



**3rd ANNUAL
BURTONSVILLE DAY (18th Year)
SIDS WALK
SATURDAY, September 27, 2008
GREENCASTLE LAKES
GREENCASTLE ROAD, BURTONSVILLE
8:AM – 9:AM "Rain or Shine"**

Once again the Annual Walk-A-Thon held by the Burtonsville Day Celebration Committee for the past 18 years, has adopted the **Center for Infant and Child Loss** as its charity. Cecelia & Lee Pfeffer of The Learning Tree Child Development Centers will serve again as the Chairs. Participants are asked to donate \$5.00 to walk or run the course around the Greencastle Lakes. The first 25 participants arriving will receive Burtonsville Day T-Shirts and there will be other items given to the participants.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is the sudden, unexpected death of an apparently healthy infant remaining unexplained after an autopsy, death scene investigation, and a medical history review. SIDS continues to be the leading cause of infant death, claiming the lives of approximately 3000 infants in the United States each year. In 1974, recognizing the impact of SIDS on families and communities, the importance of compassionate intervention, and the need to determine the cause of SIDS, legislators passed the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Act (Public Law 93-270). Although the cause(s) of SIDS has continued to be undetermined, factors that can decrease the risk of SIDS are being identified. As the body of research expands, it seems most likely that SIDS will have more than one explanation.

SIDS Facts:

- Each year 3,000 - 4,000 infants in the U.S. die of SIDS: approximately 50 deaths occur in Maryland
- Infants between two and four months are the most frequent victims
- Infants appear healthy; death is rapid and silent, usually occurring while the baby is sleeping

We do know that SIDS is:

- NOT caused by suffocation, vomiting, or choking
- NOT contagious or hereditary
- NOT a result of child abuse or neglect
- NOT predictable

Here's What You Can Do To Help!

We need to raise money for this very worthwhile cause. Your generosity can help keep the work done by the Center for Infant and Child Loss continue. Please be a sponsor and support our endeavors. It has been said many times – 'There is nothing worse than a parent losing a child'.

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Burtonsville Day - 3rd Annual SIDS Walk/Run

SPONSOR

Patron Level	\$ 25.00
Bronze Level	\$ 50.00
Silver Level	\$ 100.00
Gold Level	\$ 250.00
Platinum Level	\$ 500.00
EVENT SPONSOR	\$ 1000.00

Checks should be made out to: The Center for Infant and Child Loss /BV
The Center for Infant & Child Loss, UMBF, is a non-profit, 501-3C organization. Tax ID: 31.1678.679

As a sponsor you will be recognized on both the Burtonsville Day Celebration Web site and The Center for Infant & Child Loss Web site. A sign will be present at the walk and at the Burtonsville Day Celebration listing you as a sponsor.

Please visit the Center for Infant and Child Loss on their web-site

www.infantandchildloss.org

www.burtonsvilleday.org

Unexpected Death

"...a monumental impact..."

Sudden unexpected death is the abrupt unimaginable cessation of life, and has a monumental impact on the family and community. The grief process following the precipitous loss of an infant or child has facets not necessarily associated with an anticipated loss, such as:

- Shock of discovery
- Dealings with emergency responders
- Inquiry by investigators and law enforcement
- Exposure to the Office of the Medical Examiner's autopsy process
- Uncertainty of family and friends
- Lengthy waiting period for final diagnosis
- Possibility of no answers

Won't you help us help others?

Sincerely,

Cecelia & Lee Pfeffer

Burtonsville Day Celebration Committee & SIDS Walk Chairpersons