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## **ANA Awards Stillbirth Research Grant**

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Saratoga Springs, NY – Angel Names Association (ANA), an area nonprofit association that assists families of stillborn children, has awarded its first research grant to Dr. Katherine Gold, a family medicine physician and researcher at the University of Michigan.

“Supporting stillbirth research is a vital part of our mission,” said George Mosca, ANA Cofounder. “It is one of the most important things we can do. Research is the only avenue to gaining a better understanding of stillbirth, and learning how to prevent it.”

Dr. Gold’s research, conducted at the University of Michigan’s Departments of Family Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynecology will address the medical management of stillbirth and examine potential risk factors for fetal death which may have been previously unexplored.

Dr. Gold obtained a BS in biology, an MSW, an M.D. and an M.S. in Health and Health Services Research from the University of MI. She completed her family medicine internship and residency in 2005, completed the Robert Wood Foundation Clinical Scholars Program in 2007, and began a National Institutes of Health Research Fellowship in July 2007. She lectures in the University of MI Departments of Family Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Gold is also a volunteer physician at the Hope Clinic, a free medical clinic in Ypsilanti, MI; and is a presenter and author on the topics of pregnancy loss and infant death.

In 2001, three weeks after her graduation from medical school, Dr. Gold’s son was stillborn at 39 weeks gestation. “I was devastated,” said Dr. Gold. “As I began to read about this topic, I was struck by the lack of research by the medical community in this area. I understood how the death of a baby could have a profound and life-altering impact on a family and wanted to make a difference in the care of patients and prevention of future stillbirths.”

Dr. Gold plans to publish her findings by December 2008. “ANA’s contribution will help make this research possible, enabling me to gather and analyze an enormous amount of data on stillbirth which no one has examined,” said Dr. Gold. “I take it as both a personal and professional duty to help improve the science in this area and am grateful to ANA for helping to give me this opportunity.”

The ANA Board of Directors strives to award the grant annually. It will review grant proposals throughout the year, select a recipient in October, and award the grant the following January. Letters of intent may be submitted through August to Angel Names Association, PO Box 423, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

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