

# National MOD's Award

## 2nd Place Family Team



WALKAmerica 2006

**National 2nd Place Family Team!**

**Downtown: Top Family Team & 2nd Place Class 1 (250 Employees)!!**

Coretta and Adianne are holding the SA banner that Jennifer Greer made many years ago!



**2006 Award**

**National 2nd Place Family Team**



*In the garden of our lives, you bloomed.  
In the night sky of our dreams, you shone.  
In the music of our hearts, you are loved.  
We remember you always  
Jennifer Greer, SA*

*"We Walk to Remember Our Babies"*

### *SHARE Atlanta's Outreach for Healing March of Dimes' Walkers ~ 2006*

Cindy & Baby Caden Ivey, Caden's grandmother-Pat Gillespie, John & Elise with daughters Katherine & Margaret Beltrami, Sean & Laura O'Brien, Dan & Micaela Brady, Linda Collins, Joe & Polly with Emily & Joseph Keen, Mandy Gillespie, Bryan & Dawn Edgeworth & Family with the Jim Wade Family & Laura Sweet (12 people), Julie Blum, John & Debra Mattis, Angie Allen, Patty Vaccar & her daughter, Stephanie Bullman, Adrienne Verbanac, Marcia McGinnis, Thea Hodges, John & Amanda Flatt, Angie Campbell, Stacy Alvarez, Amber Broadnax, Sharon Washington, Angie Purcell, Tamera Pfeifer-Partiss, Stefanie Merritt, Penelope Redwine, Linda Levasseur, Julie Ivey, Kristi Oates, Jeff & Jodi Firestone, Gayle Harp & Family, Amy Green, Coretta Monroe, Nathan & Shannon with baby Noah Ottinger, Tammy White

**Note: Many of our donations came from SA members, and we appreciate their support.**

*Together—we make a difference!*

# Walk America 2007



**"Hope for the present and for the future!"**

**Come join SHARE Atlanta..**

**"Walk to Remember" our Babies**

**Every person counts!**

<http://www.shareatlanta.org/MODmenu.htm>

**"Whole 9 Months"**

MOD's slogan

**"Healthy Babies**

**Happy Children"**



## URL's of SHARE Atlanta Walkers

### Stories, Pictures, Smiles

<http://www.shareatlanta.org/modurl07.htm>

Add your URL and your story! Donate to SA!

## WHY Walk?

After 21 years of advocacy, SA has found an organization that speaks to our needs & issues.

March of Dimes' is listening.

Let's Support them. It's up to us!

## Family members of *all* ages join in the walk..

**11 YEAR OLD RAISES \$27,000!**

Milya Burian from Joppa, MD was MOD's

Top Youth Walker for 2006

**It's fun!**

In 2006, SA's own 16 month old, Caden Ivey, raised \$390.

## Every Donation Counts!

**.10 cents, \$10. or more...**

**It all \*adds up\*!**

**No time to Walk? Donate to the cause...**

<http://www.shareatlanta.org/modurl07.htm>

Companies often match a \$25. or more donation.



Caden & Grandma, Pat,  
Kansas City 06

## Raise Money ONLINE!

It's *easy* to make a page & send emails to possible donors.  
MODs sends donors a thank you note! MODs does the work!

<http://www.walkamerica.org>

## How LONG \*is\* the walk?

The walk is **5.2 miles**. Few walk fast.  
All ages participate! **It is NOT a marathon.**

**HELP: Vans come along frequently for anyone who wishes a "lift" back to the park.** Refreshments are given out as we walk! Walkers are encouraged by cheering by-standers and MODs' Posters!

**It's Fun!**

## Where to walk?

You can **walk anywhere** in the country & still contribute your donations to SHARE Atlanta. Recognition of our group, opens doors for bereaved parents.

Find a location near you: <http://www.walkamerica.org>

**Just remember Team #562~SHARE Atlanta.**

**SA's official walk takes place Downtown Atlanta..**

**Olympic Park...April 28th**

Many walk sites offer food & fun activities for the older children and all offer happy memories!  
The March of Dimes is full of positive energy!



**February 2007 WalkAmerica Kick-Off Luncheon**  
**SA~1 of 10 in Downtown Chairmen's Club**  
**April 2007— We will have a SHARE Atlanta Tent!!**  
**Why? Because in 2006 Donations = \$34, 060!!!!**



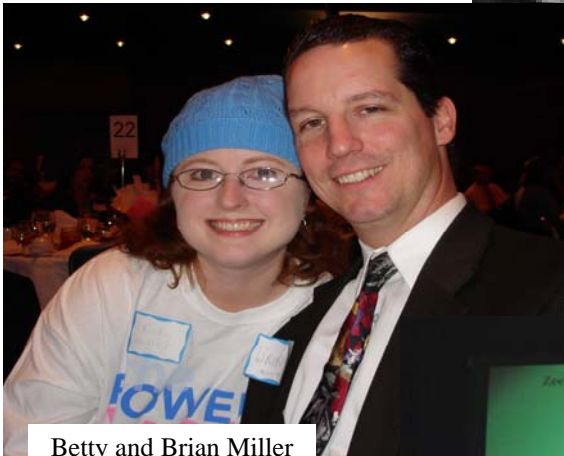
**"SHARE Atlanta ROCKS!!!"**



Adrianne Verbanc, Coretta Monroe, Brett Williams, Betty Miller

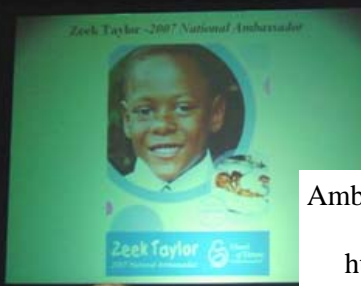


Cindy Ivey & Shakina Williams



Betty and Brian Miller

Zeek with us in  
 Kansas City!



Adrianne, Brett, Cindy, Shakina, MODS' Monica, Coretta, Marcia...Chairman's Club Award!

Ambassador, Zeek and his mom, Betty, were there, too!

Zeek's March of Dimes' Video..

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glse\\_zAiYAE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glse_zAiYAE)





# **“SHARE Atlanta Helping the March of Dimes Put Us Out of Business” 1998 to 2006**

Jennifer



Gracie

**1998: “Outreach for Healing”** programs began with donations to charities, and continued with our **March of Dimes Walk**. Jennifer Greer, with Gracie, began the walks and was our team captain until Cindy Ivey took over in 2005.

## **My Angel**



## **SHARE Atlanta’s Angel**

Our parents “Walk to Remember” their babies. Each family puts their baby’s name under “My Angel.”

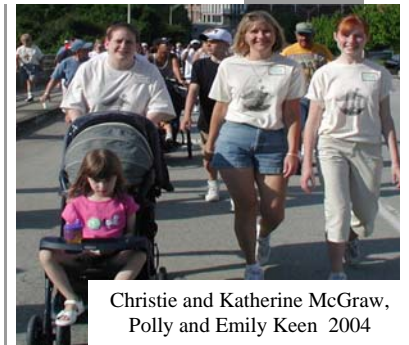


Pam Renner  
Start Line  
2003



**We walked!**  
Adrienne Verbanc, Sharon  
Washington, Coretta Monroe...

2006



Christie and Katherine McGraw,  
Polly and Emily Keen 2004



Cindy Ivey, Angie Purcell, Elise Beltrami,  
Pat Gillespie, LaWanda Lee—2006



2003



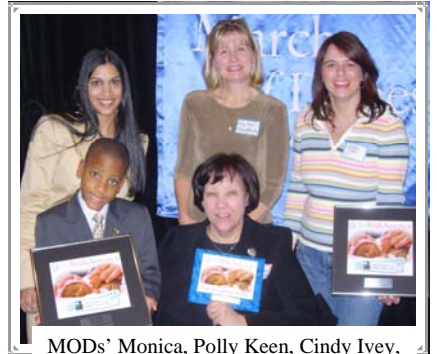
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& 2nd Place Class 1 (250 Employees)!!**  
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Tammy White, Pat Gillespie, MODs Monica,  
Thea Hodges, Cindy Ivey, Marcia & Jason 06



Julie Franklin, Suzanne Chezem, Kim Shiflett,  
Nikecia Ingram, Allison Eggar



MODs' Monica, Polly Keen, Cindy Ivey,  
Justin, Marcia 2005

## **Memories...**

**As SA Families and Friends March...  
To Raise Funds to Help Future Families...**

**Together,  
We've made a difference!  
8 Awards!**



## Why SHARE Atlanta supports March of Dime's WalkAmerica...

For 21 years, SA has provided emotional and medical support for our families. We looked for another organization that extended these efforts. We have found that in the March of Dimes. Let me share, why I think the March of Dimes is where we need to place our confidence.

### **March of Dimes: Driven, Professional, Kind. Supports Volunteers**

In 1998, Jennifer first walked for the March of Dimes. At that time, SA, and most likely the March of Dimes, didn't realize the full potential of their outreach. While I knew the walk was important, I didn't really know all the goals of the MODs. During the past 4 years, I have read their materials and attended several of their luncheons. Then last year, because of our 2nd place National Family Team Award, we spent 2 days at the March of Dime's Conference. In all of these, the professionalism, focus, and drive of the MODs people impressed me greatly. Just as we do, they believe in the volunteer. The kindness that flowed throughout each event is incredible. I was being pulled toward the March of Dime's people!

### **March of Dimes: Focusing on ending prematurity and difficult pregnancies**

At the conference, I learned the incredible details of the programs being developed to help families who have experienced a premature birth and to help stop prematurity. Their intervention and prevention information focuses on healthy as well as difficult pregnancies. The workshops made me realize their potential for providing answers for stillbirth and miscarriage issues. I kept thinking how their programs might help our members.

### **March of Dimes: Facing the fact that some babies do die. There is a need for support.**

The real eye opener for me was when they started to talk about the babies that have died. I have spent years talking to doctors and speaking at conferences, and most doctors do NOT want to broach that particular subject. MODs does. They handle the death of a baby with much love and understanding.

At the 2007 Kickoff Chairmen Club's luncheon, one video highlighted the story of twins: one lived with the help of MODs support; one died at birth. They showed the couple at the cemetery remembering their baby that died. Her twin is now a healthy, active 5 year old. 2005's ambassador mom, talked about her 5 babies that didn't make it. Then, she introduced her living son, Justin. I couldn't believe it! It was very emotional and spoke to me about the fullness of where MODs was going.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVghSy-Cens> —Video of the twin's story

### **March of Dimes: Making a difference for future families**

If you would like to support an organization that may make it possible for future families to not suffer what we did, please consider donating OR walking for MODs. You can donate to any SA member's walk. Our proactive response with the MODs is beginning to put SA's name and our issues on more people's minds and lists. In Kansas, our name and logo was flashed on the screen in front of 900 cheering people! That is what we have wanted for a long time. The MOD's recognizes SHARE Atlanta and our issues.

### **March of Dimes: Opening doors..**

By supporting the March of Dimes, we are opening the doors for better support both emotionally and medically for parents. There are a lot of charities out there. So, when we find one that is making a difference for us, \*all\* of us should consider stepping up to make a difference. No sum of money is too little. Every dollar counts. Many companies match a \$25 donation or more. They all add up to making a difference for future families.

As I look at what I have highlighted about the March of Dimes, I realize that SHARE Atlanta's mission parallels these concepts. That must mean our focuses are similar. That says a great deal!

Marcia McGinnis, 07

**SHARE Atlanta: "Walks to Remember our Babies" & to provide support for the families of today & tomorrow. We are helping MOD's "put us out of business"! <http://www.shareatlanta.org/modurl07.htm> (To Donate)**





# March of Dimes

Outreach for Healing

Class 1 –companies with less than 250 employees. We have no employees; we are all volunteers!

Team SHARE Atlanta  
\$34,062.71

Downtown Location:

"Top Family Team"

"2nd Place in Class 1"

Nationally:

"2nd Place Family Team"

# "SHARE Atlanta ROCKS!!!"

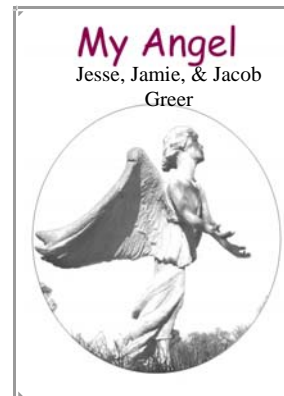


Mother and Daughter  
Polly and Emily Keen  
"Walk to Remember"  
As we Raise Funds for MODs



Tamera Pfeifer-Partiss  
2006 top fund raiser's quote

**The rain did not dampen our spirits!** Coretta and Adianne held the SA banner that Jennifer Greer made many years ago! Jennifer didn't walk this year, but she began SA's MODs walks in 1998 and continued with her daughter, Grace. We have raised over \$66,000 in the last five years and won 7 awards...all in memory of our babies. These funds help the future for babies and families. <http://www.shareatlanta.org/MODmenu.htm>



**SA's MODs' Shirts  
say it all!**



**Yes you can!!**

**Tamera..Top Fundraiser for 2006**

April 13, 2006 E-mail.. "Marcia, I'm sooo excited! Look so far :) **\$675.00**  
YEAH!!!! I'm going to keep bugging people!!! I've never had the guts to do something like this, but because I'm doing it in honor of **Kenny** and helping **all the babies**..  
I'd do anything! Love, Tamera

**WALKAmerica, April 22...\$7,555.00 In memory of Kenny ~  
Stillborn at 38 weeks ~ February 13, 2006**



# WALK America

## ***"Hope for the present and for the future"!***

"As a SA member, since the loss of my daughter, Lacey, on September 16, 2003, my thoughts on EVERY aspect of my life and life in general have all changed dramatically and FOREVER. My thoughts have focused on how can I - a) keep her spirit alive and b) turn this tragedy into some sort of positive. That has been "Helping the March of Dimes Put SA Out of Business"! I want to SAVE babies, all the babies that I can. If I do this, then there is a family out there that doesn't have to go through what we have.

**We Shine...**I learned soon after deciding to be the Team Captain (THANKS to Jennifer Greer for believing in me and giving me this WONDERFUL opportunity) that many of the SA members felt the same way, and we did SHINE!! To come in 2nd place NATIONALLY for Family Teams was more than I could have imagined. Our efforts are saving babies as we show and share the LOVE that we have for all of our precious little ones that are..Forever In Our Hearts!!!" **Cindy Ivey 7.06**

**SA Thanks Cindy** for all her hard work in organizing the team, and for her uplifting and motivating email messages! They encouraged us onward! **Yes, we can!**

### ***"Walk to Remember" with love...***

Lacey McKenna Ivey  
Lee Kenneth Partiss  
Sarah Katherine Purcell  
Emma Margaret O'Brien  
James Ryan White  
Grace Marie Beltrami  
"Our Precious Angel" Flatt  
"Baby Brady #1 & #2"  
Annabel Wright Ottinger  
Kendall Marie Edgeworth  
Caleb Bertrand Washington & 2 Angel Siblings  
Nathaniel Verbanac  
Sophie Margaret Mattis  
Robert Anthony Gipson  
Joshua and Jordan Ingram  
Carter Franklin Britten  
Seth David, Catherine Marie, Elizabeth Hope McGinnis  
John William Jordan  
Kaydie Ann Huddleston

Autumn Bray, Elijah Thomas, Frances Grace,  
Sarah Elizabeth, Samuel Brown, Jeremiah David Keen  
Jesse David, Jamie Caroline & Jacob Evan Greer  
Thomas Andrew Gafney  
Zachary Connor Porter  
Jess , Kelly and Virginia Anne McGraw  
Paula Jean and Timothy Edward Borman  
Emily Renee Borman  
Robert Anthony Gipson  
Nathan Clay  
Dorian Rose Perry  
Aiden Trent Alvarez  
Gabriel Cadence Hunter  
Courtney Auxvasse Williams  
Bella, Elyse and Maggie Chezem  
Hope Elizabeth & Angel Baby Shiflett  
All the precious children whose short lives touched the  
hearts and lives of their parents and friends.

**Top fund-raisers for our 2006 team**—These walkers all raised over \$1000 with the top six raising over \$2000.

1st: Tamera Pfeifer-Partiss  
2nd: Angie Purcell  
3rd: Laura O'Brien  
4th: Cindy Ivey  
5th: Tamara White  
6th: Elise Beltrami  
7th: Amanda Flatt  
8th: Micaela Brady  
9th: Shannon Ottinger

*You can **walk anywhere** in the country  
& still contribute your donations to SA!*

\*LaWanda Lee was our 2005 top fund raiser in  
memory of Victoria Elise & her Angel Siblings.

AND our *youngest* registered fund-raiser was

Mr. Caden Ivey (16-months old) who raised \$390.00!!

*Our Walkers and those who donate to them do make a difference!*

### **Cindy's thank you..to SA's Team...**

**"Thank you, thank you, thank you** from the BOTTOM of my heart, I THANK YOU!! We did a WONDERFUL thing and the fact that we did it in "memory" of our babies makes it EXTRA, EXTRA special. If interested, we will do this walk again next year so look for an email from me around the end of the year with some details about...

**MODs WalkAmerica 2007."**



October  
Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness



# SA Honored by MODs' National Award 2nd Place Family Team

October 13, 2006

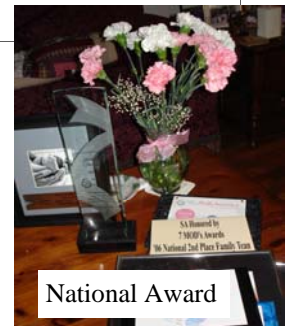
9000 Family Teams in WalkAmerica  
For Healthy Mothers/Pregnancies and Healthy Babies!

## WHY SA Supports the MODs...

### March of Dimes..

- ♦ 75% of donations directed to their goal of *research, prevention and intervention*
  - ♦ 25% of donations for **promotional campaigns, materials and salaries**
  - ♦ Partners with CDC, hospitals, companies, and supportive organizations
  - ♦ *Supports Volunteer Efforts...as does SHARE Atlanta*

### SA's "Walk to Remember"



Can't Walk Downtown Atlanta?  
Join SHARE Atlanta Team #562...  
ANYWHERE in the Country

Ask us!

[www.shareatlanta.org/MODmenu.htm](http://www.shareatlanta.org/MODmenu.htm)

## SA embraces MODS' Efforts...

### MODS Encourages Emotional and Medial Support.. Before and After conception, pregnancy and birth...

- ♦ Helping to find the cause and prevention of birth defects (ie. long term & new drive for the use of folic acid BEFORE pregnancy to prevent neural tube issues such as spinal bifida and anencephaly)
- ♦ Helping to find the cause and prevention of preterm births (some cause stillborn babies) ...could lead to prevention of too early births due to "miscarriage"- (ie. progesterone use/studies, )
- ♦ Helping to raise the levels of care for premie babies—babies born too soon are living and surviving with fewer health issues and those health issues are being addressed.
- ♦ Helping keep full term babies healthy with newborn screening to protect against future health issues (PKU, birth defects, pre-pregnancy support, etc.) <http://www.marchofdimes.com/> - March of Dimes



# SA Honored by MODs' National Award 2nd Place Family Team



*SA's Family & Friends  
..making a difference  
as we remember & honor  
our special babies.*



*Dear Friends,*      7/3/06

Today, when Cindy called me about our MODs' National award, Kelly Mishkoff (with her four month old, Hope, six year old, Jessica, and their grandmother, Maureen) was here packaging blankets for the hospitals. The first thing I did was to hand the phone to Kelly because she and Cindy had come through their grief group together. Then, when I took the phone back, Cindy sent us all into gleeful shouts and smiles with her news about SA being honored nationally as the second place Family Team! I immediately wanted to call those who joined together to make this happen—both this year and the years past because, in my mind, it is all accumulative. What Jennifer Greer started 8 years ago has grown to this year's victory march!

We have won an award, but the victory is for our families and for the many families outside of SA that these donations will touch. MODs' research and outreach has made a difference within our group. Through their fund raising efforts, our group has showed their appreciation and desire for more support from MODs.

Ultimately, it is our precious babies that we remember as we walk along our path. Healing gradually happens as we make our special children's presence meaningful in our lives by providing outreach for others.

We are very excited about our award and about the upcoming awards ceremony in Kansas City on October 12! While two of us will actually be there, a picture of each of the year's teams will join us along with a list of our babies' names. We will have pictures on the website and in our next newsletter!! *SA wishes to thank all of those who have worked hard to continue this incredible outreach.* SA's families and friends have made a difference and our babies will be forever remembered. *Marcia McGinnis, president of SA*