



“IRONS FOR ANGELS”
8TH ANNUAL
LUCY'S FIRST STEP GOLF TOURNAMENT

My name is Lesley Mitchell. My husband Pete and I are chairing a golf tournament scheduled for July 6, 2018, to raise funds for **Lucy's First Step Fund**, in memory of our baby girl, Lucy Rose Mitchell. Lucy was born an angel on February 17, 2011.

Lucy's First Step Fund, was established to address the needs of parents who have suffered the death of a child. We strive to support those individuals and families as they struggle to cope and adjust in dealing with the loss. We are running a counselor moderated group therapy program as well as providing financial assistance for private counseling and infant burials. Whether the loss was from miscarriage, still born, illness or accident, we feel that everyone should have access to the tools they need to heal in a healthy safe manner.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, 2017 was our most supportive year ever. We were able to assist numerous families with funeral expenses, memorial markers and counseling sessions. We are now providing bereavement packages and plaster cast kits to the UPMC Women's Hospital and Allegheny Health Network Erie, who each has approximately 40 infant deaths a year. The plaster casts are particularly special because they give the families a tangible keepsake which is a cast of their child's hands/feet that they can treasure forever. These services totaled almost **\$20,000 in services**. We have also expanded our burial assistance to include children beyond the infant stage. We are just getting started and are always looking for ways to expand our services.

We have several donor levels available that are outlined in the enclosed golf brochure. The options run from only \$100 for a hole sponsor to our Gold Sponsor package, which is only \$700 and gets you complete sponsor coverage as well as four golfers the day of the event. We also run a very successful auction and would welcome auction item donations. You can contact me and I will make arrangements to pick them up at your convenience. As a sponsor I would like you to know that we have a full tournament of 144 golfers every year and also have about another 30 to 35 people who come for dinner and to play the auction. It is a popular and well attended event.

Our success is contingent on the generosity of our community. You would be in awe to know how many families in our area have been touched by the loss of a child. This will be an enjoyable tribute to the memory of our children. All proceeds are going to **Lucy's First Step Fund**.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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