



Miscarriage Matters, Inc. is a 501(c)3 recognized charitable organization offering global support to mothers and fathers devastated by Miscarriage, Stillbirth, and Early Infant Loss.

Our web based community encourages heartbroken parents dealing with pregnancy and early infant loss, to visit our website and join our village of healing. Once a parent joins our program, the member is then connected with a **Woman of Empowerment** or **Man of Power** Mentor who will offer one-on-one support and guidance tailored to fit their needs.

Miscarriage Matters, Inc. is a community of love, hope, and encouragement: therefore, we do not charge for our mentoring services. Our goal is to increase awareness around *loss*, and break the code of silence, and shame. Miscarriage Matters, Inc. is not *just* another support group, we are parents who have suffered pregnancy and/or early infant loss, determined to make a difference.

If you need support, we hope that you will allow us the opportunity to be there for you. On the other hand, if you're a survivor who's healed, we offer you the chance to join our efforts and "pay it forward" by volunteering. The volunteers at Miscarriage Matters are not licensed counselors or doctors. We are a group of parents, held together by a common bond, and a collaborative effort of turning our wounds into wisdom. While parents will never forget their loss, with time and support, you can begin to heal. The best way to communicate with us is by visiting our website (MyMiscarriageMatters.org) and you can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Pinterest. Lastly, MM Radio was launched to encourage dialog and increase awareness around Pregnancy and Early Infant Loss.

Miscarriage Matters, Inc. needs your support – now more than ever. We humbly ask your assistance in reaching our goals:

- ☑ Live Chat: Exclusively on our website, we offer an instant connection for grieving parents. \$1,200
- ☑ Care Packages: These kits include a teddy bear and tissue to be presented to grieving parents at the moment loss is detected. \$28,500
- ☑ Women of Empowerment: Mentoring program for devastated mothers. \$3,500
- ☑ Miscarriage Matters 2 Men: Mentoring program serviced by men for grieving fathers. \$3,500
- ☑ Miscarriage Matters en Español: Mentoring program for devastated mothers in Spanish. \$3,500
- ☑ MM Serves: Volunteer program for Miscarriage Matters, Inc. that allows individuals to give back through service. \$10,000
- ☑ Events: Ultimate Women's Expos (7), Meet & Greet - Evening of Awareness Gala \$46,500
- ☑ Advertising, Marketing, Promotions: \$55,575

With a full staff of volunteers (no salaries are being paid) every dime given helps us to help others. The need for support is great and with your help, we can heal the world- one parent at a time. As a 501(c)3 organization your donation is tax deductible. The Miscarriage Matters tax identification number is 90-0790811. Please mail your generous donation to our address listed below or you may also use PayPal. Thank you in advance for having such a giving heart.

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Esther Stanard, founder and CEO of Miscarriage Matters, Inc.

was recently invited to attend the AAPLOG Annual Matthew Bulfin Educational Conference in Washington, DC in February. While she was honored to attend this prestigious event, it was vital for the organization to get their message of hope out. By having the opportunity to speak at the event, Mrs. Stanard was able to address the various doctors, nurses, hospital board members, and students in attendance and educate them on dealing with patients suffering loss. Since the conference, the organization has received many complementary messages. In fact, here is an actual message from an attendee in their own words:

Mar 12th, 2:27am I was at the AAPLOG Conference last month and helped you pass out papers before your presentation. I'm a college instructor and PhD student. Tonight I received an email from a student who decided to open up about how devastated she is this week because it's the anniversary of her miscarriage. I told her I would pray for her and her baby and I remembered how empowering your presentation was. It helped me to consider my wording in responding to her and I refrained from saying "you can always have another baby" because you helped me realize how insensitive that is. I wanted to share this and to say thank you your work and cause is truly incredible and inspiring.

Miscarriage Matters, Inc. realizes the many gaps that remain, and are making it a point to attend more conferences to continue their efforts to make a change within the medical community.



Did You Know?

On October 25, 1988, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the month of October to be Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

