Mission

No one can walk in another’s shoes. We can, though, walk Hand in Hand through difficult times. Hand in Hand invites you to walk with others who offer recovery through sharing.

As you honor your baby’s life, we pledge to accompany you in ways we may know today and in ways that only you can teach us for times to come.

For you and your child and all involved—neonatologists, perinatologists, obstetricians, genetic counselors, registered nurses, social workers, clergy and the entire staff of TWH—we hope to provide comfort and care to meet physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Comfort

Hand in Hand strives first to hold the hand of your infant—meeting physical and comfort needs, while allowing your child to be with family. We then reach our hands out to you and all who support you.
For You

We support you as you walk through this journey. You, too, may have physical reactions to your journey with your child. Headaches, fatigue, loss or increase in appetite, dizziness, heart palpitations and stomach problems are just a few of the ways your body may react.

Your spirit may sag. Your emotions will rollercoaster. You may feel angry at everyone, including God. The range of emotions is great. We know them, too.

Crying is good. So is laughter. Pray if you want to. Scream when you are ready. Do what is right for you in each moment.

Be alone; be with others. Watch for any tendency to withdraw from social interactions.

For Your Baby

An advanced care plan will be set up as early as medically possible.

You will be informed and reassured by the awareness of the need to keep your baby comfortable at all times.

All family values, beliefs, rituals and attention to extended caregivers will be taken into account to the best of our ability.

Your voice, your opinions and your desires are important to you, to your baby and, therefore, very important to us.

From Us

We hope to honor each day of your child’s life. A memory box will be started for you to hold your baby’s keepsakes. Photographs will be provided, and hand and foot prints will be taken.

Spiritual and cultural support, rituals and mementos will be shared at your request. Bathing, dressing and holding as much as possible are all encouraged and are recognized as spiritually rich moments that will enhance your memories.

You will add your treasures as you walk this journey. We will be here with you, as you need us, walking....

For Your Friends and Family

Your friends and family may not know what to say; they may be afraid to be around you and your baby. They have not forgotten about you—ask for them if you need them. Ask for them if you want to. Be with us if you want to wait.

For more information about the Hand in Hand Perinatal hospice program, please contact us.

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