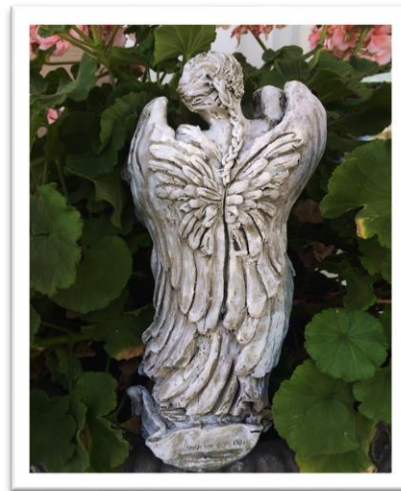




January 9, 2015

To: Lisa R. Clayton
Parks Director
City of Franklin

Proposal: **Wings of Hope Statue to be erected at
Pinkerton Park in Franklin, TN**



What is the goal of this project?

The goal of this project is to secure a sacred space at Pinkerton Park for our bereaved families to gather, remember and grieve for pregnancies or infants lost. It will also be a symbol of Hope gifted by the citizen of Williamson County to remind them that they are not alone and a reminder of the beautiful life all around them in nature's setting. This space will be available for use any time by bereaved families and be part of annual memorial events. There is no such space in Williamson County.

How does it benefit the community?

Our community would benefit greatly by having a sacred space specifically for the bereaved who have lost a child; it would be a symbol that he/she is not alone with his/her grieving – that our whole community feels the loss of a child in our community – not knowing what his or her contribution would have been. Also, some families may not have the financial ability or the opportunity to arrange funerals, burial services, a headstone, or any sacred place to remember their baby.

Some families received nothing if the fetus was lost prior to 20 weeks gestational age. The Wings of Hope monument would provide these families something tangible.

Please see attachment A.

To date, 300+ families have signed the petition to have a Wings of Hope statue erected at Pinkerton Park.

What is the SHARING of Middle TN organization?

SHARING of Middle TN, Inc. is a support group for parents who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant loss. Meetings are designed to help parents, grandparents, siblings, and loved ones sort through the grief process in a safe environment among others who have experienced similar losses. *SHARING* holds open free support meetings twice a month in Nashville. Through this connection, grieving families are brought together through the shared loss of a pregnancy or infant. Groups are led by parents, and attended by health care professionals. *SHARING* is a chapter of National Share Pregnancy and Infant Loss, Inc. and has been in operation for over 25 years in Middle Tennessee.

Has a location been identified at Pinkerton Park?

Yes.

Please see attachment B.

Have the contractors been identified to complete this project?

Yes. MTSU has agreed to complete the concrete portion of this project. They will create walkway to the monument, concrete circular floor pad, concrete wall and concrete pedestal for Angel of Hope monument.

Please note that MTSU has awarded grant monies to SHARING that will need to be utilized by July 1, 2015

Dr. Heather Brown, MTSU: Department Chair and Associate Professor of Concrete Industry will over see the concrete portion of this project.

Josh Cornwall, Contractor/Owner of Dusty & Son Concrete LLC will be performing the concrete work.

John Watts, Professor at O'Moore College of Design will sculpt the Angel of Hope Monument and transport the monument to Pinkerton Park.

Can you describe the sacred space area?

Yes. The sidewalk would be wheel chair accessible and extend to the concrete circular pad. The circumference of the pad would be 28 feet. There would be a 4-foot walk path around the parameter of the circular pad. 4-foot in from the edge, a memorial wall would be constructed of concrete. This wall would begin at 2 feet and peak to 4 feet, and then gradually descend to 2 feet. This wall will be 8 inches in thickness. The top of the wall would be peaked to discourage climbing by visitors. The wall would be stamped to

resemble large rocks. Each rock would contain a child's name to be memorialized. The name would be sand blasted into the concrete wall. This wall will accommodate 1200 names. 10 feet in from the wall will stand the Wings of Hope Monument. We will work with the Parks Department to also include flowering annuals and park benches (for donor gifted purposes).

Please see attachment C.

Can you give the specifications/materials in the Wings of Hope statue?

Yes. The Wings of Hope statue will be an original art piece, created from limestone. It will be hand sculpted by Professor John Watts. Its height would be 50 inches, 24 inches wide and 20 inches deep. The statue would sit on a 2 foot by 2-foot pedestal. The statue depicts a woman, a mother, swaddling a newborn with an angel (child) perched on each of her shoulders. The statue would have the words "Hope," engraved on the banner located at the bottom of the statue. It would also have detailed wings of a butterfly worn by this woman on the back of the statue.

Who will handle the personalization of memorial rocks on wall?

SHARING of Middle TN will offer personalization of rocks twice a year. *SHARING* would collect monies and coordinate with contractor.

Will this sacred space need any on-going maintenance?

No. The concrete would be reinforced and would not need any yearly maintenance. It is highly recommended not to power wash. If statue becomes dirty and dusty, simply use a light broom.

SHARING of Middle TN is willing to keep a maintenance fund available to the City of Franklin Parks with a minimum of \$500 in the account for any emergency repairs that may arise.

What is the project time line?

Construction would begin in late spring 2015. *SHARING* would hold a dedication ceremony on the first Saturday in October 2015.

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SHARING of Middle TN would like to kick off campaigns to collect funds for this project at the October 4, 2014 Walk for Remembrance & Hope event that is held (every year) at Pinkerton Park.

Attachment A:

change.org
SHARING of Middle TN

Recipient: Williamson County

Letter: Greetings,

SHARING is using this petition to measure support for The Angel of Hope statue to be erected at a park in our local community.

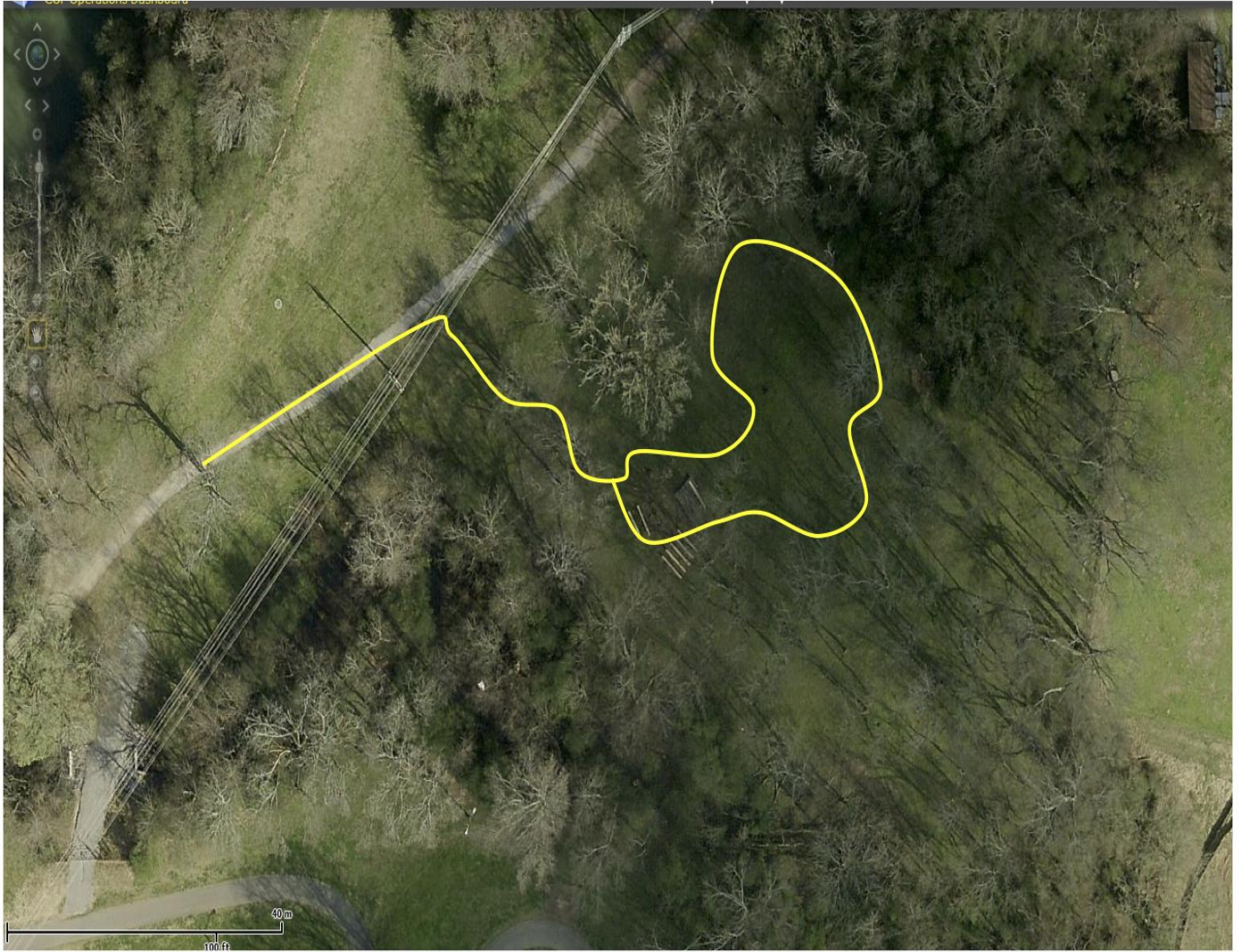
Web link to Petition: <https://www.change.org/p/williamson-county-approve-a-sacred-space-for-an-angel-of-hope-statue-to-be-erected-at-a-park-in-our-local-community>

Name	Location	Date	Comment
paula keith	portland, TN	2014-02-19	i have suffered from infant and pregnancy loss.
Dayna Suttles	Mt. Juliet, TN	2014-02-19	In honor of Hope Madison...
Nancy Huguley	Nashville, TN	2014-02-19	To honor my brother's memory, Dan Wilton Ward, JR (08/05/1955-08/08/1955) and provide my parents a physical place to find comfort and peace standing beside others on the same journey.
Missy Cook	Franklin, TN	2014-02-19	In support of my friend, Susan, to honor sweet Hannah!
Susan Skinner	Franklin, TN	2014-02-19	In honor of my little one who never made it into this world.
Mary Barnes	Nashville, TN	2014-02-19	It is a special place wherein we can remember and honor our babies and participate in the Candlelight Ceremony held simultaneously around the world around the Angel of Hope Statue. It would be an asset to our Sharing community, our local chapter of the national SHARE
Mary Barnes	Nashville, TN	2014-02-19	in memory of Alexander Oliver Barnes
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JACQUELINE MARCHUK	Knoxville, TN	2014-02-19	For my friends in memory of their son, Alexander Oliver Barnes.
DeAnne Bruinsma	Franklin, TN	2014-02-19	Death of loved ones should be honored
Sara Goertel	Darien, CT	2014-02-19	In loving memory of Alexander Oliver Barnes
tammy west	murfreesboro, TN	2014-02-19	I lost my grandson this year!
Alyson Whetstone	Brentwood, TN	2014-02-19	To support my friend Susan and to honor her dear Hannah.
Tonya McCullough	Franklin, TN	2014-02-20	I lost a sister. I would love a way to remember her. Such a precious idea.
Rhonda McGuire-Callmpbe	Old Hickory, TN	2014-02-20	to honor my son, Declan, and other angel babies
Delisa Locke	Franklin, TN	2014-02-20	To honor Hannah, Dylan and Bruce all gone too soon.
Janaki Ramanathan	Decatur, AL	2014-02-20	In support of my friend, Mary for remembrance of their sweet baby boy.
Alison Butler	Goodlettsville, TN	2014-02-22	I work with families who experienced pregnancy and infant loss. It is important to the healing process that memorials be available to them to validate their loss and convey that it matters to the larger community. Many families have very little in the way of memories as the life was so brief - symbolic memorials like this statue would be a tremendous source of comfort.
suzanne campbell	stlouis, MO	2014-02-24	parks matter
beth trivett	hendersonville, TN	2014-02-25	Its important to me because I lost two children. One to a miscarriage and the other baby boy lived only three hours.Its important to have something you can see and touch to help the healing process.
billie stahlschmidt	st charles, MO	2014-02-25	I'm a bereaved mother and we have the angel of hope where I live. The angel is beautiful and having a brick with my childs name is comforting and it warms my heart when I go visit the angel.
Angie Gulotta	Lascassas, TN	2014-02-27	In support of my dear friend, Ashley, that lost her baby boy far too soon.
Tammy Sellars	Smyrna, TN	2014-02-27	Show my support for a wonderful young lady, Ashley and her husband Daniel. They lost their beautiful baby boy.
cassandra allison	newport, TN	2014-03-04	we all need a angel og hope
Miranda Inman	Lebanon, TN	2014-03-04	In support of Andrea and Chase Hess and their three little ones born too soon.

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Summer McNabb	White House, TN	2014-03-04	In support of Chase and Andrea Hess and their children born too soon.
Chelsea Davis	Hendersonville, TN	2014-03-04	losing a child causes more pain than many know. There should be a place for people to remember their children in peace and to validate their lives, no matter how short.
Amy Stambaugh	Goodlettsville, TN	2014-03-04	To honor our son, Howard Reid, and all of the other babies lost too soon.
wendy lewis	Henry, IL	2014-03-04	because of what it stands for... "HOPE" ... :)
Ashley Proctor	White House, TN	2014-03-04	I have also lost a baby and I think it is very important for people to have a place they can go and remember the little ones.
Sharon Fitch	Greenbrier, TN	2014-03-04	Looking forward to a tangible place for all who have endured the loss of their babies to gather and remember. Also a place to show the world that we will never forget, but we will continue forward.
Laura Brown	Franklin, TN	2014-03-04	Thank you so much for this opportunity! We can walk to Pinkerton and would be so thankful to see the Angel of Hope there for our daughter.
Carol Clevenger	Pensacola, FL	2014-03-05	Our family has been impacted by these angels!
Tangelia Cannon	Smyrna, TN	2014-03-05	Before I was born, my mother had a miscarriage. Although I never knew my brother, I know the heartbreak that she felt. It also affected me growing up. I always felt like I was missing something and would think of what life might have been like had he lived. In fact, I still think of him often and imagine what he would have looked like. Many of my friends that have lost their children, either pre-birth or while the children were infants. I believe that this would be a place for all of us to go and think of those beautiful lives that were lost too soon.
Shannon Hampton	Brentwood, TN	2014-03-05	A friend of mine lost her sweet baby girl!
Tiffany Jenks	Columbia, TN	2014-03-05	In memory of Margaret Brown
Diane Berger	Brentwood, TN	2014-03-05	Margaret Brown
Helen Nikole Elmore	Nashville, TN	2014-03-05	Margaret Ruth Brown
katie winstead	Brentwood, TN	2014-03-05	It's important because Laura is a good friend to many of us:) We all love Margaret and want to show our support any way we can.
Elizabeth Clements	Franklin, TN	2014-03-05	Margaret Brown was lost, but will never be forgotten. This would be so meaningful to her family and so many other families who have dealt with similar situations.
Kristen Douglass	Nashville, TN	2014-03-05	It would be a place that our friends and families could gather to remember the all too short life of Margaret Brown, and it would be uplifting for the brother and sister she never got to meet.
Christina Coombs	Franklin, TN	2014-03-05	The family of Margaret Brown, like so many others, will benefit immeasurably with an Angel of Hope statue in Pinkerton Park. This is a place where families come to be together, and it would be wonderful to feel as though your beloved child is remembered there too.
Amelia Smith	Franklin, TN	2014-03-05	I want my sister's beautiful angel, Margaret Lee, to have a place where everyone can remember her.
Pam Rosas	Timonium, MD	2014-03-06	In memory of our daughter, Sara Catherine Rosas
Carolyn Carter	Germantown, TN	2014-03-06	I am an NICU nurse. I am signing for the babies who are in heaven.
jessica hawkins	Franklin, TN	2014-03-06	A way for us all to remember those who have gone before us and those we will reunite with again.
Peggy Martin	Nashville, TN	2014-03-06	Asked by a friend.
Rebecca Charlton	Hendersonville, TN	2014-03-06	For the persons who have angels that have left their lives too soon...
Leslie Nix	Franklin, TN	2014-03-06	Margaret Lee Brown

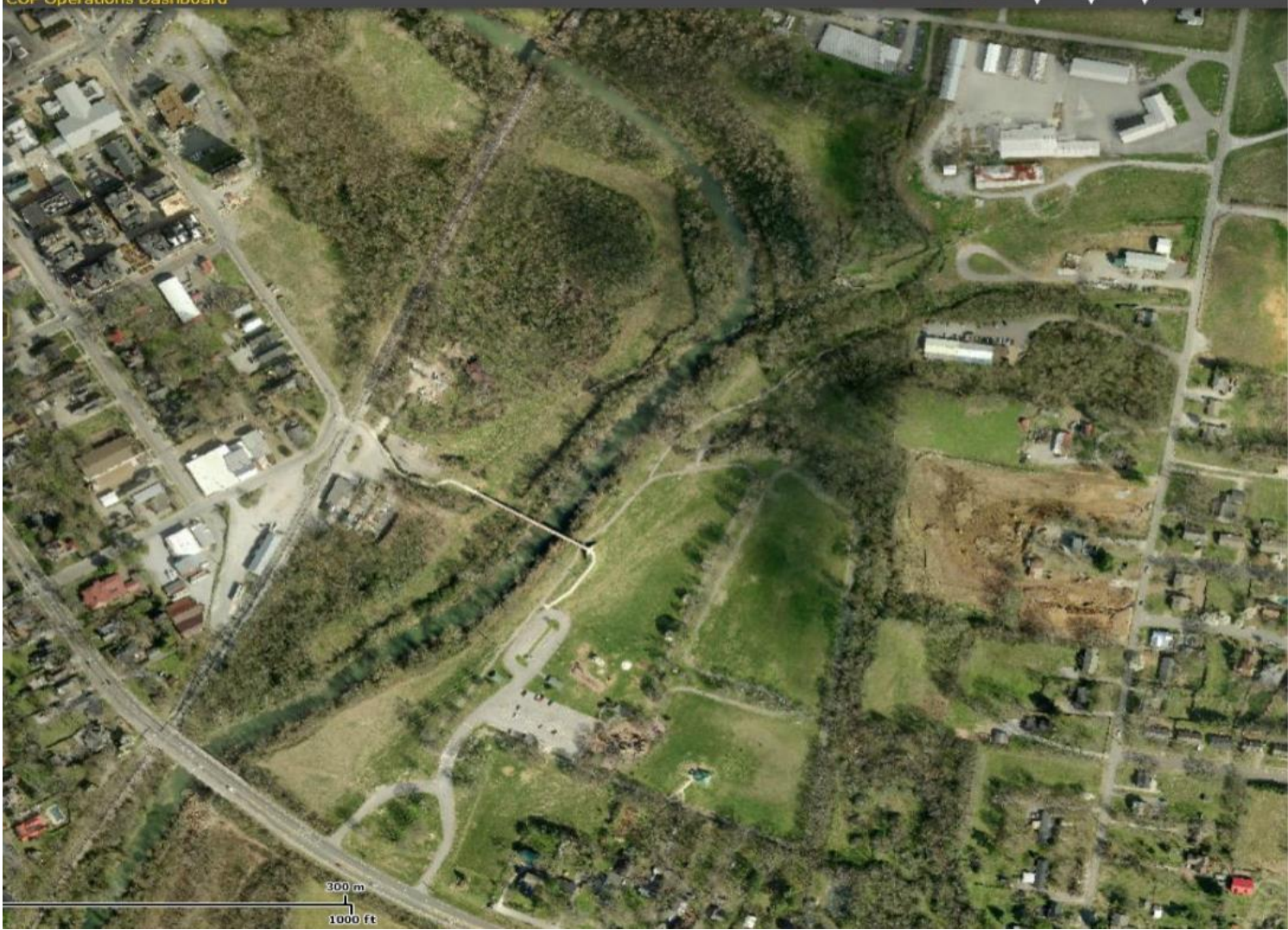
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Tammy Bennett	Myrtle Beach, SC	2014-03-06	A girl I have known since 1995--and watched grow up--lost her baby at 40 wks. I want to show my support for her and this cause because I have lost a 23-yr-old son, and I cannot even imagine the pain of losing an infant. Any parent who loses a kid needs all the support they can get, and they need to know people care. What a great idea this is, and I would love to see one @ Pinkerton.
Debbie Oaks	Brentwood, TN	2014-03-06	Asked by a friend
Becky Richardson	Brentwood, TN	2014-03-06	For Baby Margaret
Dawn Theriot	Franklin, TN	2014-03-06	Help honor the lives lost and provide of place for grieving families to gather
Jessica Weaver	Winston Salem, NC	2014-03-06	Because people need hope.
Laura Rosas	Germantown, TN	2014-03-06	In memory of my sister Carol Keith, and my granddaughter, Logan Anne.
Emily Tomlin	Franklin, TN	2014-03-06	This is for sweet baby Margaret. xoxo
Lynn Rosas	Bartlett, TN	2014-03-06	For Sara Catherine and Logan Anne.
Pamela Stevens	MT. Juliet, TN	2014-03-06	We need : Hope, Love and Peace.
Kathy Davis	Oregon, WI	2014-03-06	Our daughter lost her child at 18 weeks. We feel these babies deserve a place to be remembered.
Nikole Jameson	Spring Hill, TN	2014-03-06	We have 4 angels and would love to have this in remembrance of our children
Lynn Harvey	Cofax, WI	2014-03-07	My nephew & his wife have lost a baby and are supporters of this project.
Jo Terry	Knoxville, TN	2014-03-08	Our daughter's best friend lost a full term baby last year. We are signing to support this public memorial to help bring comfort to that family and others.
Pat Strickland	Charleston, WV	2014-03-28	To honor our friends who lost their granddaughter.
Joana Coblenz	Mount Juliet, TN	2014-05-01	We lost our daughter Collins Noelani Coblenz on Dec 11, 2013 and would love to have a special place in Nashville honoring her and other babies and their families making this journey with us.
Nicole Jones	Burns, TN	2014-08-26	I lost a child and I feel this would be great to have.
Sue Thompson	Milwaukee, WI	2014-08-26	My daughter loss her baby in spring of this year and the tears and sorrow is heartbreaking. This wonderful family and others need this special place to go to be with their angel.
Kelly Blevins	Menomonee Falls, WI	2014-08-26	Support to friends who have lost babies
ashley branham	Murfreesboro, TN	2014-08-26	I lost my son it would be nice to have a place to go and reflect upon him
Pamela Weeks	Smyrna, TN	2014-08-27	My dad has very few days left and this would always remind me of him.

Attachment B:









Attachment C:

