# A resource for grieving parents and their loved ones. Touching lives — Healing hearts — Giving Hope.



#### **Share at HSHS St. Mary's**

#### ANNUAL HOLIDAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Join us in December for a holiday service as families bring a reading, photograph or reflection to share. Each family is invited to bring an ornament to decorate our Share Tree and will receive a memorial ornament to keep. Our decorated Share Tree holds ornaments from more than 40 years of memorial service celebrations.

#### SHARE MEMORIAL MONUMENT

Located in Macon County Memorial Park Cemetery, the monument graces the final resting place for babies who died during pregnancy, at birth or in early infancy. It depicts a tiny baby held in a hand, lifted toward Heaven. The monument and benches nearby provide a place for parents and family members to visit and honor their babies, to grieve their loss and to heal.

#### SHARE ANGEL OF HOPE GARDEN

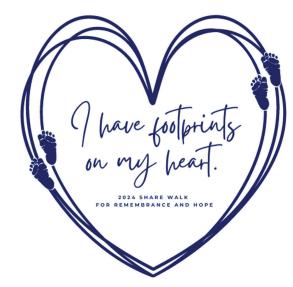
Located near the entrance to St. Mary's campus, the garden features a pathway built of memory stones and an Angel of Hope statue dedicated to babies who died too soon. It provides a quiet, sacred place for families to visit and reflect. To purchase a memory stone to be placed in the garden, please call HSHS St. Mary's Foundation at 217-464-2520.

#### SHARE SPRING EVENT

The Share Spring Event includes a short program with prayers, readings and reflections from Share families about their children and what the Angel of Hope Share Garden means to them. Following the program, each family is provided with a flower to plant in honor of their children who have died too soon.

For information, call 217-464-2045.





2024 SHARE WALK FOR REMEMBRANCE & HOPE

# **OCTOBER 12, 2024**

9 a.m. | Registration and activities 10 a.m. | Walk Nelson Park Pavilion #2 Decatur, IL







#### A Walk to Remember

Share's Walk for Remembrance & Hope takes place in October, which is National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. The event commemorates the lives of babies lost due to miscarriage, stillbirth and infant death.

Our ninth annual Decatur community walk will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 10 a.m. beginning in the Nelson Park Pavilion #2. This walk along the lake shore will include a memorial service to remember our babies (each child's name will be read), and also to celebrate each life, no matter how long or short.

As we gather together to walk in honor of our babies, we keep memories alive and offer support to one another. Whether a recent loss, or one that occurred several years ago, we encourage parents and loved ones to come walk the steps our babies will never take.

#### 2024 Walk Schedule

Check-in/registration 9 - 10 a.m.

Make bracelets/activities 9 - 10 a.m.

Memorial service/walk 10 a.m.

Light Refreshments 11 a.m.

#### Please note:

Babies' names will not be printed on the back of the 2024 walk shirts. Please feel free to come with your shirts already decorated.



### **Register Today!**

Thank you for your interest in registering for the 2024 Share Walk for Remembrance & Hope! Please complete the registration form and mail to HSHS St. Mary's Foundation. All registered participants will receive one program and all walk activities.

Registration fee: \$15 (only one fee per household required)

T-shirts: \$15 each (optional)

To allow time for the entire list of babies' names to be printed in the memorial program, registration forms **MUST** be returned by September 23. Names will not be printed on the t-shirts.

This event will occur rain or shine; however, in cases of extreme weather, St. Mary's may cancel for participant safety. No refunds will be issued due to cancellation.

Donations will support HSHS St. Mary's Share program.

## **Merchandise Pick-up**

Mark your calendar! Merchandise will be available for pick up on the following dates:

October 9 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. HSHS St. Mary's Hospital main lobby 1800 E. Lake Shore Drive Decatur, IL 62521

If you are unable to pick up your t-shirt at the times listed above, please call 217-464-2045 no later than October 9 to make arrangements. T-shirts can only be guaranteed to those registering by September 23.

For information, call 217-464-2045.

Names will appear AS WRITTEN in the program. Please contact the St. Mary's Spiritual Care Office for unique pronunciations as all names are read aloud during the memorial service/walk.

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Total amount enclosed (t-shirt total above plus \$15 registration fee):

Make checks payable to: HSHS St. Mary's Foundation and mail to:

HSHS St. Mary's Foundation

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Cell phone

Home phone

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2024 Share Walk 1800 E. Lake Shore Drive Decatur, IL 62521

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