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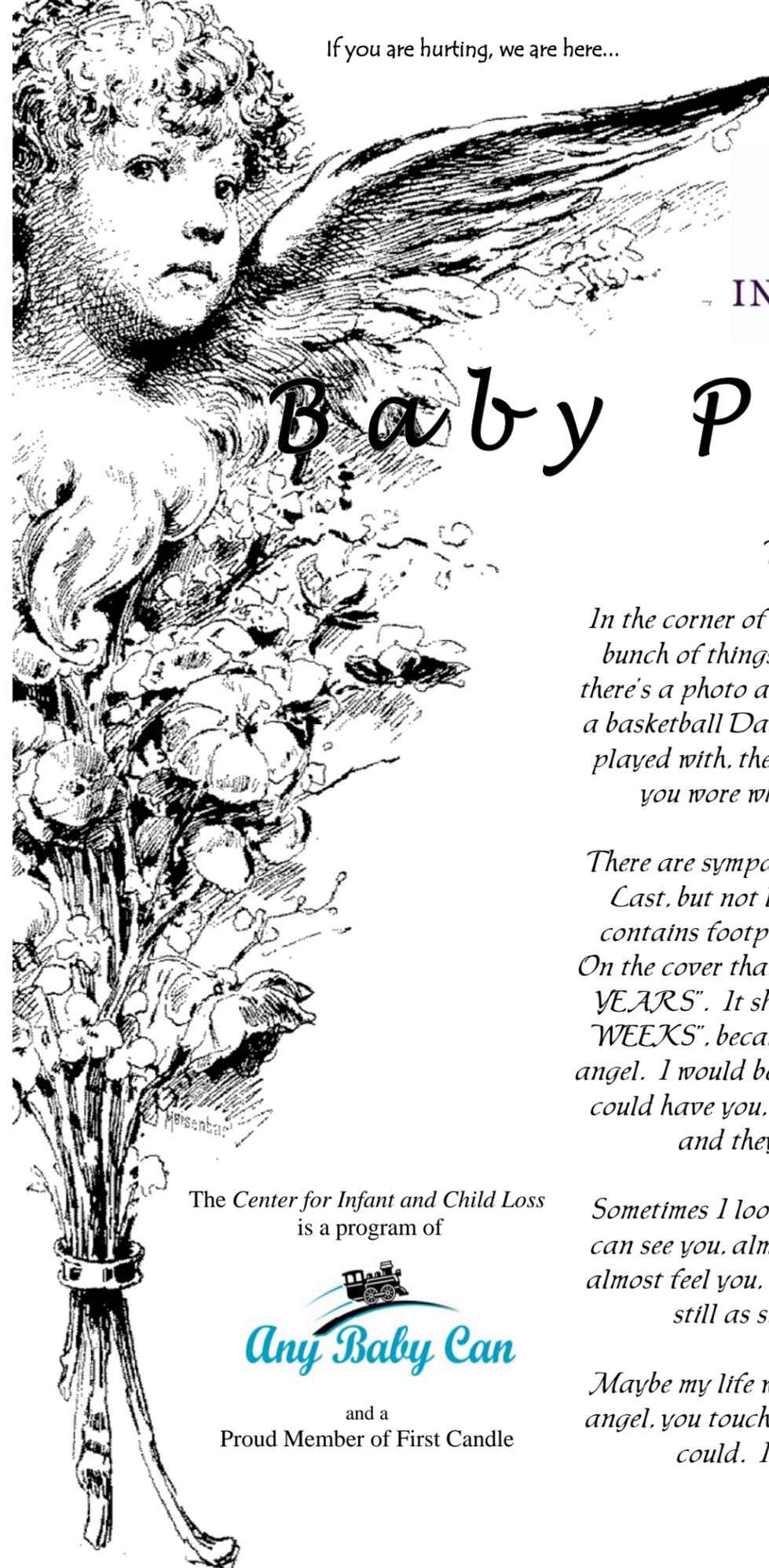
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If you are hurting, we are here...

Baby Prints

The Box
Theresa Rench

In the corner of my room sits a box. Inside are a bunch of things, there's a brown stuffed bunny, there's a photo album with too few pictures, there's a basketball Daddy bought you that never will be played with, there's a pair of Jean Overalls that you wore when you were just a week old.

There are sympathy cards from everyone we love. Last, but not least, there's a baby book which contains footprints and all the things you did. On the cover that book says, "BIRTH TO SEVEN YEARS". It should say, "BIRTH TO SEVEN WEEKS", because that's how long you lived, my angel. I would be glad to throw that box away if I could have you, but memories are all I have now, and they are very precious to me.

Sometimes I look at that stuff so much, it's like I can see you, almost but not quite. I touch it and almost feel you, but not quite. My love for you is still as strong and always will be.

Maybe my life will be normal, not quite. For, my angel, you touched my life more than anyone ever could. I love you, my little angel.

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Jon's 5K Run/Stroll Supporters

Newsletter

Do you have a poem or article that you would like to see included in our newsletter?
Please send by mail, fax or email.

Save the Dates...



**The Nineteenth
Annual Candlelight
Memorial Service**

November 13, 2010
4:00pm

Christ Episcopal Church
510 Belknap Place
San Antonio, Texas



Each year a candlelight healing ceremony is held at the Christmas Box Angel Monument at:

The University of Incarnate Word
4301 Broadway
San Antonio, Texas 78209
December 6, 2010
7:00pm

San Antonio Angel of Hope Foundation
www.saangelofhope.org



Some people come into our lives...and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same.

Your Loved One Lives In Your Heart

*May tender memories
Soften your grief,
May fond recollection
Bring you relief,
And may you find comfort
And peace in the thought
Of the joy that knowing
Your loved one brought...*

*For time and space
Can never divide
Or keep your loved one
From your side
When memory paints
In colors true
The happy hours
That belonged to you.
—Helen Steiner Rice*



Mending children's hearts...
The Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas offers grief support to children, teens, and their families. Their services include peer support groups, private counseling, and workshops. If you know a child or teen in need of grief support, please contact the Bereavement Center at 210-736-4847.

Our History...



The Center for Infant and Child Loss was founded in 1987 as a special community initiative of Any Baby Can, a highly recognized not-for-profit agency with over 25 years of successful leadership in Central and South Texas. Any Baby Can provides assistance to families who have children facing serious health or developmental challenges. When families face the challenge of losing a child, the Center for Infant and Child Loss is there to provide guidance and support through this difficult time.

If you wish to be removed from our mailing list, please contact the Center at (210) 227-0530.

To those outside the family, the composition of the family may seem to change when a child dies. A sibling may become an only child; a younger child may become the oldest or the only child; the middle child may no longer have that title; or the parents may never be able to, or perhaps, may choose not to, have another child. Nonetheless, the birth order of the child who died is fixed permanently in the minds and hearts of the parents. Nothing can change the fact that this child is considered a part of the family forever, and the void in the family constellation created by the child's death also remains forever.

In a newsletter for bereaved parents, one mother wrote, "It feels like a branch from our family tree has been torn off." Another grieving mother continues, "I felt that way, too. A small branch, one whose presence completed us, had been ripped from our family and left a large wound. Without it, we were lopsided and off balance. When subsequent children are born, [they] do not replace the fallen branch, but create a new limb all their own." (*Wisconsin Perspectives Newsletter, Dec. 1996*)



The **Center Memorial** has been recently re-designed to offer additional space for those families wishing to share a photograph of their little angel. These beautiful faces represent a life cut short but certainly not forgotten.

If you would like to have your child's picture added to our new, **Center Memorial** please call 227-0530.

The Center Memorial will be displayed at the Annual Candlelight Service

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Please contact us if you and/or your family would like to participate in counseling services. Our grief counseling services are offered at **no cost**.

Contact Katherine Ratcliff
Director, Center for Infant and Child Loss
227-0530

**A part of you has grown in me,
together forever we shall be,
never apart,
maybe in distance,
but not in heart"**

-Unknown

Resources that may help you with your grief journey...

Websites

www.marymadelineproject.org

Mary Madeline Project

It is the purpose of the Mary Madeline Project to provide comfort and support to grieving families that have suffered the death of a baby.

www.myforeverchild.com

My Forever Child

Creates personalized remembrance jewelry and memorial keepsakes.

