

## HEALING FROM THE HEART

A terminal diagnosis or the death of a baby is one of the most devastating experiences a family can go through. Angel Babies is here to help, providing compassionate and personal support for you and your family.



*“Our hearts were full of hope and joy at the anticipated arrival of our son, Liam, and it is difficult to express how our world shattered when we learned he would not survive. In our darkest hours as a family, I made a call to Angel Babies not knowing what to expect and unsure if any of our consuming questions could be answered. That call changed everything... My wife and I met with a compassionate and caring grief counselor who helped us put the pieces together. We were given support and resources that made all the difference. Liam could not stay with us, but the quality of our time with him was vastly improved because of the essential role Angel Babies played during that defining time for us as a family and for that we will be forever grateful.”*

 Liam's Dad



The only service of its kind in Central California, the Angel Babies program is just one of the many ways Hinds Hospice fulfills its mission of supporting those who have lost a loved one. Other services include: Inpatient and Outpatient Hospice Care, Pediatric Hospice, Center for Grief & Healing, Multicultural Outreach, Physician Education, Prison Hospice, and Thrift Stores.

As a nonprofit organization, Hinds Hospice would welcome your generous, tax-deductible donation, which will ensure that Angel Babies is here to offer care and counseling to future generations. Donations may be mailed to any of the below addresses marked “Angel Babies.”



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## OUR MISSION

As part of the Hinds Hospice Center for Grief and Healing, the mission of the Angel Babies program is to comfort, support and uphold the dignity of families whose babies have a life-limiting condition or whose babies have died.

*"It is hard to put into words the gratitude we feel for all the love and support you offered us during our time with Christopher. You were there from the beginning, even before his birth, and your continued support after his passing has been a blessing. Your guiding hands through it all will never be forgotten. We are forever grateful. Thank you."*



*Christopher's Mom*

*"There is no foot too small that it cannot leave an imprint on this world."*

## BEREAVEMENT SERVICES

People are not taught how to deal with the death of a baby. Our friends and family often don't know what to say. Most people expect the parents, especially the father, to return to work within a few days after the loss and be "back to normal" within a matter of months. But the death of a baby changes parents forever, and results in a uniquely deep and personal grieving process. The Angel Babies' bereavement service provides families with helpful information and support during their journey of grief and mourning.

### *Services include:*

- 💧 Support groups for mothers, fathers, children and others
- 💧 Grief counseling for individuals, couples and families
- 💧 Grief materials, resources and lending library
- 💧 Community education and events that support pregnancy and infant loss.
- 💧 Memorial and special events for parents and families

*"In time, everyone seemed to move on and not mention our baby anymore. I knew that with Angel Babies I always had a safe place to remember and talk about my baby."*



*Katelyn's Mom*

## PERINATAL HOSPICE

The news of an unborn baby being diagnosed with a life-limiting condition is heartbreaking. Angel Babies offers a perinatal hospice program designed for families who have received this diagnosis, offering support during pregnancy and providing ideas for creating loving memories. Hospice services are available for babies who survive after birth and are in need of special care. This care can be provided in the baby's home or in the Hinds Hospice Home. This program assists families to both welcome and enjoy their baby and, when necessary, to say good-bye.

### *Services include:*

- 💧 Support during pregnancy
- 💧 Preparation for the birth experience
- 💧 Suggestions for memories, photographs announcements
- 💧 Working as a team with your family and medical providers
- 💧 Helping your family with information and planning
- 💧 Being a companion for your family through your grief and mourning

