



**SHARE Atlanta's
Mother's Day
Celebration
Saturday May 3, 2008**



**SHARE Atlanta Pregnancy & Newborn Loss Support
Mother's Day Celebration 2008
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First Baptist Church of Atlanta**

"SHARE Atlanta: Special Friendships"	Marcia McGinnis, Coretta Monroe, Adrienne Verbanac
"Oh Mother, My Mother"	Coretta Monroe
"Tree of Hope"	Erin Dickerson
"Healing Artwork"	Allyssa Luttrell Wolfe
<i>5 Questions</i> Game	Maya Smith
Door Prizes	Adrienne Verbanac
Repast	Teresa Cochran
Door Prizes	Adrienne Verbanac
"Lean On Me"	Rick Hoeye, SA Dad
Candle Lighting <i>"Hope Still Shines" Poem was written by SHARE Atlanta Mom, Crystal Shoemaker</i>	Maria Elie, Maya Smith
"SHARE Atlanta Is" Poem	Pam Slayback
SHARE Atlanta: Healing - Caring & Sharing	Marcia McGinnis & All
Miss Spider's Tea Party	Marcia McGinnis & All
<i>Pass the Box</i> Game	Lorelei Hoeye
Door Prize Drawings	Adrienne Verbanac
"Forever in Our Hearts"	Mindy Simmons
"Friendship is a Special Place"	Adrienne Verbanac
Acknowledgements	Coretta Monroe

*SHARE Atlanta wishes you comfort, love, and friendship
this and every Mother's Day.*

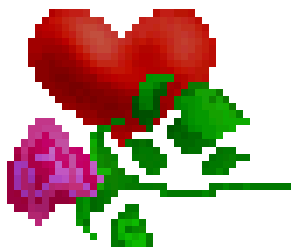
Am I a Mother?



Oh Mother, My Mother

Author unknown

Oh Mother, my mother,
I touch your tears,
with invisible fingers soothing your skin.
I know you think of me so often
In the day, in the night, in your dreams...
Going into an empty nursery knowing
I'll never be there,
But I am...
In your heart, in your soul.
I shall always be...
For you gave so unselfishly of yourself.
Inside of you, you created such a world for me...
A world of laughter, of love, of sadness, of sorrow,
Every emotion people come to know,
you shared with me.
And even though I may never feel
your arms around me,
I felt your heart beating,
Like a lullaby, singing me to sleep,
And your spirit, giving me a safe haven,
Already protecting me, nurturing me,
Preparing me for things to come.
But sometimes the journey of life pulls souls apart.
Yes, I had to go on to another place.
I wish I could stay,
I wish this was a decision I could make
And I know you do too.
Know this wherever you are,
I will always remember
That yours was the first love, the first joy,
The first soul I will ever know.
You gave me the courage to go on in my journey.
I hope I can do the same for you.



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You may ask, "Am I a mother?"

It may - or may not - have been a planned pregnancy. You may - or may not - have been in love with your baby's father. It may have been your first - or your eighth pregnancy. You may already have a child or children. Or you may have suffered a previous or more losses.

You may have been happily - or unhappily - married - or single. You may have been very young - or approaching menopause. You may have been looking excitedly towards giving birth, loving and caring for this child. Or terrified at the prospect.

You may have begun to lose your baby before you even knew you were pregnant. The confirmation of your pregnancy may have been quickly followed by cramping and bleeding. You may have had a few weeks to ponder your pregnancy. You may have felt your baby kick, heard your baby's heartbeat, seen your baby on ultrasound.

It may have happened suddenly, over within a few hours. You may have bled for several days before your baby was lost. You may have spent weeks on bed rest, with cramping and staining. You may have experienced months of trouble with an unstable pregnancy.

Maybe you had an ectopic pregnancy. Or a blighted ovum. Maybe you had an incompetent cervix. Or placenta previa. Your uterus may be an unusual shape. Or your hormonal system imbalanced. You may have a problem with your chromosomes. Or in the father's sperm. You may not even know the reason why,

BUT...

You conceived a child.
You carried a child within your body.
You birthed a child, in blood and pain.
If your child survived long enough in your womb, you may have even held your child.
You may have watched your child die.

YOU ARE A MOTHER!



**Special Thanks to
Coretta Monroe &
Adrienne Verbanac**
For their gentle out-
reach to SA moms with
this beautiful Mother's
Day Celebration!

This is Coretta's gift to everyone. She started writing Mother's Day cards to SA members several years ago. This day is her dream. Adrienne has embraced and helped build this dream. I have loved being a small part of it all. Marcia

SHARE Atlanta Is...

*Working through our grief with each other;
Sharing our fears and feelings;
Knowing we are not alone in our pain;
Learning our pain and feelings are normal,
and that we aren't losing our minds
Finding hope from those who
have made it through their grief to the other side;
Hope for our own survival and healing,
and for future happiness;
Very special people.
Pam Slayback, 1986 SA
In memory of Daniel*

The Pain That Ties Us

...While the answers may elude us
Peace may be just a woman away.

Before our loss
We were strangers
Now we are friends,
Support and comfort

Creating a healing circle;
A space to hear and be heard
Those things we thought we'd never share.

Reaching out to others
Extends the ribbon of strength.
Giving love and courage to all it touches,
So that one day we can release
The pain that ties us.

Kari Mannus-Leewood
In memory of Cornell David Isiah
SHARE Atlanta Candle lighting 1999

Motherese

Coined by Erma Brombeck...the language of Mothers

We'll see.

I'm doing this because I love you.

Never mind, I'll do it myself.

I'm not going to speak to you again.

Do you believe everything you hear?

You'll grow up fast enough-when I was your age...

I'm only one person.

Shortcuts aren't always.

If you are going to draw on the wall, do it behind the couch.

If your girlfriend jumped off a bridge would you do it too?

Many Thanks to Our Supporters

First Baptist Church of Atlanta
Catering by Teresa Cochran, SA Mom
Rick Hoeye, SA Dad
March of Dimes
Today's SA Participants

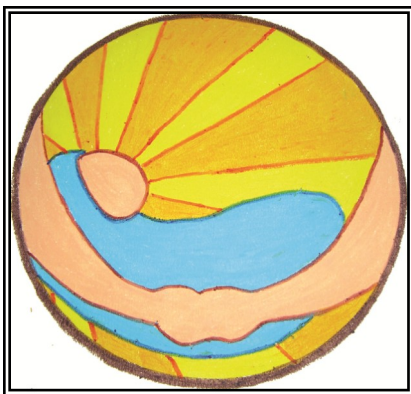
Door Prizes

The Heritage Makers courtesy of Betty Miller
Creative Memories courtesy of Nicole Scott
Memory Doll courtesy of Allysa Wolf
Mary Kay courtesy of Angela Johnson
Kim's Bracelets courtesy of Kim Shiflett
Pizza Dinner courtesy of Jennifer Greer
Memorial Brick courtest of Giles Marble Works
Helmet Hairworx/Bodyworx at Midtown Courtesy
of Nicole Thomas (Adrienne)
4Imprint (Coretta)
Jett Ferry Salon (Marcia)

Friendship
warms
the
heart

If you want to
make friends
with a bird, you
can't run at it.

Gentleness in
Friendship is what
our mothers taught.



My Love for You Shines
Allysa Wolf

Precious Babies Always Loved

Boden Truett Adair
Hannah & Ali Allgood
Lillie Jordan-Allen
Bubba Lee Anderson
Nubbin Anderson
Angie Olga Bader
Bailey Rose Bader
Gabriella Grace Bader
Gloria Lynn Bader
Kaleigh Madison Bader
Taylor Brooke Bader
Grace Marie Beltramis
Baby Boy & Baby Girl Blum
Cole Alexander Blurton
Baby Brady #1 & #2
Athen Michael Brine
Carter Franklin Britten
Matthew David Brooks
Lanie Grayce & Baby Brown
Baby Buchin #1
Baby Buchin #2
Logan Buchin
Aidan Grey Campbell
Hope Cash
Bella, Elyse, Maggie Chezem
Matthew Hogan Clay
Nicole Andresen Clontz
Justice Nathanael Cook
Evan David Cochran
Meghan Camiela Cotone
Camille Cryor
Carson Cryor
Lindsay Cryor
Lorin Cryor
Elizabeth Rose Cryor
Charlee Davis
Juliet Lee Davis
Zion C. Davis
Russell Joseph Deane
James Lincoln Dickerson
Eloise Dobbs
Harry Dobbs
Miracle Emmoni Edwards
Hannah Louise Egger
Rachel Elie
Elie Babies
Grace & Joseph Eng
Aaron Michael Fine
Precious Angel Flatt
Caleb Andrew & JP Franklin
Thomas Andrew Gafney
Paz Garcia
Ashton Alford Gervickas
Baby Gettens

Robert Anthony Gipson
Emma Gordon
Kelsey Gordon
Lauren Gordon
Joseph Carter Green
Jamie Caroline Greer
Jacob Evan Greer
Jesse Moore Hallmark
Juliana Hisae Hamada
Bishop Robert Haney
Jade Alexa Hanson
Angel Heaven
Avery Corinne Hildreth
Kai, Tai and Sai Hoeye
Baby Boy Hunlen
Kathleen Hunlen
Gabriel Cadence Hunter
Adrian Donell Perrymond Hurt
Joshua & Jordan Ingram
Lacey MaKenna Ivey
Jaden Alexandria Jackson
Trinity Nevaen Jackson
Gwendolyn Gerforne Johnson
Alexander Jordan
Mary Catherine Jordan
Elijah Thomas Keen
Frances Grace Keen
Sarah Elizabeth Keen
Samuel Brown Keen
Jeremiah David Keen
Baby King
Kennedy Kirkland
Sarabeth Kysar
Samantha Nicole Lee
Victoria Elise Lee &
her Angel Siblings
Butch Alexander Little
Charles Major
Christian Major
Cole Major
Michael Major
Tracy Major
Thomas Martin
Amari Robert Masimini
Sophie Margaret Mattis
Gabrielle Rhys Mayfield
Anthony Sampson Meglio
Zuri Dominic Meglio
Francis Michael McGarry
Catherine Marie McGinnis
Elizabeth Hope McGinnis
Seth David McGinnis
Nicole Kelly McGraw
Virginia Ann McGraw

Jesse McGraw
Brian Kevin Miller, Jr
Jeremy Gabriel Mishkoff
Zachary Gabriel Mishkoff
Sanaia Denae Moore
Allie Elizabeth Morgan
Mikaela Elizabeth Nance
Kennedy Michelle Neal
Maverick T. Nicoletta
Kennedy Faith Niles
Kelsey Niles
Liam Joseph Nulty
Evan Elaine O'Leary
Emma Margaret O'Brien
Brooke Marie Overton
Grace Emily Palmieri
Lee Kenneth Partiss
Dorian Rose Perry
Daniel Slayback Policastro
Zachary Connor Porter
Sarah Katherine Purcell
Baby Purcell
Allie Angela Renner &
her three angel siblings
Dorothy Ellen Ritter
Amelia Jean Roan
Baby Rowan
Kaori Scott
Megan Elizabeth Scholovich
Kathryn Anne Scholovich
Bennett Ellis Schoonover
Madison Elizabeth Schreck &
Baby Howell "Peanut"
Angelita & Raeph Segura
Hope Elizabeth & Angel Shiflett
Rebecca Marie Skeen
Anna Hope & Baby Skeen
Amelia Claire Smith
Ella James & Grace Ann Smith
Eli, Liza, Owne Stukalsky
Chosen Swint
Passion Sanai Tillman
Miguel Outlaw Turner
Nathaniel Verbanac
Jonathan William Verner
Caleb Bertrand Washington
Trindall Javon Ware
Angel Willams
James "Ryan" White
Courtney A. Williams
Ethan Wolfe
Grant Allen Wright