

Ohio Chapter of the Star Legacy Foundation

LYDIE'S LOOP PREVIEW



Sign up for Lydie's Loop: Steps against Stillbirth!



This is it, Lydie's Loop! The flagship event for the Ohio Chapter of the Star Legacy Foundation.

Hundreds of families gather at Woodside Green Park in Gahanna, outside Columbus, for Lydie's Loop: Steps against Stillbirth. We say the names of the babies who never got to live. We walk, or run, in their honor. We share our stories. We laugh. And we raise tens of thousands of dollars to raise awareness and prevent stillbirth.

[Sign up here! Details below.](#)

Heather and Justin Welliver started Lydie's Loop in 2016 to honor their daughter, Lydia Joanne, who was born still on Nov. 6, 2014. They work tirelessly, mapping out the 5K run, collecting donations, advertising the race, in the hopes the world will pay attention.

Because more than 26,000 babies are stillborn in the United States each year. That's the equivalent of a school bus full of kids crashing and killing them all, every day.

"We are so excited that the third annual Lydie's Loop is almost here!" said Heather Johnston Welliver, chair of the Ohio chapter of the Star Legacy Foundation. "Not only is this event a large fundraiser for Star Legacy Foundation to support awareness and prevention of stillbirth, but it's a chance for families like ours to come together in celebration of the love we have for our children. We appreciate the opportunity that this event gives us to hear and speak the names of these children while surrounded by a community of support."

This year's Lydie's Loop is Saturday, Sept. 22.

Here's the schedule:

8:45 a.m.: Registration/check-in

9:30 a.m.: Welcome

9:45 a.m.: Kids Dash

10 a.m.: 5K and 1-mile walk

The event includes kids balloon animals, a short reading of names and a gathering of families afterward. It also includes a raffle of impressive prizes and a silent auction. A few items up for grabs:

- Columbus Blue Jackets tickets and gear
- Tickets to the Cleveland Aquarium, Cleveland Botanical Garden, Cleveland Children's Museum, COSI, Columbus Zoo, Cedar Point and more
- Cleveland Browns tickets and a signed football
- Cleveland Indians tickets
- Road trip in a bottle gift cards and other gift baskets
- Memory gifts and prints by Portraits by Dana, Juniper Avery and more
- Family membership to the Columbus YMCA for a year

Early registration closes **TODAY**, the last day to include a name on the Lydie's Loop T-shirts. But you can register to run as late as the morning of the race. You can also donate to any team or register for a virtual race or donate to any team. Registrations also include T-shirts (which this year are a gorgeous Kelly green!).

We would love to include you in this year's flagship event. Thank you for your support!

Meanwhile, take a look at the photos from last year below.



Families share their grief, and their joy.



Erica Carlson makes balloon animals for kids.



The families make their own T-shirts, honoring their babies.



The star lists babies gone too soon. And families can pose with their names.



So many raffle prizes! And silent auction items! From sports gear to a full-year membership at the Columbus YMCA!

The details!



Lydie's Loop
STEPS AGAINST STILLBIRTH

Saturday September 22, 2018
Woodside Green Park
213 Camrose Ct., Gahanna, OH
Register at: www.lysdieloop.org

Schedule

Registration	8:45am
Welcome	9:30am
Kids' Dash	9:45am
5K/1 Mile	10:00am

Proceeds benefit stillbirth awareness, research, education, advocacy & family support programs of



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Registration	by 9/4	after 9/4	
Adult	\$25	\$30	
Youth	\$10	\$15	
Virtual Run	\$25	\$30	

Shirts for virtual registration will be mailed after the event
Shirt sizing and availability not guaranteed after 9/4



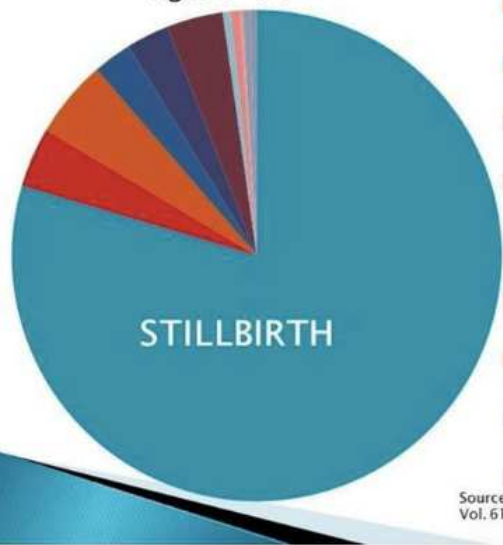
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This year's T-shirts!



Why we do what we do

2011 Stillbirths as compared to top 10 pediatric deaths ages 1-14



- Stillbirth
- Motor Vehicle Accident
- Other Accidents
- Congenital Abnormalities
- Assault/homicide/suicide
- All Cancers
- Cardiac Diseases
- Influenza & Pneumonia
- Septicemia
- Respiratory Diseases
- Cerebrovascular Disorders

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