



## The Kate Carmichael Stillbirth Program

Stillbirth is remarkably common yet in most cases the cause of death remains a mystery. A thorough postmortem assessment may help provide information about the death, calculate chances of stillbirth recurrence and develop care recommendations for the next pregnancy. Assessment results can also help alleviate parental guilt and assist in the grieving process.

The Kate Carmichael Stillbirth Program, “Kate Cares”, was created to support professionals and families in seeking answers about stillbirth. Kate Cares offers a **diagnostic testing protocol** that can be offered to all families experiencing stillbirth. **Results are reviewed by a multidisciplinary team** including a clinical geneticist, maternal fetal medicine specialist, neonatologist and pathologist who will try to determine the cause of the stillbirth and make recommendations for additional testing and interventions for future pregnancies.

### Kate Care’s Vision

The Kate Carmichael Stillbirth Program sees each baby and each family’s story as building blocks in our search for ways to decrease the incidence of stillbirth and support those whom stillbirth touches.

### Kate Care’s Mission

The Kate Carmichael Stillbirth Program strives to support families experiencing stillbirth by...

- Helping to understand why their baby was stillborn, the chance of stillbirth happening again and what can be done to help future pregnancies
- Connecting families to medical and social support resources
- Educating the general public and professionals about the needs of families experiencing stillbirth and creating opportunities for their involvement
- Increasing the understanding of stillbirth to help other families
- Providing a framework to search for ways to prevent stillbirth

### Kate Care’s Values

The Kate Carmichael Stillbirth Program is guided by the core values that...

- Every baby is valued and treated with respect and dignity
- All families deserve the opportunity to explore why their baby was stillborn
- The grieving process is unique for each family and every person
- Achieving our vision requires the collaboration of professionals, families and others who have been touched by stillbirth
- Any stillbirth is one too many for those who experience such a loss

**For more information about Kate Cares, contact the Kate Cares office (317)962-0663 or visit us on the web [www.katecares.org](http://www.katecares.org)**