

NY Couple Seeks Long Overdue Attention for Stillbirth



An angel opened the Book of Life
and wrote down my baby's birth.

Then she whispered
as she closed the book,
"Too beautiful for Earth."



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Imagine you or someone in your family went to the hospital expecting to deliver a baby, just to find out that the baby was dead.

Stillbirth devastates 83 families everyday in this country. Nearly 1 in 100 births will result in stillbirth. There are more stillbirths every year than all causes of infant death combined – including SIDS. It is for these reasons and many more that Jeff and Lori Tieger of Staten Island, NY created Daniel's STAR (The Daniel Ian Tieger Fund for Stillbirth Awareness and Research). The organization is named for their son Daniel Ian Tieger, who was born still on February 8, 2007 just 7 days shy of his due date.

Daniel's STAR raises money for the MISS Foundation, a national volunteer based non profit organization committed to providing crisis support and long term aid to families after the death of a child from

any cause. All of the money raised will fund MISS programs for research and public education of stillbirth. MISS boasts a 7% administrative cost so 93 cents of every dollar will actually go to its intended location.

Daniel's STAR is hosting their first annual Shining STAR Golf Classic Monday July 30, 2007 at LaTourette Golf Course in Staten Island, NY. Registration is now open and spots are filling fast. For only \$150, players will enjoy lunch before tee off, various challenges throughout the event, and a BBQ Awards Dinner to present prizes to the challenge winners. In addition to the golf classic, Daniel's STAR will be host the first annual Memorial Walk in the Park tentatively scheduled for early October. "We just want to spread the word and give this issue the long overdue attention it deserves", said Lori Tieger.

In the 3 months since they lost their son, the Tiegers have been responsible for raising over \$10,000 for stillbirth research and awareness. "Just as any parent would do anything within their power for their child, this is all we could do for ours", Jeff Tieger said. In addition to fund raising, the Tiegers have been back and forth to Albany meeting with legislators and lobbying for the MISSING Angels Bill. This bill provides a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth. Currently New York and most other states do not provide any recognition of the existence of stillborn babies, or the birth process that they and their mothers endured. Along with the other parents at the meetings, the Tiegers were responsible for the first movement of the bill since it was introduced into the New York State Government in 2003.

For more information about Daniel's STAR, their community events, or the MISSING Angels Bill, contact Daniel's STAR.

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