

## Remembrance ★ Brick

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 & lasting tribute. With a donation of \$100.00 or more you can personalize a brick for your loved one. Each brick allows for 3 lines of engraving with 20 characters allotted per line.

★ *Brick orders take up to 12 weeks to process.*



### Order Form

Row #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Row #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Row #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

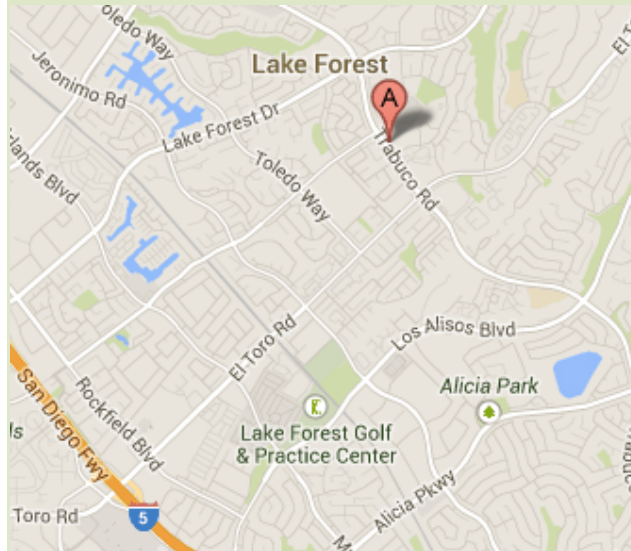
GISOC, Angel of Hope Fund  
(Guild for Infant Survival, Orange County)

### Mail to:

GISOC, Angel of Hope Fund  
P.O. Box 148 | Tustin, CA 92781

## 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 ¼ mile on the Right

### Southbound on I-5

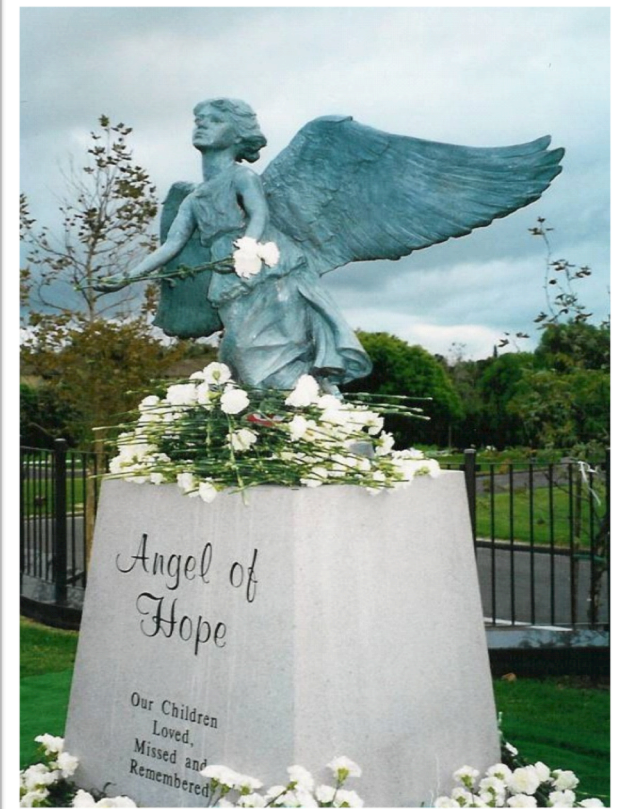
Exit at Lake Forest Drive

Turn Left on Lake Forest Drive

Turn Right on Trabuco Road

Park is on the Left just past Ridge  
Route Drive

## Angel of Hope

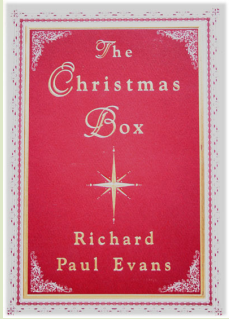


*Our children loved, missed  
and remembered*

Annually on December 6<sup>th</sup>  
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 mother 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 6<sup>th</sup> – 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.*

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

# Candlelight Vigil

Every year on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 7pm at all the Angels 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 are provided  
free of charge.**

**The program is scheduled rain or shine**



# The Dawn of Hope

by **Debbie Gemmill**

Hope is not the closing of 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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