



Westfields Hospital Gift Shop Announces Little Angels Bereavement Fund

December 8th, 2011—During the time of year when the act of giving to others is catching, the Gift Shop at Westfields Hospital seems to have caught the spirit. The Gift Shop, in conjunction with the hospital's OB staff, is proud to announce the new Little Angels Bereavement Fund. With the support of the hospital, the Gift Shop volunteers created this fund in order to support those forced to deal with the loss of a newborn, and to reduce some of the expense caused by such a tragic event.

In addition to the personalized care and support from the OB staff, families will receive a keepsake box. This box will consist of several items that will help families remember their baby. Families will also receive resources and funds to help with the expenses they may encounter.

Alice Michels, a long standing volunteer at the Westfields Gift Shop, asked the OB staff what their patients could use that wasn't already in their budget. The idea of giving support to those who have lost their newborn at the hospital was mentioned, and Alice, with the help of the other Gift Shop volunteers, took the idea one step further. The volunteers were asked to vote on the proposed idea, and the Little Angels Bereavement Fund was born.

“To realize that you won’t be bringing your baby home after all of the preparation and commitment is devastating and life changing. We can all sympathize with their situation and know what an overwhelming experience that is”, said Alice.

The goal of the Gift Shop’s volunteers has always been to supply the hospital with whatever it needs to better comfort patients and increase their level of care, and the Little Angels Bereavement Fund is one more effort to reach that lofty goal.

Outside donations are welcomed and appreciated. Donations via check can be sent to Westfields Hospital at 535 Hospital Road, New Richmond, WI, made out to the Little Angels Fund.

Westfields Hospital is a full-service hospital offering emergency services, specialty clinics, and maternity services, as well as medical and surgical inpatient and outpatient care. Westfields Hospital is part of the HealthPartners family of care. Learn more at westfieldshospital.com.

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