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Listening Hearts

A Gathering of
Bereaved Moms...

Pictures from the Heart

I can look at photos
And see your handsome face
Ready with a pose
Exonerating grace,

But there are two things
I'd really rather see
That would be you in my dreams
Alive and here with me.

The other is a picture
A picture from my heart
Tucked away in secret
So that we never really part.

For you, my son, will be right here
And at no time stray away
That is where you grew inside
And that is where you'll stay.

And every time I cry for you
To see or hear you speak
I'll travel deep within my heart
Where your memory I keep.

There I'll find the sweetest things
I ever heard you say
And all I saw you do for those
Who in your heart will stay,

Pictures from the heart
Our secret stash you see
Because they are the times we shared
Times for you and me.

Love, Mom
March 30, 2014
Tracy Bradshaw (*Sawyer's mom*)



Meetings and Events

Since we cannot change that which is out of our control, we work to help ourselves and each other to process this devastating and life-altering loss by gathering together. We meet monthly at alternating locations, in Knoxville and Morristown. We are pleased to announce the addition of monthly gatherings at our Kingston location. You can join us at any of the locations, or choose one that is most convenient for you.

Knoxville

Cherokee Lodge
102 Northshore Drive
Knoxville, TN 37919
Saturdays
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

- ♥ August 2
- ♥ October 4
- ♥ December 6

Morristown

Walters State Community
College Humanities Complex,
Room 105
500 S. Davy Crockett Parkway
Saturdays
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

- ♥ July 5
- ♥ September 6
- ♥ November 1

Harriman

Redeemer Lutheran Church
1658 Roane State Highway
Harriman
Saturdays
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

- ♥ July 19
- ♥ August 16
- ♥ September 20

In Remembrance

These adored children have birthdays in July and August.



July Dates

- ♥ Randy Allred (7/6)
- ♥ Rick Anderson (7/7)
- ♥ Danny Berry (7/11)
- ♥ Devin Gorman (7/16)
- ♥ Austin Hatcher (7/17)
- ♥ Eric Hurst (7/16)
- ♥ Ryan Lail (7/17)
- ♥ Gordon Robertson (7/17)
- ♥ Aaron Sellitto (7/7)
- ♥ Mychael Smith (7/28)

August Dates

- ♥ Michelle Bell (8/9)
- ♥ Davey Chavez (8/8)
- ♥ Audrey Fuller (8/3)
- ♥ Robby Garvin (8/15)

These cherished children have anniversaries in July and August.



July Dates

- ♥ Wade Buchanan (7/18)
- ♥ Christopher White (7/1)
- ♥ Kennidie Goins (7/23)
- ♥ Justin Holland (7/8)
- ♥ Kyle Holland (7/12)
- ♥ Heather Lane (7/14)
- ♥ Noah Winstead (7/4)
- ♥ Eric Wolf (7/22)

August Dates

- ♥ Cindy Allen (8/8)
- ♥ Tracey Blevins (8/4)
- ♥ Audrey Fuller (8/3)
- ♥ Mistye Holdway (8/5)
- ♥ Joshua Humphreys (8/2)
- ♥ Joel McGregor (8/19)
- ♥ Gabriel Miller (8/14)
- ♥ Tony Phillips (8/8)
- ♥ Marty Short (8/23)
- ♥ Mychael Smith (8/13)
- ♥ Morgan Tanner (8/18)
- ♥ Clint Tyler (8/6)
- ♥ Corbin Weaver (8/4)
- ♥ Alex Wolf (8/7)

Listening Sisters Have Listening Hearts

These moms offer listening ears for another mom who needs to talk or reach out during a particularly difficult time in between gatherings.

If you would like to be available to provide support and a listening heart to another mom, let us know. Different moms will be featured in each issue.

Mom	Contact Info	Child's Life Stage	Nature of Loss
Karen Archer	865-679-3005	Adult	Drug Interaction
Deb Griffin	865-363-2065	Adult	Motorcycle Accident
Terri Gookenbarger	614-209-7333	Adult	Car Accident
Debra Reagan	865-679-1351	Adult	Drug Overdose

Save the Date: Annual Picnic and Butterfly Release

We hope you will mark your calendar and make plans to attend the 2014 Listening Hearts' Picnic and Butterfly Release!

September 21

This is a heartwarming event for moms to commemorate the spirits of their children, gone too soon, with a symbolic release of a butterfly for each child. Family members are encouraged to attend and enjoy the picnic and children's games.

Stay tuned for more details, including time and location! Photos are from our 2013 event.



Fundraising Success: Yard Sales and Flea Market



We exceeded all expectations for two successful yard sales in Knoxville and Oak Ridge to help in our fundraising efforts. Our final location was at the Oak Ridge Flea Market, where we once again met generous donors and shoppers!

Funds help us continue our outreach efforts to reach moms who need us because we believe no mom should have to endure her grief journey alone.



Our Newest Gathering Location

We wish there was not a need for a group such as ours, but we are grateful that we have the resources and dedication from moms who are able to help in leadership roles.

We are pleased to offer a third location for gatherings, starting in July, increasing our reach to Roane County for bereaved moms to share their feelings in a private and supportive environment. We have secured space at

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1658 Roane State Highway, in Harriman. Our gatherings are not affiliated with the church.

Gatherings will be led by Melissa Price, *Josh's mom*, and a Listening Hearts officer. The regular schedule will be announced in the next few weeks.

The kick-off gathering is scheduled for Saturday, July 19, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Share this information with any moms who need our support in the Anderson or Roane County region because no mom should have to endure her grief journey alone.

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<http://listeningheartsmoms.org>

Join the conversation on:

facebook

Closed group for private posts;
email us for access.

Follow us on:


Pin us at:


LOVE GIFTS

Your tax deductible donations make it possible to reach out to other grieving mothers through this newsletter, group sessions, and social media networks.

Love gifts can be made at all group meetings or mailed. Make checks payable to Listening Hearts.

Thank you for your generous support!

ANONYMOUS DONTATIONS

Thank you for your contributions and support during our fundraising yard sales.

New Website: www.ListeningHeartsMoms.org

Spread the word! We have a new website.

We are starting small and currently have pages describing our mission, listing our gatherings, and making donation options available over a secure network.

Plans are underway to transfer this newsletter to the website. We will also have pages that feature our open events and commemorate our children. We will also have a Members Only area for moms to log in and share information with other moms and find grief resources.

We are excited to be working on the revised website to increase our reach, not only locally but as far as the Internet reaches, to help those who need us. Such an effort takes

funds, and so we especially appreciate those who visit the site and make a donation to help us. You can help by sharing this information with friends and family!

Visit the site and see what we have been up to!

www.listeningheartsmoms.org

About Us...

Listening Hearts is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. It is a self-help gathering of bereaved mothers from all walks of life. We wish every day that there was not a need for such a group.

It does not matter the age of the child or the cause of death. Nor does it matter the length of time since the child's death. All bereaved mothers are welcome.

No one should travel this journey alone. Join us, as we help each other find ways to carry the pain of this loss and the joy of the love for our child in the same heart.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the making of this newsletter. We are honored to share the love and memories of your precious child. Photographs and articles submitted may be used on the website, unless otherwise noted.