

The Statistics

It is estimated that between 25 to 50% of all pregnancies end in miscarriage or loss. In Canada, between 1991 and 2000 fetal mortality fluctuated between 5.4 and 5.9 deaths per 1000 births. Additionally, in Canada, in 2000, 5.1 infants in 1000 did not survive their first year of life.*

The causes of miscarriage, neonatal, and infant death are many, ranging from genetic abnormalities, premature birth, SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome), and pregnancy complications.

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

Miscarriage and infant death are a source of grief, often silent, for mothers, fathers, siblings and grandparents. To recognize this loss, Hon. Elvy Robichaud, New Brunswick Minister of Health and Wellness declared October 15th to be Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day, October 12th, 2005.

He called on provincial residents to help promote "support, education and awareness for grieving parents who have lost infants during pregnancy or shortly after birth."

*Statistics from Canadian Perinatal Health Report (2003)



Pregnancy & Infant Loss Support

Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.
Love never ends.

1st Corinthians 13:7-8

Bears for Bereaved Mommies is a non-profit, non-denominational organization providing support to individuals and families who experience pregnancy and Infant loss Conception – 1 year.



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Bears for Bereaved Mommies

Bears for Bereaved Mommies exists to provide caring, confidential, support services to families and friends who experience pregnancy and infant loss. Bears for Bereaved Mommies is a non-profit organization providing assistance to families to positively grieve their loss. Bears for Bereaved Mommies offers support to families who experience pregnancy and Infant loss *Conception - 1 year* find hope, healing, and resolve. The program of interest is our Bear Care Cub Distribution Program through which bears are distributed to facilities that offer bereavement programs & services for those who experience pregnancy and infant loss.

Bears For Bereaved Mommies is based on the fundamental belief that a healthy way to cope with the tragedy of pregnancy and infant loss is to obtain information, seek others who offer empathy and allow oneself to fully experience grief.

Bears for Bereaved Mommies strives to provide ongoing support services to individuals and families following pregnancy and infant loss, to promote hope, healing and to find resolve.

Know if you or a loved one has experience a pregnancy or infant loss you are not alone, support is available to assist you to find hope and healing.

Mission

- ❖ To provide aid, support, and comfort in a time of bereavement to individuals and families who experience pregnancy or infant loss.
- ❖ To provide resources to promote hope, healing, and resolve, following steps to positively grieve loss.
- ❖ To provide ongoing support services post loss to individuals and families.
- ❖ To increase public awareness of the incidences of pregnancy and infant loss and the implications it has for grieving families.
- ❖ To develop programs and services to meet the need of the bereaved.
- ❖ To provide ongoing education to individuals, professionals, agencies, and organizations.

Programs and Services

- ❖ Memorial Wall
- ❖ Helping Hands Healing Hearts
- ❖ Riley's Memorial Box Project
- ❖ Informative Website
- ❖ Bear Care Cub Distribution Program
- ❖ Support Pen Pals
- ❖ Online Support Network
- ❖ Online Resource Library
- ❖ Telephone and E-mail Support
- ❖ Informational Care Packet
- ❖ Referral Service
- ❖ Community education to professionals, agencies, and organizations
- ❖ Information and support to caregivers of grieving families
- ❖ Organizing opportunities for families to memorialize their babies, through such activities as memorial services and volunteerism