

Welcome to the Ohio Chapter of the Star Legacy Foundation.



It's almost here! Lydie's Loop: Steps Against Stillbirth!



On your mark, get set...

Sixteen teams are participating in Lydie's Loops: Steps Against Stillbirth on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Ohio Chapter Chair Heather Johnston Welliver and her husband, Justin Welliver, have been working tirelessly on the second annual 5K and 1-mile walk, which features an incredible array of raffle prizes and silent auction items. So far, they've raised \$14,000, and they hope to top last year's total of \$20,000, to benefit stillbirth research, education and awareness.

The event honors 51 babies and gives baby loss moms and dads a chance to celebrate their children and support each other.

Here's the schedule for Saturday.

Registration: 8:45-9:30 am
Raffle ticket sales begin: 8:45 am
Silent auction begins: 8:45 am
Welcome: 9:30 am
Kids' dash: 9:45 am

5k/1 mile start: 10:00 am
Silent Auction ends, winners announced: 10:30 am
Raffle drawings: 10:45 am
After party at 101 Beer Kitchen in Gahanna: 11:00 am

Forgot to sign up? No worries. Find more information online at www.lydiesloop.org, or you can register Saturday morning.

Lydie's Loop in the news

This Week's News newspaper wrote a lovely story about Lydie's Loop. [See the story](#)

The backstory on the Ohio chapter

Heather and Justin Welliver, whose daughter Lydia Joanne was stillborn in November 2014, started the Ohio Chapter in January to support families throughout the state.

The board members are:

- Heather Johnston Welliver, chair
- Sabrina Cali, event chair
- Kati Smith, Northeast Ohio representative
- Justin Welliver, secretary
- Kelli Stewart, family support chair

Birth certificates

If you would like a free commemorative birth certificate for your stillborn son or daughter, you may request one through the Ohio office of vital statistics. [Just fill out this form.](#)

Stillbirth in the news

A few stories from around the world:

'Her passing couldn't be the end of the story.' Mother turns her pain into campaign: [Modesto Bee](#)

Lichfield dad of stillborn baby boy nominated for inspiration award: [Birmingham \(U.K.\) Mail](#)

'We consider ourselves parents:' Reflecting on a stillborn daughter, 11 years on: [ABC News \(Australia\)](#)

Stillbirth matters: Research is key to mitigating risk: [Irish Examiner](#)

Researchers at Hunter Medical Research Institute in Australia found that many stillbirths are triggered by a deteriorating placenta: [Popsugar.com](#)