Welcome, Lindsey!

We were excited to have Lindsey Wimmer, Executive Director of Star Legacy Foundation, join us at our January meeting!

Lindsey traveled from Minnesota to meet the newly formed New York Metro Chapter for the first time, and it was both a productive and fun gathering.

She gave us excellent guidance, shared her wealth of knowledge and offered lots of encouragement as we get ready to roll out our launch program. Thank you, Lindsey!
In 2004, Lindsey's first child, Garrett, was stillborn at 38 weeks after his umbilical cord became wrapped around his body. As a nurse practitioner, Lindsey wanted to know how this could have happened. After looking in her OB/GYN textbook and being shocked to find that it had just one small paragraph on stillbirth, Lindsey began contacting stillbirth researchers around the world, recognizing that this topic was poorly understood in the medical community.

In 2005, she and her family held a golf tournament in Garrett's memory and raised more than $60,000 for stillbirth research projects. With the continued success of the annual golf tournament, in 2007 she formed the Star Legacy Foundation, which is now based in Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

After Garrett, Lindsey went on to have three more children: Grant, Bennett, and Austyn. Lindsey also recently transitioned to working full-time on Star Legacy's mission!

Let's Do It! Launch plan update

With Lindsey's help, we have narrowed our focus to a few programs that we will pitch to potential partners in our area:

Doctor/nurse education program. We will offer OB professionals overnight retreats that feature expert speakers in perinatal loss and stillbirth prevention, along with team-building activities to reduce burnout.

Peer companions. A volunteer-run program for grieving parents after they leave the hospital, staffed by trained parents and grandparents.

The countdown begins! Our spring 5Ks

In just a couple months, we will be hosting two runs/walks to raise money for SLF programs!

The events, which have been named the Let's Not Be Still! 5K, will be held on April 17 at Bar Beach in Port Washington & on April 30 at Meadow Pond Elementary School in South Salem.

We are currently working on an amazing T-shirt design that we hope to share with you soon!

In addition to honoring the memory of our babies, we want to make it a fun-filled day for families with post-race activities.
Calling all stillbirth families!

If you are the parent of a stillborn child, we want to hear from you! We are creating a registry of local loss families and request that you please email or Facebook message us with the following information:

- Name & birthdate of your stillborn child
- Hospital where you delivered
- Your current town of residence

This information will help us target our launch programs and enable us to honor your child on his/her birthday!

Your friends,
Hilary, Samantha, Theresa, Amanda, Eleni & Bobbie