

SHARE Atlanta's 27 Years: A Story in Pictures

A pathway of love and support ...

People make our group viable...

EVERY person is important in a group such as SHARE Atlanta. Through the years members have held each other together by supportive words and outreach. Many also give time and energy to make SA's outreach and memorial programs a reality for members in our group. This defines the meaning of a mutual-self help support group.

This picture timeline highlights the events and programs that have helped to make SHARE Atlanta an important resource for our community. These have been accomplished as we honor our baby's precious memory. Our mission is to provide a safe haven for future parents who will move through the tragic death of their baby. We understand how important it was for each of us to be with those who had experienced a similar loss. In our volunteering, we preserve the kindness that helped us to heal. Marcia McGinnis, Co-founder and President of SHARE Atlanta 2007



1985-Ongoing: First group meeting was on 1.85. These are SA's **first memorial candles** - Dec. '85.



1986: First Baby Reunion was in February and evolved to Family Reunions as members brought older children as the years passed.



1986-Ongoing: Hospital inservices began, continued, & spread to radio, television and newspaper coverage for **advocacy and awareness.**



1994: SA logo was created because we needed a logo and tag line for our newsletter and our increasing number of brochures and booklets that we had written since the mid 80s.

Pregnancy and Newborn Loss
Grief Support Group



1989: First Walk to Remember, at Springdale Park, on Ponce De Leon was a "Walk to Remember" and a tree planting on October 15.



1990s: Volunteer retreat weekends or Saturdays to work on SHARE Atlanta's path, to educate our leaders, to refresh our bonds of friendship, to relax and have fun.



1996: First Memorial Celebration in May was at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church.



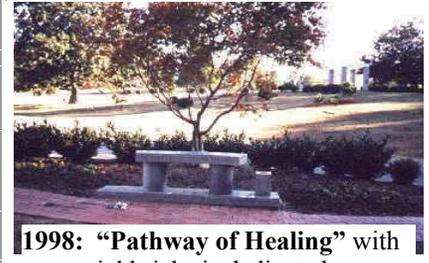
1997: www.shareatlanta.org SHARE Atlanta's website opened doors for grieving parents around the world. Our forums came later.



1997: Garden and bench in Babyland at Arlington Memorial Park is dedicated. WXIA anchor Wes Sarginson did a segment on the **Volunteer of the Week**.



1998-Ongoing: Outreach for Healing programs begin with donations to charities and March of Dimes. They continue with similar outreaches.



1998: "Pathway of Healing" with memorial bricks is dedicated.



1999: "For our 15th anniversary, we felt a quilt was an appropriate analogy for the way we are putting the pieces of our lives back together to heal so we can slowly go down the path of *what will be* in our lives."



2001: Some of the SA members, at the ground breaking ceremony. SA members created the SA Angel Garden during 2000 and 2001.



October 21, 2001—SA Angel of Hope Garden dedicated. Richard Paul Evans, author of The Christmas Box, was the keynote & Wes Sarginson of WXIA emceed. A Walk to Remember, led by bagpiper, Joel McGinnis, moved us to the garden at Arlington Memorial Park's Babyland, Sandy Springs.



2004: Memorial Tree.... Outreach for Healing continues as SA raises funds for the healthcare system with our first "Forever in our Hearts" tree. Trees go to local hospitals now.



2005-Ongoing: 4Bs "Blankets of Love" Buntings, Bonnets and Booties - an Outreach for Healing project.



2008: First Mother's Day Celebration



2006-11: SA "Walks to Remember" our babies with March of Dimes. We are #1 Family Team Downtown & Nationally placed in Top 10 Family Teams—out of over 10,000 Teams—6 years in a row!!



2008: CBRS..Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth Law PASSED!! Erin Dickerson & Marcia McGinnis made it happen with support from SA Family and Friends.

Each step of the way...

people's outreach made the difference.