



## 30th Annual California SIDS Program Fall Conference October 4 - 5, 2010 ~ Save These Dates ~ Mark Your Calendar Now

The California Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Program invites you to join us on October 4-5, 2010 for *Angels Among Us*, the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual California SIDS Program Fall Conference. This year's events and agenda have been planned in collaboration with the Southern California Regional SIDS Council and the California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division. The conference site is the Doubletree Hotel Anaheim/Orange County located at 100 The City Drive, Orange, CA. 92868. The hotel is 20 minutes from Orange County's John Wayne Airport and within minutes of Disneyland and other local tourist attractions. Restaurants and shopping venues are conveniently adjacent to the hotel.

### Pre-Conference Events ~ Monday, October 4, 2010

- ***Making Memories*** ~ The Guild for Infant Survival of Orange County (GISOC) is sponsoring this special afternoon workshop on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. This complimentary session is intended for bereaved parents, grandparents, family members, child care providers and others experiencing the sudden unexpected loss of an infant. The GISOC will provide decorative supplies/materials and instructional assistance for making memorial shadowboxes. Attendees are asked to bring small photos, mementos and other treasured items for displaying in their infant's shadowbox. This informal gathering offers an opportunity for newly bereaved and those years beyond their loss to meet and network in a caring supportive setting.
- ***Celebrating Our Angels: A Service of Remembrance*** ~ This complimentary event hosted by the GISOC is open to everyone. It will take place at 5:00 pm on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> on the Patio of the Doubletree Hotel. This early evening memorial service will include a pictorial slide presentation, readings, musical interludes and a commemorative butterfly release. Anyone wishing to honor an infant is invited to participate in the memorial pictorial tribute. Photographs can be mailed with a return self-addressed envelope to the Guild for Infant Survival of Orange County c/o Rachel Strickland at PO Box 148, Tustin, CA 92781 or digital photos can be emailed to Sarah Held at [heldfamily@socal.rr.com](mailto:heldfamily@socal.rr.com).
- ***Welcome Reception*** ~ The Guild for Infant Survival of Orange County is sponsoring this free pre-conference event. It is open to SIDS parents, family members, friends, relatives, professionals and para-professionals and interested individuals. Meet, mingle and enjoy light refreshments as you network with others and get acquainted with the California SIDS Community. The reception will immediately follow the memorial service at 6:00 pm and will take place in the Atrium of the Doubletree Hotel. For more information about the reception and other pre-conference events please contact:

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\* Note: Registration with the California SIDS Program for all pre-conference events is requested for planning purposes. Please use the Conference Registration Form available on the California SIDS Program website at [www.californiasids.com](http://www.californiasids.com) to register for these events.



**Henry F. Krous, MD**  
*Keynote Speaker*

**Conference Highlights ~ Tuesday, October 5, 2010**  
**8:00 am to 4:30 pm**

On Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, we are honored to have as our keynote speaker, Henry F. Krous MD. This world renowned SIDS researcher is the Director of Pathology Research at Rady Children's Hospital and Clinical Professor of Pathology/Pediatrics at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine. He is also the Director of the San Diego SIDS/Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) Research Project. Dr. Krous has served as a consultant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institute of Child and Human Development in the development of national standards for infant death scene investigation. In California he is credited with formulating the State's standardized autopsy and death scene protocols. Dr. Krous has been involved in SIDS research for more than thirty years, of which twenty have been in collaboration with Dr. Hannah Kinney. Their cooperative efforts have been instrumental in identifying the link between SIDS and low levels of serotonin. Dr. Krous will provide an in-depth update of current research surrounding SIDS and other sudden unexplained infant deaths. Immediately following his presentation, Dr. Krous will moderate an informal dialogue among SIDS medical experts as they respond to audience questions. The morning's general session will conclude with three parents sharing their journey of grief and lessons they have learned in coping with their loss.

After lunch, registrants will attend pre-selected sessions which will provide an opportunity for networking and sharing in a smaller informal setting. Featured workshops are designed for SIDS grandparents, newly bereaved parents/family members and those years beyond their loss. Each of these support sessions will be facilitated by volunteer parents/family members who have experienced the loss of an infant. Public health professionals will attend an interactive session moderated by the PHN representatives of the State SIDS Advisory Council. The day's final general session will include a pictorial tribute honoring those infants whose lives were lost suddenly and unexpectedly.

### **Hotel Reservations**

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Doubletree Hotel Anaheim/Orange County located at 100 The City Drive, Orange, CA. 92868. The hotel is about 20 minutes from Orange County's John Wayne Airport and 45 minutes from Los Angeles International Airport. A special room rate has been confirmed at \$84 single/double occupancy exclusive of applicable state/local taxes. This group rate is available from October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 7<sup>th</sup> based on room availability. Call the Doubletree reservations desk at 1-800-488-9031 or 714-634-4500 to reserve your room. Specify the California SIDS Conference when making your reservation. Additional travel information including hotel parking, local airports, shuttle service and map/directions are posted on the California SIDS Program website at [www.californiasids.com](http://www.californiasids.com).

### **Conference Details and Registration**

Financial assistance is available for SIDS parents/family members residing in California. Continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered for RNs. Complete conference details including the agenda, speakers, registration form and fee schedule are posted on the California SIDS Program website at [www.californiasids.com](http://www.californiasids.com). For more information please contact:

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