



## About Us

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Expecting a new baby should be an exciting and joyful time for parents-to-be. For some parents, however, a check-up or ultrasound may reveal the devastating news that something is wrong with their baby. In just moments, their hearts fall to pieces and dreams of a healthy baby are shattered.

You may be reading this brochure because you have found yourself in this situation. We are so sorry, but please know that you are not alone in this journey. We are here to support you and provide resources as you make the decision to lovingly carry your baby to term, or cope with the loss of your baby.

Cherishing the Journey was founded in 2011 by Jennifer and Josh Harden, parents of baby Matthew, who was given a negative prenatal diagnosis at 16 weeks in-utero.

You will have many questions to ask and tears to cry. Though we do not have all of the answers, we are here to help guide you on this journey to cherish every moment you have with your baby.

[www.cherishingthejourney.org](http://www.cherishingthejourney.org)

### LOCAL RESOURCES

**Compassionate Friends Space Coast Chapter-**  
[www.griefsupportdeathofchild.org](http://www.griefsupportdeathofchild.org)

**Remembering through Sharing-** Infant loss support group in Cape Canaveral. Contact: Candace Cowan (321) 348-4381 x36 (*Extensive lending library available*)

**Remembering through Sharing-** Infant loss support group in Indialantic. Contact: Tammy Mussler (321) 698-5071

**Brightstar-** A Special Place for Grieving Children. [www.health-first.org](http://www.health-first.org) 321-733-7672

**Griefshare, Loss of a Child group-** Calvary Chapel in Melbourne. [www.calvaryccm.com](http://www.calvaryccm.com), keywords "griefshare loss of a child." Leader- Eric Ward

**Elizabeth Ministries-** Miscarriage support. Facebook: Elizabeth Ministry of Melbourne

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## Cherishing THE JOURNEY



## MISSION STATEMENT

Cherishing the Journey is here to offer comfort and guidance to parents who lovingly continue their pregnancy after receiving a negative prenatal diagnosis for their baby, as well as parents who have experienced the loss of an infant. We believe that each child is a gift, and we wish to help families honor their beloved baby by providing memory items, support, and resources. Financial assistance is also available to families in need for end-of-life services.

*Continuing your  
Pregnancy after  
receiving a negative  
prenatal diagnosis*



## MATTHEW'S STORY

Matthew was diagnosed at 16 weeks in-utero with Posterior Urethral Valves. After three weeks of testing to determine if we would be eligible for in-utero surgery, we were told that his kidneys were not functioning well enough to have the procedure done. From that point on, we knew that Matthew's life was fully in God's hands. Every day that I had with him was precious. I cherished every movement and moment, knowing that I wouldn't experience them for long.

Matthew was born six weeks early on March 8th, 2009. With him being breech and in the 2nd percentile for amniotic fluid, a c-section was necessary to make his entrance into the world as safe and comfortable as possible. We spent over three hours watching him and talking to him, and he even opened his beautiful eyes to gaze back at us. Matthew was baptized just minutes before his angelic flight to Heaven, surrounded by those who loved him.

## SERVICES

These are just some of the services offered by Cherishing the Journey. Please contact us for a full listing.

### Memory Box Program

Memory boxes are provided at no cost to the Labor and Delivery departments in Brevard and Indian River county hospitals, as well as to parents who have received a fatal diagnosis for their baby during pregnancy.

### Financial Assistance

Financial assistance may be available to help cover the costs associated with end-of-life services such as burial, cremation, and headstone. The amount of assistance will be determined at the time of request, and is dependent upon available funding in the program.

### 3D/4D Ultrasound

Cherishing the Journey has partnered with "The Images of Life," a division of Mobile Ultrasound Imaging, LLC of Melbourne. If you or someone you know is pregnant with a baby that has received a fatal prenatal diagnosis, we wish to offer a complimentary 4D ultrasound or diagnostic imaging session.

### Sibling Sacks

Sibling Sacks are cinch sacks that contain a teddy bear, bracelet, handprint canvas and book for children whose baby brother or sister has died. They are donated to local hospitals as well as available for purchase.

## RESOURCES

Below is a list of websites and organizations that have helped parents find answers and comfort during this difficult time.

### INFORMATIONAL SITES

Infant Bereavement Photography [NILMDTS.org](http://NILMDTS.org)  
Stories of poor prenatal diagnosis [Benotafraid.net](http://Benotafraid.net)  
Perinatal Hospice [Perinatalhospice.org](http://Perinatalhospice.org)

### DIAGNOSIS SITES

Anencephaly [www.anencephaly.net](http://www.anencephaly.net)  
Autosomal Recessive Polycystic Kidney Disease [ARPKD.org](http://ARPKD.org)  
Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia [www.cdhsupport.org](http://www.cdhsupport.org)  
Congenital Heart Defects [Congenitalheartdefects.com](http://Congenitalheartdefects.com)  
Holoprosencephaly [Familiesforhope.org](http://Familiesforhope.org)  
Hydrocephalus [Hydrosupport.org](http://Hydrosupport.org)  
Potters Syndrome [Potterssyndrome.org](http://Potterssyndrome.org)  
Posterior Urethral Valves [PUVS.org](http://PUVS.org)  
Spina Bifida [SBAA.org](http://SBAA.org)  
Trisomy [Trisomy.org](http://Trisomy.org) and [Livingwithtrisomy13.org](http://Livingwithtrisomy13.org)  
Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome [TTTSfoundation.org](http://TTTSfoundation.org)

### BLOGS

*Bring the Rain* [Angiesmithonline.com](http://Angiesmithonline.com)  
*He Will Carry Me* [sgirl79.blogspot.com](http://sgirl79.blogspot.com)  
*The Miracle of Matthew* [themiracleofmatthew.blogspot.com](http://themiracleofmatthew.blogspot.com)  
*Through My Mothers Eyes* [VaydenJamesStewart.blogspot.com](http://VaydenJamesStewart.blogspot.com)  
*Waiting for Happy* [BabyBolte.blogspot.com](http://BabyBolte.blogspot.com)

### HOSPITALS

With the advancement of medical technology, some syndromes can now be treated with fetal, or in-utero, surgery. Below is a list of hospitals that specialize in fetal surgery. Fetal Hope provides further details about the syndromes that may qualify.  
Boston Childrens Hospital [Childrenshospital.org](http://Childrenshospital.org)  
The Childrens Hospital of Philadelphia [CHOP.edu](http://CHOP.edu)  
U of C, San Francisco Children's Hospital [UCSFhealth.org](http://UCSFhealth.org)  
Fetal Hope [FetalHope.org](http://FetalHope.org)