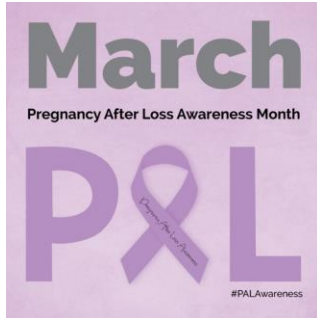




Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness

of Washington County, MD

2020 Events and Activities



Pregnancy After Loss Awareness Event March 28, 2020 from 10:00 am until noon

Join us for to learn about our new Rainbow of Hope: Pregnancy After Loss Support Group, make a rainbow sun catcher, enjoy lite refreshments, and connect with considering getting pregnant after loss, trying to conceive after a loss, pregnant after loss, and/or parenting after loss.

**** Please register for this event at <https://www.paila-wcmd.com/registration>.**



Mother's Day Gathering May 2, 2020 at 10:00 am

Join us to celebrate your motherhood. We will have lite refreshments while we create succulent terrariums and enjoy time together as mothers.

**** Please register for this event at <https://www.paila-wcmd.com/registration>.**



Father's Day Activity June 2020

We are currently planning this activity. Please check our website for details.



Butterfly Release Saturday, August 15 at 10:00 am

Our 9th annual Butterfly Release will be held at Remember Me Butterfly Haven. Everyone will be able to release individual butterflies. Certificates will be given to all registered participants.

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Virtual Walk

Entire month of October

Our Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Virtual Walk is a month long event to spread awareness and start conversations about+ Pregnancy & Infant Loss. The virtual walk will take place during the entire month of October, Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month. For more information, visit

<https://www.pailawcmd.com/virtual-walk>.



Luminaries

October 1 – 15

Luminaries will be available to pick up (for free) at Remember Me Butterfly Haven October 1 – 15. Use the luminaries on October 15th at 7:00 pm to participate in the international Wave of Light For Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day. For more Information about the Wave of Light, visit www.october15th.com.



Karaoke & Raffle Fundraiser

Sunday October 3

Our Karaoke & Raffle Fundraiser is a fun way to raise funds to help support our events throughout the year. Join us to sing your favorite songs or come out to cheer on your friends. 50/50 and raffle tickets will be available to purchase. For a list of raffle items, visit our www.paila-wcmd.com/eventsfundraisers.



A Walk to Remember

Saturday, October 17

The evening will include a memorial service and candlelight walk. Each baby's name will be read during the service. Each family will be invited to light a candle in honor of their baby. Certificates will be given out for each registered participant. T-shirts and sweatshirts will also be on sale. A list of baby names will be listed on the back of each. A link will be posted prior to the event.

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Dia de los Muertos Monarch Festival Sunday, November 1

Each year, monarchs migrate south. Thousands of monarchs migrate to Mexico. Their arrival in Mexico coincides with Dia de los Muertos or The Day of The Dead. Many Mexicans believe that the souls of those who have died return on those days, and they are lovingly remembered by family and friends. Monarchs have come to represent the souls of loved ones returning to visit each year. This important tradition is celebrated on November 1 and 2. The souls of babies and children are celebrated on November 1 and adults on November 2. To wrap up Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month (October), we will have a Dia de los Muertos celebration at Remember Me Butterfly Haven (our monarch waystation) on Saturday, November 1.



Tree Lighting Entire month of December

A Christmas Tree will be lit at Remember Me Butterfly Haven during the month of December. Please come by any time to see the tree and add an ornament in memory of your baby.

Community Events We Participate In

Mummer's Parade

October 31

We will be building a float for the Mummer's Parade. We are looking for volunteers to help build the float. Please let us know if you would like to ride on the float in the parade. For more information about our float or how you can help, please contact Rob Embly at PAILfather2father@gmail.com.

A Charlie Brown Christmas

December – Dates to be announced

Each year we have our Angel Tree on display. The event is open to the public for two weekends in December and a few week days. There will be a basket under our tree with paper butterflies. Please write your Angel Baby's name on a butterfly and hang it on the tree.

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Support Groups

Father 2 Father: Grieving Fathers Support Group

Father 2 Father is a monthly support group meeting for fathers who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss. The group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at Brook Lane North Village in room 116 (18714 N Village, Hagerstown, MD 21742). For more information, please contact Rob Embly at PAILfather2father@gmail.com.

Rainbow of Hope: Pregnancy After Loss Support Group Begins April 2020

Rainbow of Hope is an online peer-to-peer support group for those considering getting pregnant again after loss, trying to conceive after loss, pregnant after loss, and/or parenting after loss. The group will help connect families with similar stories, hopes, and fears. For more information, contact Brianne Tesla Bearese at PAILAofWCMD@gmail.com. To join this group, please go to: www.facebook.com/groups/RainbowofHopePAL