

Remembrance Brick Order Form

One of the most prized features of the Angel of Hope is the Remembrance Bricks that cover the ground surrounding the Angel. These bricks are inscribed and laid for families who choose to honor their child with a physical and lasting tribute. With a donation of \$100 or more, you can personalize a brick for your loved one. Each brick allows for 3 lines of engraving with 20 characters per line.

Brick orders may take up to 10 weeks to process.



Row #1: _____

Row #2: _____

Row #3: _____

Donated by: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Please make checks payable to:

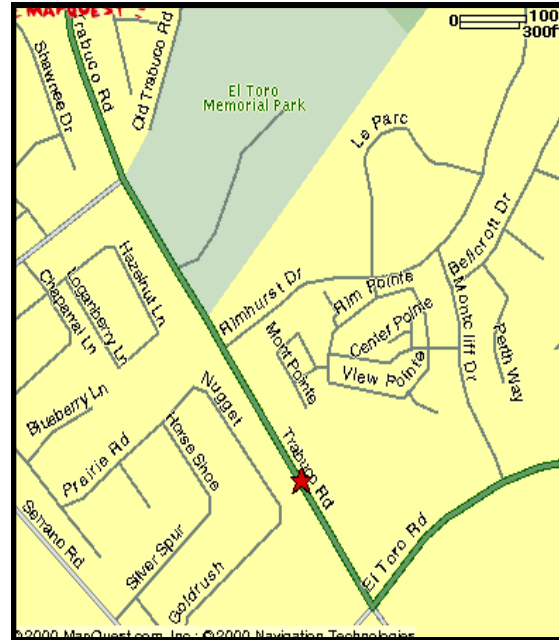
**GISOC, Angel of Hope Fund
(Guild for Infant Survival, Orange
County)**

Mail to:

***GISOC, Angel of Hope Fund
P.O. Box 5173
Huntington Beach, CA 92615***

El Toro Memorial Park

25751 Trabuco Road
Lake Forest, CA 92630



Northbound on I-5

**Exit at El Toro Road
Turn right on El Toro Road
Turn left on Trabuco Road
Park is 1/4 mile on right**

Southbound on I-5

**Exit at Lake Forest Drive
Turn left on Lake Forest Drive
Turn right on Trabuco Road
Park is on the left just past Ridge
Route Drive**

Angel of Hope



***Our children loved,
missed and remembered.***

**Annually on December 6th
7:00 pm
El Toro Memorial Park**

The Christmas Box

By Richard Paul Evans

The Angel of Hope was inspired by Richard Paul Evans' national bestseller, *The Christmas Box*. It is a story of a woman who mourns the loss of her child at the base of an



angel monument. The monument that the fictional story speaks of originally existed in the Salt Lake City Cemetery in Utah but was destroyed by floods in 1984. Richard Paul Evans commissioned a new angel in response to reports of parents who were seeking out the angel as a place to grieve and heal. The new angel was dedicated in 1994 on December 6th—the date that the child in Evans' book passes away.

The angel sculpture is the creation of a father and son from Salt Lake City, Ortho and Jared Fairbanks, and was modeled after the description in *The Christmas Box*. If you look closely, you can find the word "hope" engraved in the Angel's right wing.

This monument provides support to parents who have lost a child of any age and from any cause.

Our sincere hope is that you find healing and comfort in her presence.

Candlelight Vigil

Every year, on December 6th, families gather at the Angel of Hope for the candlelight ceremony honoring the memory of the children they have lost. This ceremony takes place at 7 pm at all the Angles in the country.

Parents, relatives, and friends are invited to gather and lay white flowers and other tokens at the Angel's feet and, most importantly, speak their child's name. For many, this is the most profound moment of the evening.

Families come from all over the state to find solace in the Angel's presence and to rest their grief in the outspread arms of an angel with *hope* in its wings.

We recommend to our families that you bring a flashlight and chairs to sit in for the ceremony.

Candles and flowers provided free of charge.

Program scheduled rain or shine



A Dawn of Hope

by Debbie Gemmill

**Hope is not the closing of your eyes
To reality
To fear
To pain.**

**It is not the slamming of the door
To memory
To love
To joy.**

**It is not the turning of your back
To all you wished for
To all that was
To all that might have been.**

**Hope is, instead
A silence softly surrounding your reality,
Your memories,
The brokenness of your heart.**

**It will whisper in your ear
And when you are ready
It will dance to your remembered joy
And sing to your remembered love.**

**But for now it will sit with you
Until you see the first light of dawn.**

For more information, please contact:

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**Or contact us at:
714-658-0797**

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