

Angel Brochure Insert



SHARE Atlanta

Pregnancy and Newborn Loss
Grief Support Group
Since 1984

*SHARE Atlanta's Angel Garden
A special garden to grieve, hope, and heal*

Keeping our Angel's Garden Welcoming For "Now and in the Future"

To protect

- * our garden's trees
- * our angel "child" from eroding and the grass beneath the angel's feet from dying
- * your treasures and special thoughts
- * the beauty of our garden for all...

Please Know..

- * anything hanging on the tree needs to weigh about the same as an apple. Items that are too big or tightly tied will injure the growing limbs
- * to leave your treasures on the brick pathway below the angel, (*not* on the grass below the angel's feet), around our bench area, or on the platform around the little angel or they will be moved to our bench or to the pathway.
- * your nonperishable treasures will be collected in May, Oct., and Jan. and saved for you. Newly placed items will be left in place until the next collection time. You can pick these up at our memorial service, women's candlelighting, or by calling our Events Line and arranging to get them. Otherwise, after six months, we will give those items that are still able to be shared to a shelter for others to cherish.
- * perishables and items that are clearly needing to be retired, will be removed as needed.

The above protocol has been arranged to try to fulfill our angel garden's needs as well as the needs of those who share this garden.

Love, mementos, healing, and caring...

Mementos ~ Special Gifts

We welcome the wonderful gifts and mementos that people have left for their loved babies. Because everyone does love the area so much, we have had a big increase in the number of treasures left in the garden. This is a very special way to remember and honor your child. Unfortunately, the rain and sun make our treasures like the Velveteen Bunny (all worn out), and our trees grow and the branches can be injured, over time, by the hanging chimes and other items tied to them. We have realized that we are going to have to have helpers who collect these mementos to make sure our garden continues to be special for everyone.

Keeping Cherished Mementos

Through the years, I have often brought to our home some of the items that I placed on Seth's grave. I have several (a ceramic gingerbread man, a stuffed dog and a rabbit holding a heart) in our family room as gentle reminders of him. I find them special because I know they have watched over his resting place while I can't. I also have an angel and a "Peter Rabbit" vase that I love to use over and over again. I have pictures of many of these items either on Seth's grave or Catherine, Elizabeth and Seth's memorial bricks in my memory book.

For me, there is a sense of peace as I have some of these treasures in my home. They remind me of my love for my children and, in a special way, fulfill my need to feel connected to my own angels. I can imagine a wind chime that has been hanging in the angel's garden or another memento could be cherished at home because they shared a moment in the angel garden in loving memory of a special baby.

Love and Remembering Are Forever

We thank you for your continuing understanding and support so all who come to our garden may share in its beauty and peace ~ forever.

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