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Hello Everyone,

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some exciting news! Some of you know that Gabriel and I lost our daughter Josephine back in March 10, 2008 to SIDS she was six and a half months old at that time. Then in August of this year (2008) we lost our great niece Leilani Waiters to SIDS as well. She was almost 2 months old. You could just imagine the devastation in our family.

As parents that lost our daughter to SIDS, we decided to make a difference in people's lives and be a support system to all who are victims of SIDS to pay tribute to our daughter Josephine. As of today, we would like to announce the launching of the Josephine DeMello Foundation!

The foundation is non-profit organization formed to support the SIDS research being conducted by Dr. Krous from San Diego SIDS/SUDC Research Project, Dr. Harper from UCLA Center for Neurovascular Sciences and Women's Health, and the American SIDS Institute Research Project. All proceeds from the events and donations are going to be donated to help fund the research and support groups local and national. It is also an information center for anyone who is a victim of SIDS as well as the medical professionals and educators who needs information for families in finding support groups, churches and other religious preference support groups, information materials, online support resources, counseling, therapy, and network with other parents with the same experience to know that you are not alone and that someone understands. Loosing a child is the most devastating experience anyone could ever experience. We are here to hold your hand and be there to lean on.

Please learn more about the Foundation by visiting our website at [www.joeydemellofoundation.com](http://www.joeydemellofoundation.com). All charitable donations are tax deductible and receipts will be mailed back to you. Feedbacks and comments are highly appreciated. If you have further questions please do not hesitate to call or send us an email.

Thank you for all your support!

Sincerely,

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President