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Local Association Receives National Grant

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The Angel Names Association (ANA), a nonprofit, charitable association headquartered in Saratoga Springs, New York, has been selected by the York Children's Foundation Board of Trustees to receive a \$2,000 grant to fund its programs that assist families of stillborn children.

ANA was one of more than 60 non-profit associations across the country that applied for the grant. The York Children's Foundation disperses funds to non-profit organizations nationwide. To qualify for funding, an organization's activities must be primarily directed toward the welfare and benefit of U.S. children. The ANA grant application was sponsored by ANA Board member and area Funeral Director Glenn Ward, of Simone Funeral Home, Inc., in Saratoga Springs.

"ANA provides valuable services to community members who have lost a baby to stillbirth," said Mr. Ward. "It honors the lives of stillborn children and helps families who are in tremendous need of support."

ANA provides financial assistance to families who have lost a baby to stillbirth, and funding for stillbirth research. The grant will help ANA get its two primary programs underway. The SEOLE (Securing End-Of-Life Expenses), pronounced "soul," program will provide financing for families who cannot afford end-of-life services. GRASP, the Grief Recovery Assistance Program, will help underinsured and uninsured families pay for grief counseling following stillbirth.

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