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Luncheon to Honor Parenthood

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Saratoga Springs, NY – Angel Names Association (ANA), an area nonprofit association that assists families of stillborn children, will host its first annual Still Parents Luncheon on Sunday, May 18, 2008 from 12:00 until 4:00 p.m., at LT's Grill in St. James Square, Niskayuna, NY.

The luncheon is designed for families who have endured pregnancy loss and infant death, as well as community members whose lives have been impacted by these experiences. It will acknowledge mothers and fathers who parented their children the best they could, for as long as they were able.

Too often bereaved parents are ignored during holidays that honor parenthood. Instead of being solely reminiscent of times spent with their own parents, these days may also now serve as reminders of the life and dreams they have lost.

“We scheduled the luncheon near holidays that traditionally honor parents,” said Michelle Mosca, ANA cofounder and president. “Regardless of the physical absence of our children, we *are* parents. My love for my son did not end when he died; it is eternal. And by virtue of his existence, I was and will always be his mother,” said Mosca.

The luncheon will also provide a way for family and friends to acknowledge bereaved parents and the children they have lost; and give healthcare providers — midwives, gynecologists, hospital staff, funeral directors, etc. — the opportunity to support families with which they have experienced pregnancy loss and infant death.

Tickets for the luncheon are available for a minimum donation of \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door; children 12 and under eat free. The ticket price includes choice of entrée, nonalcoholic beverage and gratuity.

The luncheon will also include a silent auction. All proceeds from the luncheon and auction will be used to fund ANA programs for bereaved families.

For more information or to reserve your ticket(s) for the Still Parents Luncheon, visit ANA online (www.angelnames.org) or contact Michelle Mosca at 518-654-2411 or mgmosca@msn.com.

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