes different materials which we hope will provide support on your journey through grief and healing. We offer a variety of resources including eBooks, list of supporting organizations, reading material, music selections, and more.

Be sure to check out our Forget-Me-Not page, an online memorial dedicated to the children that live on in our hearts.

Facebook

facebook.com/EmiliasWings/

Stay up-to-date on projects, special events, and programs by liking us on Facebook!

Contact Us

info@emilias-wings.org

You need not walk alone. Together we can make it! Feel free to reach out by email.



November 2023 Newsletter

We welcome you all to Emilia's Wings. To all who are newly bereaved, we know how devastated you are. You are not alone in your grief. We have been in the depths of despair and we are here to help you with unconditional love and understanding. We hope this newsletter will help you while you navigate grief and provide additional resources on your journey. If you know someone who would find our resources helpful, please direct them to our website at www.emilias-wings.org and to our BLOOM monthly meetings.

October in Review

Wow! October was a big month - full of wonderful celebration, reflection, and remembrance!

We started off Pregnancy & Infant Loss Month with a backyard bonfire. Complete with handcrafted luminaries & written letters to our babies that we placed into the fire to burn to ash. The idea is that the ashes rose up to be found & read by each of our babies!

DATES & EVENTS

BLOOM

November 2nd @ 7:00 - 8:45 pm

Kansas City Northland Support Group - Meetings are held every first Thursday of each month.

North Kansas City Public Library 2251 Howell St. North Kansas City, MO 64116

OTHER

Donations

-Donations can be sent & made payable to Emilia's Wings at: 10637 N. Holmes St Kansas City, MO 64155





Photos from our October Bonfire. For more click HERE.

On Sunday, October 8th members gathered at Unity Village for our Annual Walk To Remember! This year's theme was "Planted on Earth to Bloom in Heaven." Thank you all for choosing to join us and allowing us to celebrate your babies this October. Click on the group photo below to view more images from our Walk To Remember at Unity Village.



On October 15th, citizens around Greater Kansas City gathered at the Union Station in celebration of Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day. For just one night, our iconic building was lit up Pink & Blue in honor and in memory of all of the babies around the globe who have died too soon. This event included a candlelight vigil for the International Wave of Light. Check out the photos from this wonderful evening by clicking on

the image of the Union Station below! It was a special night for many Kansas City PAIL families! We hope the entirety of October and all the Pregnancy & Infant Loss events were meaningful for your families too!



KC Union Station - October 15, 2023 (cred: Espy's Photography)

Looking Toward November

Do not forget that our meeting date and location for BLOOM (formerly HOPE) has changed!!!

This month (and from now on) we will be meeting on the first THURSDAY of every month from 7:00 pm - 8:45 pm. Our meeting location will be held at the North Kansas City Public Library (2251 Howell St. North Kansas City, MO 64116). Our next meeting is TOMORROW, Thursday, November 2nd. We will meet downstairs in the meeting room. To make it easier for all of you, I have linked a walk through video (in the main email) to help you find the meeting room at our new location. If you need any assistance finding the room, feel free to text Charmel or look for the nearest librarian.

SAVE THE DATE

Next month's meeting (Thursday, December 7th from 7:00pm-8:30pm) will be our Annual Holiday Candlelight Ceremony. Invite your family and join us for what I hope to be a meaningful evening. Please let me know by November 16th if you plan on attending, so I can prepare accordingly. We will have desserts and appetizers, potluck style, so please plan to bring a dish to share among the group.

Special Notes

Please keep Christie Samples and Morgan Stanfill in your thoughts this month as their due dates are quickly approaching. What a special time for each of your families. Wishing you both safe and joyous deliveries!

We extend our most sincere sympathy to those who have recently lost a child.

Please know that we are thinking of you and share in your hurt and sorrow

This November we Remember...

"Peanut" Baby Fuller #1 - November 2, 2002
Preston Cary - November 3, 2018
Amos Weston - November 3, 2019
Thea Elenor Gabriel - November 4, 2022
Baby Curtis - November 7, 2013
Noah Quinn Crews - November 16, 2020
Josiah David Witt - November 21, 2019
Amelia Joan - November 22, 2012
Lola Alley - November 23, 2015
Jayda Matson Daniel - November 27, 2015
Scarlett Grace Carlson - November 29, 2018

To have your baby's name added to our remembrance list, please fill out the Forget-Me-Not submission form on our website. This form can be found on our <u>Forget-Me-Not</u> page.



Thanksgivings - by Sheila Simmons

The leaves have fallen, the trees are bare. The day is crisp, a hint of snow in the air.

But inside the hearth is warmly blazing and around the TV the family is lazing.

Watching the parade with floats galore, while delightful scents waft through the kitchen door.

Turkey and dressing, and pumpkin pie are the scents in the air; restlessly waiting to be called to the Thanksgiving Fare.

In the kitchen a Mother works, preparing feast for family and friends, but inside her heart is heavy, and tears flow softly without end.

"Tis time of holiday cheer, a time of laughter and love, but inside her mind plays memories of the one up above.

An empty hole in her heart for the one who is not there. The table set, all gleaming and bright, except for the one spot left bare.

Just a candle and a rose, to fill the empty space. Around the table, Father offers the grace, and tears appear on his face.

For although he is thankful all his family is blessed, he too feels the emptiness of the one missing guest.

All join hands and shed tears for memories of past gone years, yes, one space is empty and can never be filled. Oh, but the love the memories yield.

One more Holiday we mark without you. But you remain with us all holidays through.