Little Angel Fund, Inc. NEWSLETTER

A newsletter for the families, fliends and benefactors of the Little Angel Fund

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Dedicated To Supporting, Educating And Caring Throughout THE NICU experience.

NEW TO NICU

The NICU experience can be a difficult time filled with questions, mixed emotions and new adjustments. When combined with many other factors, it can cause stress, anxiety, and fear. YOU ARE NOT ALONE, the Little Angel Fund consists of parents who have been through a similar experience and are interested in helping you and your family through the difficult times. Since all NICU patient information is kept confidential, we are not aware of your needs unless you contact us. If you are a NICU parent or relative looking for resources, a shoulder to lean on, or someone to listen and share experiences, please take advantage of our programs and services. Just call 631-736-2512 and we will be happy to assist your in any way we can. We look forward to hearing from you.

Little Angel Fund Established in Memory of Amanda Rose Tranfaglia

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LITTLE ANGEL FUND IN MEMORY OF AMANDA ROSE TRANFAGLIA



The Little Angel Fund is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. We are a group of parents helping parents through a difficult time in their lives. Our goal is to make life a little easier and more comfortable for the premature and seriously ill infants and their families while they are in the NICU, after they graduate from the NICU and to act as a source of help and support for the bereaved. We are dedicated to supporting, educating and caring throughout the NICU experience.

GOALS:

- To make life a little easier and more comfortable for the infants and their families.
- To increase public awareness to the needs of these special infants and how best to fulfill them.
- * To educate and inform the community on the importance of prenatal care, recognition of the signs of preterm labor, prediction, early detection and diagnosis, new advances in technology for prevention of preterm labor, and preventive measures and care of subsequent high risk pregnancies.

SERVICES:

- Organize and sponsor fund raising events.
- Participate in local and national conferences, workshops and lectures in order to obtain information.
- Maintain an up-to-date file containing printed material on various subjects dealing with prematurity, subsequent high risk pregnancy, grief and bereavement.
- Provide a Support Network of volunteers to operate a telephone referral/information program for parent support.
- Offer trained, matched parent to Parent Listeners for these parents who wish to talk to someone with a similar experience.
- Publish a newsletter once a year to serve as a vehicle for parents and families to share their experiences and feelings.
- Visit the NICU at Stony Brook University
 Medical Center each month distributing cards, toys,
 hats and blankets to the babies and special gifts
 for the nurses,
- Upon admission into the NICU at Story Brook Hospital each child is given a "Welcome Package".
- Upon graduation from the NICU each child is given a Discharge Diploma
- In the case of a loss, a Memory Box is given to the family.

LITTLE ANGEL FUND, INC.

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Jenny Tranfaglia, Joseph Tranfaglia, JeAnne March, Dr. Joseph DeCristofaro, Dorero DeMeglio Linda Howard, Marie Martin, Carmen DiBartolomeo, Kathy Southerton, PhD and Mark Gelbs.

LITTLE ANGEL FUND NEWSLETTER

Jenny Tranfaglia, Editor in Chief

The Goal of this publication is to provide parents who care for children who are premature, high risk, have special needs, and for parents who have experienced the loss of a child with a source of information and support.

We hope this Newsletter will serve as a vehicle for parents and families to share their personal experiences and feeling with others.

The Little Angel Fund would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation and sincere THANKS to Ed Martin and Michael Sammartano who have believed in our goals and cared enough to help us reach out to families in need through our newsletter. They have been able to print our newsletter free of charge for years. At this time, Star Quality Printing, will be printing the newsletter for a small fee and the paper will be donated by various companies. Recently Graphic Paper of New York, Inc. has kindly donated the paper.

We appreciate their time, talents, generosity and true concern.









This newsletter is being dedicated to Mario Discepola. He was the uncle of Jenny Tranfaglia who is the Founder and Chairperson of the Little Angel Fund. Mario was a loyal and dedicated member of the organization. He was Amanda's great uncle and it meant a great deal to him. He supported us emotionally and financially. Mario had one very special talent which he shared with the Little Angel Fund. He was an artist. Each year he made a kind and generous donation for Christmas. It was in an envelope with a personal drawing one it. In almost every one of our past newsletters you could find a drawing or sketch that he made specifically for us.

The Discepola and Tranfaglia families want to thank all those who made donations in his memory to the Little Angel Fund. He will be missed but in our hearts forever.

Here is a sample of his wonderful work.















NICU MONTHLY VISITS



HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL OUR NICU MONTHLY VISIT VOLUNTEERS

Gifts for the following months have been purchased and donated in honor or in memory of a loved one.





January- Donated in memory of Joseph DiBartolomeo, and in honor of Nicholas Tranfaglia for his 30TH birthday

February - Donated in memory of Cody Sapienza

March - Donated in honor of Nick Tranfaglia and Sarah Engel's 6th month engagement

April - Donated in honor of Jenny Tranfaglia's birthday

May - Donated in honor of Joseph Tranfgalia's birthday

November – Donated in memory of John and Johnny Silvestro in remembrance of their birthdays December – Donated in memory of Amanda Rose Tranfaglia by her family in remembrance of her 32nd birthday.

We want to thank Valerie Sheehan for volunteering her time as coordinator. A heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all our monthly volunteers who take the time to visit the NICU at Stony Brook Hospital. They distribute hats, blankets, toys and other handmade special items to the babies. They offer a listening ear, hand out our newsletters and other literature. If we can be of any help or support, do not hesitate to contact us at 736-2512.

NICU MONTHLY VISIT VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for all the many hours you have volunteered on the committee. We appreciate your dedication and devotion.

Jenny and Joe Tranfaglia, Valerie, George and Delia Sheehan, Candice Clifford and her friends, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford, Charlotte Zeman and friends, JoAnne, Dennis, Danny and Annie March, Linda Howard, Julia & Peter York, Loren Langenhahn and friends, Jennie Williams, Allison Florio, Susan Winheim, Sharon Frank and those who have gone for one time only.

Anyone interested in serving on this committee and willing to be trained, please contact Jenny at 736-2512. We are in need to volunteers for this program. So if you can donate one hour of your time every other month, please give us a call. Thank you.









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To our committee coordinators for volunteering their time and talents: JoAnne March, Valerie Sheehan, Carmen and Jeff DiBartolomeo, and Charlotte Zeman

Christine Mair for bringing the Welcome packages, NICU Grad Diplomas and newsletters to the NICU at Stony Brook University Children's Center.

Mary Holland and Barbara Bremer for rides to events and meeting for the Little Angel Fund.

Thomas Holland for bagging hats with cards and folding and attaching cards to gifts for the babies in the NICU for several months.

Amelia Silvestro for folding and attaching cards to the gifts for the babies in the NICU for several months.

Courtney Heaney (NICU Grad) for folding and attaching cards to the gifts for the babies in the NICU and putting hats in bags.

Laurie McKasty for folding and attaching cards to the gifts for the babies in the NICU.

To all who volunteer their time in one way or another to help our organization

Doreen DeMedglio for all her help in transporting Welcome Packages and other materials from our office to the NICU.

Barbara Bremer for making all the hats (40) for the babies in the NICU during the months of January, February, March, September, October, November and December. Many volunteers contribute hats and blankets in smaller amounts.

Our Blanket Brigade: Barbara Bremer, Lori Maeder, Dolores Blasco, Darlene Hall, Linda Bellis, Tina Follicro, Marina Del Bianco, Terryville Homemakers, Annmarie Hewitt (also makes booties), Town of Southhampton Senior Knitting Circle, Bonnie Connelly and friends, Mary Smith, Jan Stevens, Barbara Keraga, Virginia Hogan, Linda Demola, Marilyn Frame, and Grace Zelli. Special thanks to Mrs. Carter for delivering blankets her mother in law makes.

Our Hat Brigade: Barbara Bremer, Annmarie Hewitt, Bonnie Prettyman, Corky Addeox, Nettie

Breslin, Bonnie Connelly, Terryville Homemakers, Town of Southampton Senior Knitting Circle, Patricia Hall, Marion Gamble and the Marion Council Columbietts, Terry Ruggiero (also makes booties) Virginia Hogan, Marilyn Frame and Barbara Keraga.

Pat Armbruster for sewing beautiful white garments for the babies in the NICU at Stony Brook Children's Hospital.

Carmen and Jeff DiBartolomeo for continuing to maintain our website.

Carmen DiBartolomeo for continuing to package our Welcome Packages and for the volunteers from the National Honor Society from S. H. Calhoun High School for helping to assemble the Welcome Bags...

Dawn Davila for assembling several hundred NICU Diploma Packets for the babies that graduate from the NICU at Stony Brook Hospital and for helping get gifts for our Annual Golf Outing.

Valerie Sheehan for continuing to organize the monthly NICU Visit Volunteers

JoAnne March for coordinating the NICU Birthday Card program.

To the Board Members of the Little Angel Fund for their time, talents and true concern
To all our NICU Monthly Volunteers for visiting the NICU and distributing hats, blankets, toys
to the babies and gifts for the staff.

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Thank You for Your Donations

On behalf of the Little Angel Fund, we want to express our appreciation to all of the following for donating their time, hard work and financial assistance. Their help and support enables us to fulfill our goals and make plans for the future.





ANNUAL FUND RAISERS

The Little Angel Fund expresses it gratitude to the following vendors who have been most kind and generous over the years. During the year they visited 31 Research Way in Stony Brook and set up their products to sell. A portion of the proceeds is donated to our organization. We want to thank Ronnie Shapiero and Nancy O'Hara for their continuous support of our goals and services.

To our vendors: Terrie -Silver Creations, Doreen - Gardening Angels, Crystal - Thulis T and Maureen - Moe's Ornaments we say THANK YOU we appreciate your help and support. We would be remiss if we did not extend a heartfelt thank you to all our patrons who visit the cafeteria at 31 Research Way and make purchases. These ongoing fund raisers are a source of revenue during the year. We make every effort to post the dates on our website. Come visit them, make a purchase and support the NICU at Stony Brook Children's Hospital. We hope to continue these fund raisers in the coming year.



Anyone interested in sponsoring a fund raiser for the Little Angel Fund Contact us at 736-2512



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TOUCHSTONE CRYSTAL FUND RAISER

Patty Cols, a NICU mom, volunteer and benefactor of the Little Angel Fund, works for Touchstone Crystal by Swarovski. She offered to sponsor a Fund Raiser to benefit our organization. With the help of Jenny Tranfaglia and her coworkers Patty donated \$200 and several pieces of jewelry.

Thank you to those who purchased jewelry. Wear them in good health and enjoy. Thank you to Patty Cols for her help and support. If anyone is interested in buying jewelry, having a party at home or a book party contact Patty Cols, Independent Consultant 610-704-2048 or TouchstoneCrystal.com/Pattycols

Cheek out www.touchstonecrystal.com you will love what you see.





VERY SPECIAL FRIENDS

Taking the Time - Going the Extra Mile - Making an Effort



These sayings are often said about friends and special people.

They really apply to the following Little Angel Fund members who did fulfill their meaning.

would like to tell you about these members and how they went out of their way to be of help and support.

WELL

SACHEM HIGH SCHOOL EAST AWAKE - A - THON



Our dear friends from Sachem High School East held their Annual Awake – A – Thon over the Martin Luther King weekend. This has been a tradition in Sachem for many, many years. The Sachem East 9th Grade Freshman Class government raised \$ 1081.00 and donated it to the Little Angel Fund. We appreciate their dedication and support of the Little Angel Fund's goals and services.

This weekend was filled with games, sports, various activities, music, food and refreshments. The students and parents, with the help and support of their Advisor, **Jaimie Donaruma**, worked very hard to make this a successful fund raiser.

We want to express our appreciation to Mr. Holden, a NICU dad and teacher at Sachem East, for his continued support. Heartfelt thanks to the Freshman class, their parents, sponsors and advisors for taking the time to organize and attend this weekend. We thank all those who participated in any way with this event. Thank you for helping to make a difference in the lives of others. You are shining examples of what can and is being done by the youth of our community. This is a wonderful way to give back to the community and those in need.

We extend our congratulations to them for all their hard work and dedication. We are honored to work with Sachem over these past years. We wish you good luck in your future endeavors and look forward to this Awake-A-Thon next year. P.S. Thank you to Jaimie Donaruma for delivering the donation. It was appreciated.



























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BRISTAL ASSISTED LIVING



Gabrielle Murphy worked with the woman in the Reflections Progam at the Bristal Assisted Living in Lake Grove. They worked very hard on making several lovely blankets for the Little Angel Fund. They posted a sign for the month asking any visitors to make or donate blankets. Jenny Tranfaglia and Barbara Bremer were invited to meet the women and receive a huge box of blankets.

It was a pleasure to meet the ladies and spend time with them. We all enjoyed refreshments which the Little Angel Fund brought to thank them for all their hard work and dedication.

We wish them success in their future endeavors and hope to work with them in the future.









SPECIAL FRIENDS

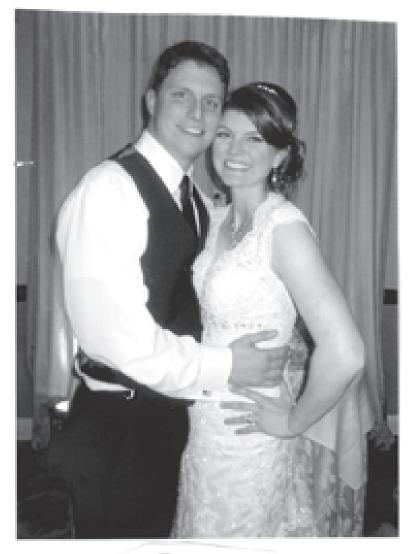


CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU

We want to thank Dennis and Jen for their kind and generous donation. Their donation was made in lieu of favors for their wedding. This was very special since Dennis is one of our NICU grads. His parents have been volunteers ever since Dennis was born.

On a personal note, Jenny and Joe were invited to join in their celebration. The wedding was beautiful. Everything at the reception was perfect. We wish Dennis and Jen years of happiness and love. Thank you for remembering and helping to make a difference.

DENNIS & JEN MARCH



JOANNE & DANNY MARCH

To Whom It May Concern,
Enclosed is a donation in lieu
of wedding favors. We chose to
donate to two charities that mean
a lot to us, and the Little Angel Fund
is one of them. Thank you for all you
do. It does not go unnoticed and is
greatly appreciated! Hope our donation
helps to continue what you do for the
families in the NICU!

Love and Thanks, Dennis and Jen March



Congratulations!









Jenny and Joseph Tranfaglia, Founders and Chairperson, of the Little Angel Fund, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on October 25, 2016. They shared a brunch with family and friends at the Three Village Inn which included readings from their wedding, personal thoughts and a Franciscan blessing.

Jenny and Joe took this opportunity to register at Babies R Us. They did not want personal gifts but asked their quests to purchase something from the registry. These baby items were given to the babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Stony Brook Children's Hospital.

We want to thank all our family and friends for their kindness and generosity. We were able to fill 42 gift bags. It was a very special day filled with memories.



SPECIAL FRIENDS







THE PLEASANT INN CLAM BAKE

The Pleasant Inn in St. James sponsored its' first ANNUAL CLAM BAKE fund raiser on July 12, 2015. The proceeds from this event were donated to the Little Angel Fund. There was a \$10.00 cover which included food and drink specials. They held a 50/50 and gift basket prizes.

It was a warn summer day just perfect for a clam bake. Many guests were in attendance including Little Angel Fund members. The Chapters Rap radio show host, Steve Vaccaro, interviewed Linda Howard. She spoke about the organization and explained our goals and services. Steve and the radio crew videoed Jenny and Joseph Tranfaglia speaking about the upcoming Golf Outing and expressing their gratitude to the Pleasant Inn for sponsoring this great event.

We want to thank Joe DeStefano, owner of the Pleasant Inn, his staff and all who participated in making this fund raiser such a success. From the cover charge, raffles and baskets \$896.00 was raised. This included the raffle money that Mike and Karen Kelley won and donated back to us. We want to say Thank You to Linda Howard and Charlotte Zeman for all their hard work and dedication.

Check out the photos on our web site.www.littleangelfundine.org. We look forward to the Second Annual Clam Bake this summer. Visit our website for details.









SEE YOU IN THE SUMMER 2016







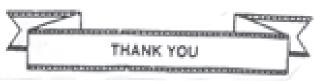




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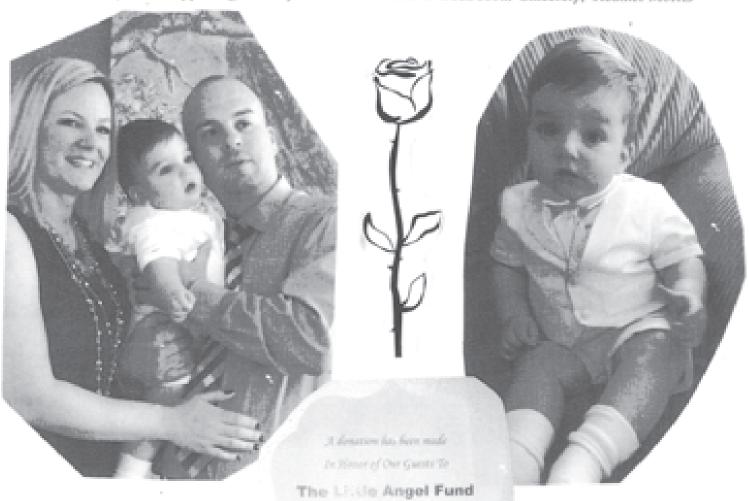
DONATE BASKETS



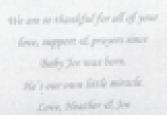


Hi, Jenny,

Here is the check for the donation and the gift certificate for the golf outing. After the christening I will send some pictures and write a little about our story. Basically though my son, Joseph Daniel, was born 11/4/14 (due date 1/2/15) at 31 weeks. I had an amazing pregnancy until 10/30/14 and I had a slight bleed and found I was 4 cm dilated. Joseph was in the NICU for 39 days, we took him home 12/12/14. We were comforted by the gifts we got from you just knowing our son was being thought about was helpful. Joseph is 8 months old now and is more than thriving. Looking back now I am so proud of all he has been through and what my husband and I made it through. (we were married for one month when we found out we were pregnant) Thank you for supporting so many families. We'll be in touch soon. Sincerely, Heather Morris







Supporting NCCU Families at Stony direct Mospital

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Hi Jenny,

We had Baby Joe's First Birthday party yesterday. We asked that instead of birthday presents for him-people bring items for NICU families/babies. I'm overwhelmed with all hat we got, what's the best way to get it to you? I will never forget how I felt when the nurses told me to bring in clothes for him to wear and I realized I didn't have any...and when we got his pumpkin hat... I realized that so many others were thinking of him without knowing him. I'm so excited with how much was donated! Let me know how/when I can give you everything.

Thank you! Heather

In Honor of Our Son's First Birthday
Joseph Daniel was born at 31 weeks on
November 4, 2014 (due date January 2, 2015).
He was 3 lbs & 15 oz and 17 ¼ inches long.
After 39 days we got to take him home and
we've been thankful everyday for the amazing
care he received in the NICU. We are also
grateful for the support of

For Joseph's first birthday party we asked our guests to bring items that we can pass on to all of those in the NICU now. These are all gifts of love and a reminder that you are all being thought of!

The Little Angel Fund.

Love, Joe & Heather Morris



WITH MUCH GRATITUDE

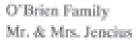
We want to express our appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Morris for their kind and most generous donations in honor of their son, Joseph for his Baptism and First birthday. It is always good to know that the Little Angel Fund has been of help and support to the families in the NICU. We make every effort to be available offering programs and services to our families. It was a pleasure to meet Heather and Joe Morris and help them distribute the gifts their family donated in honor of Joseph's birthday. Thank you to their family and friends for their donations. This was a very special way to celebrate the milestones in Joseph's life by giving back. We wish you much happiness and continued good health.





GOOD WILL





Mr. & Mrs. Savery Mr. & Mrs. Essendelft

Riverhead Chapter #1118 Women of the Moose







IN HONOR OF OUR DEAR LOVED ONES



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NICU Baby
Nancy Ford
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If We Could Bring You Back Again

If we could bring you back again, For one more hour or day, We'd express all our unspoken love; We'd have countless things to say.

If we could bring you back again, We'd say we treasured you, And that your presence in our lives Meant more than we ever knew.

If we could bring you back again, To tell you what we should, You'd know how much we miss you now, And if we could, we would.

By Joanna Fuchs



After They Are Gone

When someone we love passes away, We ache, but we go on; Our dear departed would want us to heal, After they are gone.

Grief is a normal way to mend The anguish and pain in our hearts; We need time to remember and time to mourn, Before the recovery starts.

Let's draw together to recuperate, As we go through this period of sorrow; Let's help each other, with tender care To find a brighter tomorrow.

By Joanna Fuchs



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Mario Discepola

Jenny, Joe, Nick Tranfaglia
Amelia Silvestro
Sue Caputo
Lorraine Ambrosecchio
Mr. & Mrs. L. Percio
Rose Presta
Mr. & Mrs. Mirenda
Mrs. Luliano
Co-Workers of Louis Discepola

Tina Silvestro Lorraine Ragiel Lisa & Maria Percio Engel Family Angela Tiso Terry & Frank Ruggiero Mr. & Mrs. Kittle Angelina

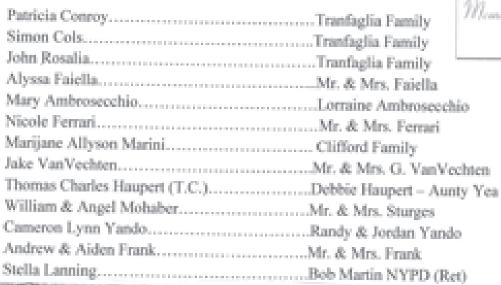
Mr. & Mrs. A. DiBartolomeo

Joseph DiBartolomeo Mr. & Mrs. Pugliesi

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Rivera Family
George & JoAnne Meadows
Jaack & Ednita Meadows

Chiara Torquato

Marco Torquato Ms. Langdon







BABIES' AND CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE



The Annual Babies and Children's Ceremony of Remembrance was held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Story Brook Children's Hospital. Parents and their families signed in and received a tiny pumpkin with a charm on it as a keepsake.

Refreshments were available before the ceremony and after. **D.J. Mark Kline** and his musicians provided peaceful and meditative music. Parents had the opportunity to write a note to their child on a leaf which was placed on a tree. These leaves are biodegradable and will be planted in the garden with their messages.

Dina Squillace gave the introduction and welcome. Jaclyn and John Lanning were the parent speakers. They told us all about their daughter, Stella. This was followed by Michelle Demetillo singing Light A Candle.

The beautiful Lighting of Candles came next. This ritual and beauty of lighting a candle has been part of many special days. They are forever yours. As always, the baby's names are read with a ringing of a bell. Family members come up and light a candle for their loved ones. These memories are etched in our minds forever. No one can ever take ways the gift and power of the relationship you have shared.

Sister Lynn said a lovely blessing which was also translated in Spanish by Maria Torres.

Jenny Tranfaglia spoke about the Little Angel Fund offering help and support. Joseph Tranfaglia read a poem and concluded by thanking all those who organized this event and invited everyone to the Garden for personal reflection and fellowship.

The Little Angel Fund made a contribution towards the ceremony. To view photos of the day visit our website: www.littleangelfundinc.org or the Garden website at www.stonybrookhospital.com.cmgarden. Anyone wishing to purchase a brick, make a donation or receive an invitation to this year's ceremony please call 444-02182

We want to thank the Ceremony and Garden Planning Committee for all their hard work. It takes months to organize this event. We thank all those who donated their time, talents and financial support to help make this ceremony special.

Mark your calendars this year's ceremony will be back on a Sunday. It will be Sunday,











STELLA ROSE LANNING



Jaclyn Lanning gave birth prematurely to their daughter, Stella Rose Lanning. Sad to say Stella passed away two days later. This was a most difficult time for Jaclyn and John. In their time of grief they reached out to help others. Raising funds in memory of Stella and donating them to the Little Angel Fund.

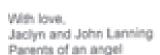
This past October they sold "Stella Bracelets" to raise money and awareness for infant and pregnancy loss. At their request all of the funds raised, \$350, were donated to the Little Angel Fund.

We want to thank you, your family and all who participated in purchasing the bracelets. Thank you for helping to make a difference in the lives of others.

All of us at the Little Angel Fund want to congratulate Jaclyn and John on the birth of their son, Ryan Thomas. Ryan was born on December 31, 2015 at 37 weeks weighing 7 lobs. 2 oz. Wish them much happiness and joy. Stella Rose will always be remembered with love.

This October, in honor of our daughter Stella Rose, my husband John and I sold bracelets to raise money and awareness for infant and pregnancy loss. The bracelets said "Remembering Stella Rose" on the inside and "Stellabrate Love" on the outside. John and I brought baskets of bracelets to our jobs and explained that all donations would be sent to the Little Angel Fund. We were amazed at the responses from our coworkers. I am a teacher at Centereach High School and it felt so good to see other teachers, teacher assistants, administrators, guidance counselors, school psychologists, speech therapists, secretaries, oustodians and even students wearing Stella Bracelets. John is a court officer in Riverhead, and he too was touched that so many people contributed including: court officers, lawyers, judges, and even jurors. We appreciate every donation whether it was \$1 or \$50. It was so generous and thoughtful of you all. We want to say thank you to all that participated in our fundraiser. It makes us feel so good to be able to help others while keeping our daughter's memory alive. We feel so blessed to work with such kind and generous and supportive people. Thank you Little Angels for all that you do for the infants and families of the NICU. We are eternally grateful for what you did for us when we lost our sweet Stella Rose last year. We know that the \$350 raised will be put to good use.













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October is Infant & Pregnancy Loss Awareness Month! All Docalicus xill go to The Little Angel Fund!

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Thank you so south!!! Love, Jackle and John Landing



FOURTH ANNUAL BENEFIT IN MEMORY OF BABY NAMI ZOFIA LYNE-STASIK



Nami Zofia Lyne-Stasik was stillborn on September 24, 2011. Her family celebrated her short life by giving hope and healing to others by sponsoring a Silpada Designs Fund Raiser. Proceeds were given to the Little Angel Fund in support of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Stony Brook Children's Hospital. Stephanic raised \$350.00. The family would like this donation to go to purchasing of memory boxes for the NICU at Stony Brook Children's Center in memory of their daughter Nami Zofia Layne Stasik.

We want to express our heartfelt appreciation to Stephanie and Bobby and their children, Kasumi, Alexander and Magdalena for sharing their time and talents. Thank you for your donation in memory of your daughter Nami Zofia Lynne-Stasik. We want to thank all those who participated in any way to help make this event successful.

Anyone interested in learning more about Silpada Designs, receiving a catalog, hosting a party, or making a donation can contact Stephanie Stasik at scstasik109@yahoo.com or 336-202-8160 or the Little Angel Fund at laf_us@yahoo.com.



Joseph & Jenny Tranfaglia, Dr. Speer, Dr. Maduekwe, Dr. Sridhar and Dr. DeCristofaro Dr. Speer has completed the experiments for the project from our grant and the findings have been accepted for poster presentation at the upcoming Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD in May.

Dr. Maduekwe also completed his work on the project and presented for poster in a National meeting in Philadelphis. I will print a copy of each poster in our 2017 Annual Newsletter.

Congratulation to both doctors on their work and findings.

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LITTLE ANGEL FUND LETTERS



Hi Jenny,

I am enclosing my donation of crocheted items for the babies in the NICU at Stony Brook Hospital. I hope they will come in handy. As per my email, my granddaughter was born early and she has been at Stony Brook since May 1st. She is doing well. Thank you for letting me be a part of this great cause. Thanks Again, Marilyn Frame



Hi Jenny,

How are you and your family? I hope everyone is well. I have been meaning to touch base with you. Sorry for the major delay. This past July 22nd, Alyssa would have been 25 years old. I was feeling a little sad that day when my husband and I visited the gravesite. But what I try to tell myself is that Allyssa guided us to our son, Allessio and for that I am extremely grateful. I am enclosing a check in memory of her 25th Birthday. And for all you have done and continue to do, we are grateful and truly thankful. With love, Karen and Robert Faiella.



Dear Little Angel Fund,

On Feb. 26, 1998, my son Edward Peter Ford was born at St. John's Hospital and sent right away to the NICU at Stony Brook. He had been born with pneumonia and was in very grave condition. We went through a lot of praying. He was hooked up to so many lines and tubes. I could not bear it. After three weeks we got a call he was improving so come up to see him. He came home to my other children ages 2, 3, and 6. The first years we had to be careful with germs and a nurse came to check out his development and evaluate him. He passed each month and was growing healthy. At one year he was deemed a "healthy baby boy". Now at age 17 ½, he is six foot three inches, very, very bright and excels in football, and plays all sports. He is my "calm, cool and collected 4th child who is full of love and a pure job and blessing. With all your love and earing at Stony Brook NICU and with God's care we are truly blessed. Please accept the donation towards other babies. Thank you and God bless the whole NICU staff. Fondly, Nancy E. Ford, (Ed's mom)

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Enclosed are 20 fall style hats along with 42 girl and 40 boy hat and blanket sets. These items were made with love by my family and friends in honor of Nora Gail Connelly born at 31 weeks.

Our preemie is now 10 and has just entered 6th grade. Nora is a very active young lady who enjoys dancing, acting and loves school.

Our youngest daughter Molly is 6 and just entered 1st grade. She also enjoys dancing, acting and loves minecraft.

We hope the families in the NICU find some comfort in these handmade items. We think about the NICU families, nurses and doctors every night and wish them all our best.





Dear Friends at Little Angel,
Our little girl was born 8/8/15
and had difficulty breathing.
She spend several days in the
SB NICU. Your kind and
generous donations warmed
our seared hearts. Thank you
So much for your love and time.
We are truly grateful.
Love, Jenni, Mike and Willow Grace











PREMATURITY MONTH

November is designated as Prematurity Month. The March of Dimes and the Little Angel Fund work together to bring awareness and education to the community about the signs and symptoms of having a premature baby. During that week various events were held at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Stony Brook Children's Hospital. The March of Dimes NICU Family support Specialist, Danielle Donohue, chose a day to offer the parents refreshment, discussion and fellowship. The Little Angel Fund contributed to this event.

We want to thank the March of Dimes, Stony Brook NICU and Danielle for working so hard in providing information and support to families in need.

For more information on the Walk for Babies go to the March of Dimes website or www.littleangelfund.org.





LITTLE ANGEL FUND CONFERENCES





Dear Jenny and Joe.

Thank you so much for your generous donation to our annual perinatal bereavement education day. It was attended by a large group of nurses from Story Brook University Hospita's Neonatal ICU and Labor and Delivery Unit. Grieving the loss of an infant is something that no family should have to endure.

These annual education days help staff to learn how they can provide the best care possible to the grieving family and their baby.

During the education days topics are discussed such as delivering bad news, creating memories and using Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep. It was an emotional day for all involved, however a necessary and important part of our job. The next Education day will be held in May 2016.

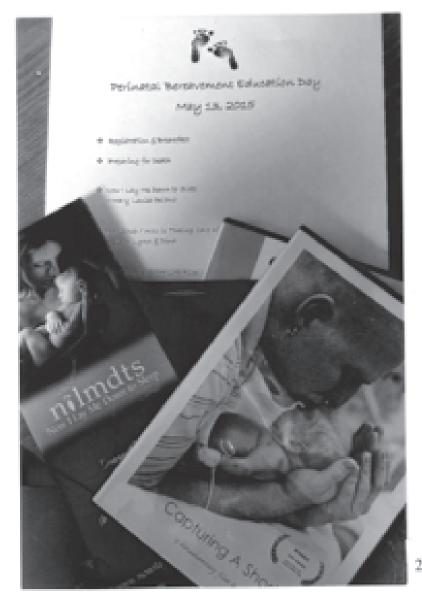
Thank you for all you do to support the families in our unit. We appreciate all your hard work.

Sincerely.

Dina Squillace RN

Pediatric Bereavement Coordinator











April 17, 2015

Ms. Jenny Tranfraglia Little Angel Fund P:O Box 510 Selden New York, 11784

Dear Jenny.

On behalf of the Transport Staff of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Stony Brook University Hospital. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sponsoring the lunch for the Perinatal Education Day on Monday, March 30th, 2015. There were ever thirty nurses that attended the Education Day.

The Perinanal Education Day provided an overview of different educational topics to the NICU & L&D Staff. The focus of Day was on Prenatal Genetic Screening, Maternal Substance Abuse, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, Observiral Emergencies, and Neonatal Encephalopethy.

We appreciate your continued support of the NICU staff and the bubies and families that they care for.

Adriana Combs, RN

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Regional Perinatal Center Coordinator Stony Brook University Hospital







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ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND PARISH

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish asked their parishioners as their Lenten Outreach Project to make donations to the Little Angel Fund's Welcome Package Program. The Welcome Packages are given to babies as they are admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Stony Brook Children's Hospital. There are about 1,000 admissions each year to the NICU.

Various items were needed. Members of the parish donated tissues, hand sanitizers, bibs, wash clothes, socks, mittens, hats, and mini note pads. They were most generous. Large bags of each item plus two large boxes were collected. A good will offering of \$446.31 was also given to the organization.

On behalf of the Little Angel Fund, the unit and the families we want to express our deepest appreciation for your kind and generous donations. Most of all thank you for believing in our goals and helping to support our programs and services.

A note of thanks and gratitude to Father Jim Wood, the pastor, Jackie Mirenda, the Outreach Coordinator, for their help and support in making this project a success. We appreciate that you chose the Little Angel Fund and the Welcome Package Program to receive these wonderful gifts. Thank you for reaching out into the community and helping to make a difference in the lives of others. You are shining examples of what can and is being done by the people at St. Margaret of Scotland's church to help others.

We wish you much success in your future endeavors and look forward to working with you again. Once the Welcome Packages are assembled, I will give you an update on how many

packages you have made possible.













LITTLE ANGEL FUND ANNUAL GOLF OUTING SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

Our Golf Outing for 2015 was held once again at Willow Creek Golf and Country Club. This is our only fund raiser for the year. The event was successful. We raised \$17,500. Thank you! The staff at Willow Creek was most helpful and friendly.

It was a bright, sunny day. There were 98 golfers, several volunteers and extra guests for the dinner. Everyone had an enjoyable day,

We want to express our appreciation to all who helped organize this fund raiser and participated in any way. It takes months of preparation, several trips to stores and companies to solicite donations, hundreds of follow up phone calls, months of organizing gifts and arranging the baskets, days of typing up lists of golfers, sponsorships and hours putting together the gift bags.

We are most grateful to all our volunteers, sponsors and golfers for sharing their time, talents and financial support. We want to single out the following for their extra special help and support.

Dinner sponsors - Gold Angels: Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ouk in memory of Kayley Amanda Ouk and Mr. & Mrs. Sedita in memory of Lyla Faith Crowe

Cocktail Hour sponsors - Silver Angels: Gene Coughlin in memory of Michalea Gelbs and The Kolsch Family

Mr. Mark Gelbs for his time and financial support and all his friends, co-workers and connections.

Mr. Mike Keonon, Mr. Ron Lazzarulo, Dr. & Mrs. Joseph DeCristofaro, Stony Brook University Children's Hospital, all of our T sign sponsors, volunteers for the day, volunteers who help get donations. All the staff at Willow Creek, Patty and her staff, and the banquet staff.

Please take the time to read our complete list of acknowledgements on the following pages. Also, go to our website: www.littleangelfundine.org to look at the photos.

Mark your calendars for this year's Golf Outing on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 at WILLOW CREEK GOLF COURSE AND COUNTRY CLUB. This is our main source of income for the year. Call us at 736-2512 to be a sponsor, play golf, attend the dinner, donate a gift for the supper raffle, volunteer or to be on a committee to solicite donations from stores and companies.

We look forward to hearing from you. We are grateful to you for believing in our goals and helping us to make a difference in the lives of others.

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Make any donation possible, money, gift certificate or gifts. Donating a raffle prize in honor or in memory or from a family or class would be great. Maybe two or three people can join together and donate a special gift for our SUPER RAFFLE.

Gifts are needed for the raffle and contests. A sign will be made with your name or company name noting your sponsorship. Your donation will be acknowledged in our spring, 2016 newsletter. Please find it in your heart to help make a difference in the lives of others.

We need at least 8 VOLUNTEERS to help out for the day. If you can give your time please call us. You will have fun and enjoy the day on the golf course. Greatest need is from 1:00 to 6:00.

We thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. Feel free to contact us at 736-2512 at any time. We look forward to hearing from you. Check out last year's photos at www.littleangelfundinc.org

Sincerely,

Jenny & Joseph Tranfaglia Founders & Chairpersons BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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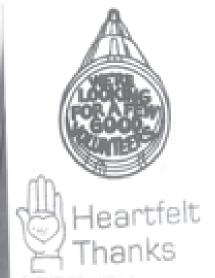
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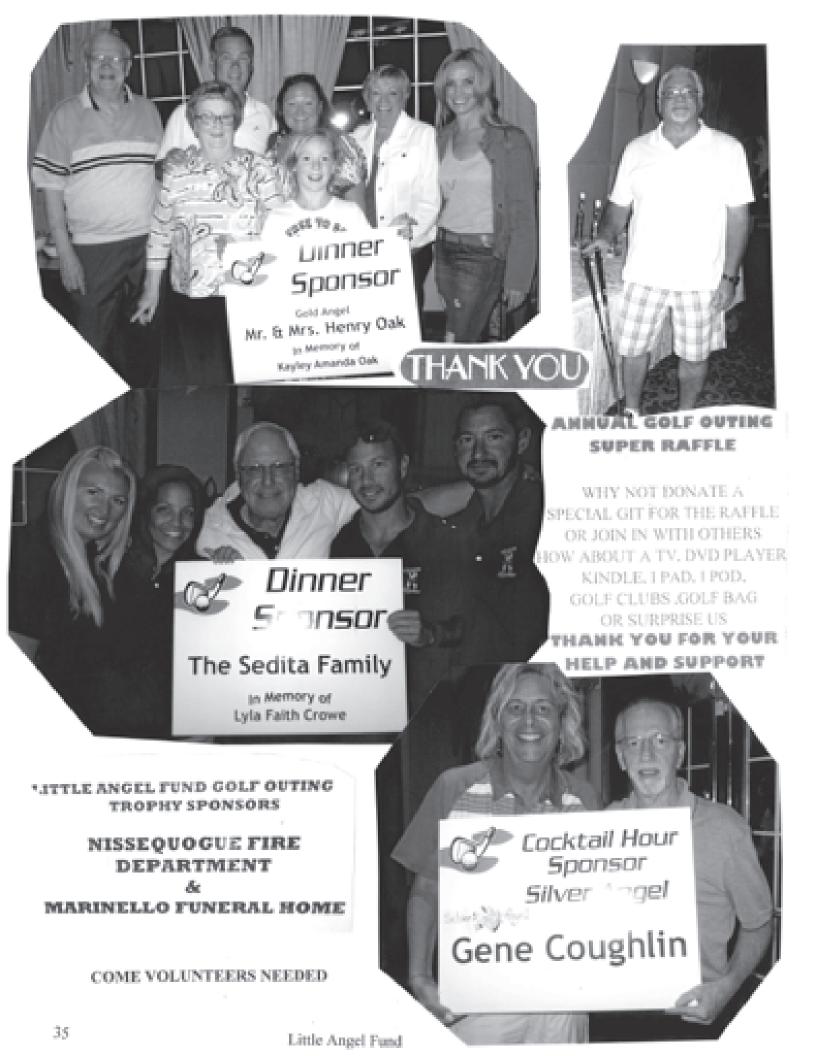
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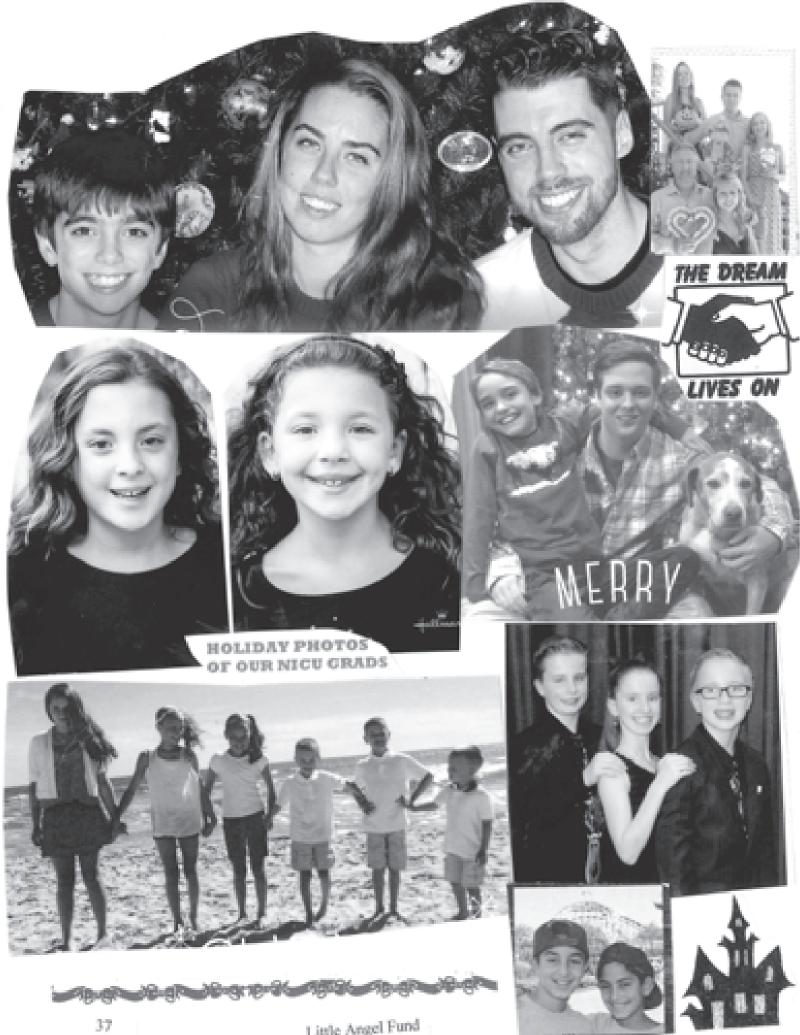


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