2014 Year in Review

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2014 was an amazing year for Star Legacy Foundation. I continue to be excited and encouraged by the growth and support we receive. So many experiences from the last several years have convinced me that the stillbirth community is on the precipice of significant breakthroughs that will change stillbirth in our country and world. My hope remains that stillbirth will one day be a rare occurrence and that all devastated families will be given answers for their loss. Until then, we will push forward for optimal care for the thousands of families enduring these heartbreaking tragedies and research that brings us closer to stillbirth prevention.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our Board of Directors, our Medical Advisory Board, our Champions families, all who donated to our efforts, and the many volunteers who contributed in more ways than I could mention. Your support and dedication is palpable and continually provides me with renewed energy to continue and expand our initiatives.

I am looking forward to 2015 with a great deal of hope for what we can accomplish for the babies who provide all the inspiration we could need. I hope you'll join us!

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A review of 2014 Activities:

1. Hosted *Stillbirth Summit 2014* in Medina, Minnesota. Over 200 researchers, health care professionals, bereaved families, and stillbirth advocates were in attendance for 3 days of new information, community support, and hope for the future of stillbirth prevention and care.

2. The STARS (Study of Trends and Associated Risks of Stillbirth) Study finished enrollment in August 2014. Preliminary data was presented at the Stillbirth Summit and at the ISA/ISPID event in Amsterdam. Analysis of the final data is currently underway.

3. Participated in The Action for Stillbirth Awareness and Prevention (ASAP) Coalition planning meetings and interagency webinar with the CDC, HRSA, NICHD, and ACOG.

4. Welcomed Sue Decker, Debbie Haine-Vijayvergyia, Laura Richert, and Patty Sorensen to our Board of Directors.

5. Presented to numerous community and health care organizations about Star Legacy, stillbirth, and our programs.

6. Met new friends through Champion events:

- Let's Not Be Still! Run/Walk in Eden Prairie, MN
- Abby's Ride in Oulu, WI
- Abby's Run in Oulu and Milwaukee, WI
- Addyson's Angel Run in Jennison, MI
- Mary-Alice and Friends 5K in Fargo, ND
- Taylor Morgan Hamilton 5K for Stillbirth Awareness

7. *See Me Feel Me* materials are now being used in public health clinics in Saskatchewan, Canada

8. Expanded our library of published stillbirth research.

9. Continued our blog – Stillbirth Matters

A look at the exciting projects we have in the works for 2015!!

2015 Priority Initiatives:

1. Continue and expand family support through 11 Angels
2. Establish a radio blog that will allow families, advocates, health professionals, and researchers to share their knowledge
3. Propose legislation in Minnesota to establish a Task Force on Stillbirth
4. Support the Farley-Kluger initiative to add the loss of a child to FMLA protections
5. Continue participation and support of Action for Stillbirth Awareness and Prevention (ASAP) Coalition activities
6. Expand education and awareness activities
7. Create support program for health professionals caring for bereaved families
8. Create a Journal of Perinatal Loss
9. Establish stillbirth registry
10. Begin planning for future Stillbirth Summits
11. Expand support groups and initiate a support hotline
12. Compose position statements on issues affecting stillbirth families