

“Journey” Resource Center

Services provided by the interdisciplinary bereavement support team:

- Assessment of individual needs by bereavement support staff (includes nursing, chaplaincy services, and social services)
- Individual funeral and memorial service planning for stillbirth and neonatal death through parents’ choice of funeral home. These are obtained free or at low cost.
- Collective burial of fetal remains in early pregnancy losses (less than twenty weeks gestation) held monthly at Calvary Cemetery. This includes casket, flowers, SVHS chaplain, music, and keepsakes.
- Photographs, Memory Box, certificates of birth, baptism, and/or blessing
- Patient education materials and appropriate literature packet, including the book, **“Mommy, Please Don’t Cry”** by local author **Linda DeYmaz**.
- Patient choices of post- partum room (maternity or gyn), decisions about care (whether to hold, see, dress infant), and choosing family participation.
- Separate quiet room for families and consultation
- “Journey” monthly support group
- Annual Memorial Service with candle lighting and naming ceremonies
- Guidance in completing- and compliance with- state mandated forms related to loss
- Follow-up care for at least a year with cards, phone calls, or office visits with the loss coordinator.
- Referrals for complicated grief, coordinated with patient’s obstetrician.
- Sibling support with regard to developmental age (done with parent participation)
- Lending library of books and videos on related topics
- 24 hour availability of trained support staff
- Dealing with anxiety/fears when planning a subsequent pregnancy
- Staff support and education
- Community awareness through media and arranged seminars
- Scrapbook club for memory making and fellowship
- Perinatal Hospice

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