# **Infant Loss Support Resources for Families**

#### Websites:

**www.nationalshareoffice.com** The mission of Share Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support, Inc. is to serve those whose lives are touched by the tragic death of a baby through early pregnancy loss, stillbirth, or in the first few months of life.

**www.climb-support.org** We are parents throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and beyond who have experienced the death of one or more, both or all of our twins or higher multiples at any time from conception through birth, infancy and childhood.

www.mend.org M.E.N.D. (Mommies Enduring Neonatal Death) is a Christian, non-profit organization that reaches out to families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant death.

**www.aplacetoremember.com** Support materials and resources for those who have been touched by a crisis in pregnancy or the death of a baby.

www.marchofdimes.com/Baby/loss.html Information and resources for parents and extended families in the event of an infant death.

http://centering.org/ Centering Corporation 1531 N Saddle Creek Road, Omaha, NE 68104. A grief resource center for materials and other information.

Additional books supporting **parents** in grief:

### Too Soon A Memory by Pat Schwiebert, RN

This guide provides practical information for the couple facing grief following a miscarriage. This book will validate those deeply affected by the loss, as well as those who will move quickly through their grief.

When Hello Means Goodbye: A guide for parents whose child dies before birth, at birth, or shortly after birth. By Pat Schwiebert, RN and Paul Kirk, MD

Suggestions to help parents best use the short time they have with their baby. Topics include reasons for seeing, holding, and naming their baby.

**Swallowed by a Snake: The gift of the masculine side of healing** by Thomas R. Golden This book is for men or women and speaks about the masculine side of grief and healing from a loss. It will help you move through the pain of loss and into a place of healing and transformation.

# A Gathering of Angels by Victoria Leland, RN

Parents who grieve the loss of a baby will find validation, hope, and consolation in this comforting book. Although diverse in their ages, religions, and professions, the mothers that share their personal stories will speak to readers from all walks of life. Those trying to support a loved one who has lost a baby will find understanding about parental grief and will be empowered to more effectively help their loved ones.

# Blankets: A Grief Journey by Jane Larson Wipf

This book is so much more than just a grief journey. It is a journey of faith and love and hope. Ms. Wipf's writing is eloquent and the photographs of her son are beautiful. We feel honored to be allowed to share her journey with her terminally ill son, and in the end, we feel her peace.

## A Fistful of Agates by Jane Larson Wipf

Ms. Wipf's letters to her young son are her way of dealing with her grief over his terminal illness and his eventual death, but they are so much more. They are a gift to all of us who have ever suffered a loss or who have ever had to hold fast to our faith when we found ourselves on an unfamiliar journey where we had to find our way step by step.

**Mommy, Please Don't Cry...There Are No Tears in Heaven** by Linda DeYmaz This is a book of hope and healing with beautiful illustrations, and gentle, poignant words that express the love of heaven through the eyes of a child and offers comfort to parents who miss them dearly.