# Memorial Services, Groups and Events

# Pregnancy and Infant Loss Program

#### **Memorial Services**

#### Silent Hopes Memorial Service

- Service to honour pregnancy losses of **less than 20 weeks of gestation**. Service is held twice a year during the spring and fall. Registration and RSVP are required.
- 403-944-4460

#### Service of Remembrance

- Service to honour pregnancy losses of 20 weeks of gestation or more. Service is held annually. Registration and RSVP are required.
- 403-944-4460

### **Groups**

#### **Bereaved Parents Group**

- A 6-week closed support group offered twice a year for bereaved parents who have experienced a loss of pregnancy or infant. Registration is required.
- 403-944-8835

#### Caring Beyond

- Offers peer support to parents who have lost a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth, neonatal death, and termination due to poor prenatal diagnosis. Meetings are held in Calgary (the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month) and in Airdrie (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month). No registration required.
- 403-944-2209 or go to www.facebook.com/CaringBeyond

#### Pregnancy After Loss Support (PALS)

- A community meet up support group for mothers who are pregnant after a loss.
- Go to https://pregnancyafterlosssupport.com

#### Infertility Support Group

- A support group providing education and support to couples who are dealing with infertility. Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month.
- Contact Tracy at 403-452-2445 or go to <a href="www.fertilitymatters.ca/events/">www.fertilitymatters.ca/events/</a>





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#### Walk to Remember

- The Calgary Walk to Remember is a fundraiser and family-oriented event that invites everyone to come together to honour and create awareness for pregnancy and infant loss. The walk is held in September.
- www.calgarywalktoremember.ca

#### Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day

- October 15 is the international Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day. Special events are organized across Canada to raise awareness for pregnancy and infant loss.
- www.october15.ca/

#### Wave of Light

- An international event that invites everyone to light a candle on October 15 at 7:00pm for one hour. Across the world, candles will light up one time zone after another, and create a wave of light to honour the Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day.
- www.october15.ca/

#### Tiny Footprints Gala

- A celebratory gala and fundraiser to honour and create awareness for pregnancy and infant loss. The funds raised will support the Pregnancy & Infant Loss Program. The gala is held the closest Saturday to October 15.
- Tickets are available online at <a href="https://www.calgaryhealthtrust.ca/">www.calgaryhealthtrust.ca/</a>
- www.tinyfootprints.ca or https://www.facebook.com/tinyfootprintsYYC/

#### Candle Light Service

- An annual ceremony held the first Friday in December at the Alberta Children's Hospital to commemorate pregnancy and infant losses during the holiday season.
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