



# Bereaved Parents of the USA 2010 National Gathering

## “ROCK OF HOPE, RIVER OF HEALING”

July 9-11, 2010



Holiday Inn Airport Conference Center  
3201 Bankhead Drive  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72206

## 2010 REGISTRATION PACKET

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Hotel website: [www.hilittlerockairport.com](http://www.hilittlerockairport.com)



Dear Friends,

It is time to make plans to attend the 2010 BP/USA National Gathering. If you have never attended a Gathering, we encourage you to make **“ROCK OF HOPE, RIVER OF HEALING”** your first. Our Gathering Committee has been hard at work to ensure that this will be an uplifting, healing, informative and comforting experience for everyone. People will come from all over the country to gather with other bereaved families and experience a wonderful weekend of fellowship, exceptional guest speakers, outstanding workshop presenters on many various workshop topics and special evening sharing sessions where you can talk and talk. The Gathering is also a place to educate ourselves about the grief process and gain knowledge and understanding that will be useful on our journey to healing. As we spend time together we will demonstrate to each other that survival is possible. Hearing “I know” or “I felt that way” assures bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents that they are not alone. Our sibling program will include a workshop schedule for both children and adult siblings but childcare is not included.

Spend some time in the Reflection Room, grab a snack in the Hospitality Room, or browse the Butterfly Boutique and the Bookstore. On Saturday night, we will have a very memorable Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony featuring a slideshow presentation of our beautiful beloved children. Plan to stay through Sunday for our Special Closing Ceremony.

The theme **“ROCK OF HOPE, RIVER OF HEALING”** was chosen for this Gathering as symbols that represent our city and state. Little Rock, our state capitol, has been dubbed as The Rock and we feel a rock symbolizes something solid to hold to and hope is definitely something we cling to as bereaved parents. The Arkansas River runs right thru the heart of downtown Little Rock. We have all cried a river of tears and more but we want to turn our river into healing waters by expressing our grief and learning how to work through it, to find our new normal and a place of acceptance. The dove of peace in our logo welcomes you to Arkansas, the natural state.

Our sincere desire is that as you experience the **“ROCK OF HOPE, RIVER OF HEALING”** Gathering, you will truly find comfort, encouragement, hope and healing for your grief journey and make many new friends. Do not miss this opportunity to enjoy some real Southern hospitality in Little Rock, Arkansas!

Sincerely,  
Mike & Diane Rima and Ray & Linda Bates  
2010 Gathering Hosts and the Committee  
BP/USA South Central Arkansas Chapter  
P. O. Box 23044  
Hot Springs, AR 71903-3044

For Questions, Comments, Suggestions or Information, contact your Gathering Host Committee at [mdrima007@hotmail.com](mailto:mdrima007@hotmail.com) or call 501-627-8585 or 501-622-8768 (evenings)

# 2010 BP/USA NATIONAL GATHERING "ROCK OF HOPE, RIVER OF HEALING"

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

**Hotel Accommodations:** The Holiday Inn Airport Conference Center in Little Rock will be providing a discounted rate of **\$99.23 per night (tax included), and will honor this rate for 2010 National Gathering guests from July 5 -14, 2010. Please, make your reservation early and directly with the hotel at 501-490-1000 or 800-HOLIDAY. June 17 is the deadline** to book hotel reservations at the discounted rate. Check out their website details at [www.hilittlerockairport.com](http://www.hilittlerockairport.com) The hotel provides a complimentary shuttle to and from the Little Rock National Airport and to several downtown attractions. If you need any assistance with your hotel reservations, please contact your Gathering hosts at 501-627-8585.

**Meals:** Total Meal Plan (Fri-Sun) is \$132.00. Prices include gratuity. Individual meals will be offered, as well as a children's menu for \$78.00 - see the registration form for the details. **Please advise us of any special dietary needs.** We are going to have some outstanding speakers at the conclusion of each meal. All attendees are invited to join us right after the meals, to hear the special speakers. Admission to the Kittyhawk Ballroom will be opened after the meals are served.

**Workshops:** A large variety of workshops are offered, in a structured setting designed to address specific topics by a presenter, and is also a time of learning and sharing. If you are interested in presenting a workshop, the **Workshop Applications** and more information are available online at [www.bereavedparentsusa.org](http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org) (click on 2010 Gathering)

New: A Special Workshop / Book Discussion: This year, we will be having a book discussion / workshop addressing the book "*The Lovely Bones*" by Alice Sebold. Please read this book before the Gathering and join in this interesting workshop discussion.

**Bookstore:** The Centering Corporation will provide a complete bookstore with a vast variety of material including books, CD's and DVD's, many authored by our speakers, workshop presenters and entertainers who will be available to autograph them for you at a designated time.

**The Hospitality Area** serves as a social gathering spot for snacks and beverages, a place to take a break from the busy schedule and catch your breath while you visit with other bereaved families from across the USA.

**Reflection Room** is a peaceful and serene room to reflect while you listen to music. Paper will be provided to write your thoughts and messages to your loved one. Special plans are being made for those messages to our children.

**The Butterfly Boutique** will offer many lovely items for sale with butterflies, angels motifs and other themes, and also items with a local flair. There will be a terrific Silent Auction and Raffle held on Saturday. Please send any items you wish to donate to the Butterfly Boutique in memory of your child, to: Kathy Irwin, 128 Delight Lane, Royal, AR 71968. If you have any questions, contact the boutique chairperson, Toni Holohan at 479-474-9773 or [hoopihan@aol.com](mailto:hoopihan@aol.com)

**Table Favors:** If you or your chapter would like to donate small table favor gifts in memory of your child(ren), we need approximately 300 pieces per meal. Anything is much appreciated. Please send them to Jerri Miller, 1925 E. Lee Ave., Sherwood, AR 72120, or call her at 501-835-6044 to discuss what they are and bring them with you.

**Picture Buttons:** We will have a picture button maker at the Gathering. You can pre-order a picture button by sending a 3" picture and \$3.00 with your Registration Form. If ordered at the Gathering, the price will be \$4.00. Bring or send as many copies of 3" pictures as you want to be made into buttons. If you want 3 buttons, send or bring 3 pictures.

**Memorial Templates:** Enclosed in your packet is our DIAMOND template to decorate. Be creative!!! Bring it with you to sparkle up our display area with our beloved children, our precious gems!! Put your child's name and dates on the front. Please include your name, address, telephone, and e-mail on the back if you want to exchange them at the end of the Gathering to create a pen pal in another state. The DIAMOND template is also available to download and print on the website [www.bereavedparentsusa.org](http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org). Everyone can send in a Diamond to the Gathering for your child(ren), sibling, or grandchild(ren).

**Attention Chapter Leaders:** Our annual leadership luncheon and training sessions will take place on **Thursday, July 8th**, the day before the start of the annual Gathering. The luncheon and training is open to anyone who is active in a BP/USA chapter leadership role but **you MUST PRE-REGISTER for the luncheon and training classes.** Please see the BP/USA website [www.bereavedparentsusa.org](http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org) for all the details, schedule and specific information on how to register online for the Thursday activities.

# 2010 BP/USA NATIONAL GATHERING

## CHECKLIST

**This CHECKLIST page is yours to keep and designed to help YOU prepare, especially if this is your first Gathering! Put it on your refrigerator and refer to it often!**

The following are KEY dates to remember and a checklist to help make the entire process of registering less overwhelming for everyone.

**When to Arrive - Please plan to arrive by Thursday afternoon, July 8, 2010.** Check into your hotel room and find the BP/USA registration table in the atrium area past the front lobby to get your packet of everything you need for the weekend, (your name tag, meal tickets, schedule, program book and goodie bag). There will be an informal get acquainted program Thursday evening, don't miss it!

For **BP/USA Chapter Leaders and core group/steering committee members, newsletter editors, treasurers, etc.** interested in learning new ideas and the workings of a chapter, arrive before noon to attend the chapter leadership luncheon and training sessions on Thursday July 8th. **You MUST pre-register to attend this, so go to the BP/USA website at [www.bereavedparentsusa.org](http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org) to register online.**

The **Opening Ceremony begins at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**, right after our fabulous Southern style breakfast buffet. The dress is casual all weekend and the weather is hot in Arkansas but bring a light sweater in case a room is chilly! The program ends before noon on Sunday, July 11th, following a closing ceremony but plan to stay and sightsee abit.

## CHECKLIST:

- Call the hotel right away and make your **hotel reservations before the June 17 deadline.** Be sure to ask for the BP/USA Gathering rate which is good July 5 thru July 14<sup>th</sup>. If you need any assistance with reservations, call the Gathering host at 501-627-8585
- **Complete one Registration Form for each person attending.** Mail the form(s) and a check or money order to the address on the Registration Form **by June 1, 2010.**
- Pre-order **picture buttons** by sending in a 3" photo for each one, with your registration form and payment.
- Pre-order a 2010 Gathering T-shirt to have the Arkansas experience keepsake. Complete that separate order form and send it with your registration forms and money.
- Send your **child/children's picture** with the Slideshow Presentation Form to David Hurley **by June 25** to participate in the Saturday night candlelight service. If you have attended before, David has the picture on file, but you still need to send him the form to have your child included.
- Sponsor a page in the Gathering program book. Fill out the form for **your Child(ren)'s Memorial Sponsorship Page** to be published in the program book and mail the form with your photo design or ad layout, picture ready, and a check to Peggy Williams at the address on the form **to arrive by June 1. Don't procrastinate; you must turn it in by the deadline of June 1 to have it printed in the book.**
- Decorate a copy of the enclosed "*Our Precious Gems*" **Diamond** template and bring with you to the Gathering to help decorate our memorial area of the hotel with our beloved children.
- Make travel arrangements - book your flight or reserve a rental car early! Little Rock Natl. Airport (LIT) has these airlines: Delta, American, Southwest, United, and Continental. Its only one mile from the airport to the hotel and the hotel has complimentary shuttle service.
- Set aside extra pictures of your child to bring with you to the Gathering to have a picture button made or for use in a workshop like scrapbooking or to display on the memorial picture boards.
- If you are a **Chapter Leader**, please:
  - Make copies of this information and the registration packet to give to your chapter members right away.
  - Get with your chapter members and decorate your "diamonds" for displaying at the Gathering.
  - Bring picture boards or scrapbooks to share to help us get to know your chapter's children.
  - Bring extra copies of your chapter newsletter to share with others attending the Gathering.

# 2010 BP/USA NATIONAL GATHERING

## REGISTRATION FORM

**\*Please complete one form for each person attending**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Death Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Death Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to this Child: \_\_\_\_\_ If you need additional space, use back of this page.

**Early Registration discount rate is \$25 per person, maximum \$75 per family, if postmarked by June 1, 2010.**

**After June 1, registration is \$35 per person, maximum \$85 per family. Please register as early as possible.**

ITEM	QTY.	PRICE	TOTAL
<b>Registration Fee</b> (see above details)		each	
<b>Adult Meal Plan</b> (Friday – Sunday: 7 meals) (Includes gratuity)		<b>\$132.00</b>	
<b>Individual Adult Meals:</b>		or	
Friday Breakfast (Buffet)		\$16.00	
Friday Lunch (Buffet)		\$22.00	
Friday Dinner		\$23.00	
Saturday Breakfast (Buffet)		\$16.00	
Saturday Lunch		\$19.00	
Saturday Dinner		\$20.00	
Sunday Breakfast (Buffet)		\$16.00	
<b>Child's Meal Plan</b> (Friday – Sunday 7 meals) (Includes gratuity)		<b>\$78.00</b>	
<b>Individual Child's Meals: (Ages 12 and under)</b>		or	
Friday Breakfast (Buffet)		\$10.00	
Friday Lunch		\$11.00	
Friday Dinner		\$13.00	
Saturday Breakfast (Buffet)		\$10.00	
Saturday Lunch		\$11.00	
Saturday Dinner		\$13.00	
Sunday Breakfast (Buffet)		\$10.00	
<b>Picture Button</b> (Send a 3" picture for each button) Pre-order @ \$3 each		\$3.00	
Vegetarian? (circle one) Yes No			<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$</b>

**Special Diet Needs** (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**Send this completed Registration form (one for each person attending) and your check or money order made payable to BP/USA National Gathering to:**

**Debby Hunsaker, 29 Neal Cove, Bryant, AR 72202-2827**

**or register online at [www.bereavedparentsusa.org](http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org)**

For questions or info call 501-847-4102 or email [BPUSA2010registration@yahoo.com](mailto:BPUSA2010registration@yahoo.com) or [kevdeb91@aol.com](mailto:kevdeb91@aol.com)

To assist us better in serving you, could you provide us the dates you plan to stay at the hotel:

Dates before event: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Event: 7/8 \_\_\_\_\_ 7/9 \_\_\_\_\_ 7/10 \_\_\_\_\_ 7/11 \_\_\_\_\_ Dates after: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your Child's Memorial Sponsorship Page**

Sponsoring a memorial page in the Gathering program book is a meaningful way to remember our precious children, brothers/sisters, and grandchildren. Design your page around your child's picture or your memories of them. This year the memorial pages will be in color. If you do not include a page design with your donation, the design will be at the discretion of the program book committee. If you have any questions about the pages, please e-mail Peggy Williams at [pegwill71@yahoo.com](mailto:pegwill71@yahoo.com) or call 501-804-3560.

Name of person placing memorial page: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit written instructions, text, and photos - or - **Memorial Page Layout** print ready.

Print clearly below:

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Circle size: **Quarter Page - \$25.00**      **Half Page - \$50.00**      **Full Page - \$100.00**

Enclosed AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form, photo and the design or ad layout of your Memorial page, and your check or money order, made payable to BP/USA National Gathering to:

Peggy Williams  
221 N.E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
England, AR 72046

**All memorial page entries must be received with payment NO Later than June 1, 2010.**

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**SLIDESHOW PRESENTATION FORM**

The slideshow presentation during the Candlelight Service is a meaningful part of our Gatherings. If you are attending the 2010 Gathering and wish your child to be a part of our slideshow presentation, send a photo of your child, no larger than 8X10 and this completed form to the address below. You can pick up your picture at the Gathering Registration Table when you arrive or enclose a postage paid addressed envelope so that your photo can be immediately returned to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to have my child included and have enclosed a photo.

\_\_\_\_\_ The picture should be in your file from a past Gathering.

\_\_\_\_\_ Include my child's NAME ONLY with appropriate representation (no photo available).

**PRINT CLEARLY**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phonetic Pronunciation: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_

A picture and completed form is needed for each child being remembered. The picture submitted should be of the child only. Please put child's name and address on the back of the photo.

**Mail to be POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JUNE 25, 2010**

**Send this form and your child's picture to:**

**David L. Hurley  
3805 W. San Juan Street  
Tampa, FL 33629-7819**

**Or Email** this form and a picture to David at: david.hurley@gte.net. You will receive a confirming email back. If you don't, please follow up. You don't want to miss out having your child's picture included.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call David at 813-831-2588. Thank you!

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**T-SHIRT ORDER FORM**

Featuring the 2010 BP/USA National Gathering Logo

**“ROCK OF HOPE, RIVER OF HEALING”**

There will be a **limited** number of T-shirts and sizes available to purchase in the Butterfly Boutique. **Don't miss out. Place your pre-order now.**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Cost: \$10.00 each**

**Children's** Shirt Size (Circle size and fill in qty.) S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_

**Adult's** Shirt Size (Circle size and fill in qty.) S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_

Additional Cost per Big & Tall Shirt is \$2.00 for 2X \_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_ 4X \_\_\_

# of Shirts Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

+ Additional Charge for 2X - 4X is + \$2.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail my T-shirt to my address above \_\_\_\_\_ (Add \$5 Postage for mailing it \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

**Total Qty. of T-shirts ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check or money order payable to BP/USA National Gathering and mail it with this form (can be included with the Registration Form mailing to save postage) to:

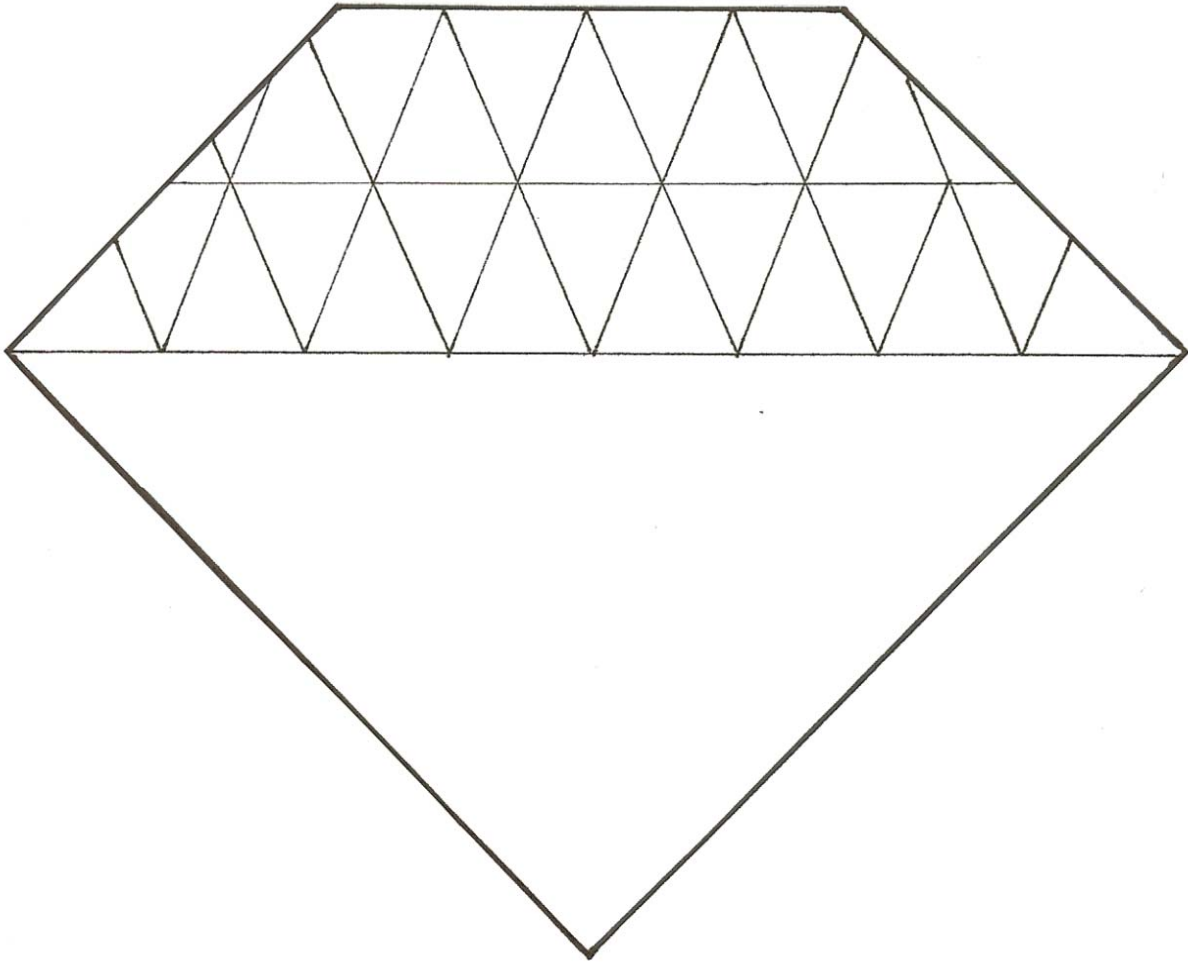
**BP/USA National Gathering 2010  
c/o Debby Hunsaker  
29 Neal Cove  
Bryant, AR 72022-2827**

Any questions call: 501-847-4102 or email: [kevdeb91@aol.com](mailto:kevdeb91@aol.com)

If requested, a Gathering T-shirt can be mailed to you. Please add \$5 for postage to the order form above and check the line on the form that you want one mailed to you.

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**MEMORIAL DIAMOND TEMPLATE**

*“Our Precious Gems”*



Use this diamond-pattern template to design a 'precious gem' in memory of your child(ren), sibling or grandchild for decorating our children's memorial area during the Gathering. Copy the above pattern onto any color cardstock, cut it out, and then decorate it as you wish, adding the child's name, their birth and death dates, photos, phrases, stickers, etc. to the front. You may put your name, address, phone # and email info on the back if you want to exchange your diamond with another parent to keep in touch after the Gathering. If you need more room, put the dates and cause of death on the back. Leave your info off the back if you wish to keep your diamond. Bring your completed diamond with you to the National Gathering. If you cannot attend, mail it to the Gathering Committee, attn: Jerri Miller, 1925 East Lee Ave., Sherwood, AR 72120, so that your child will be represented at the Gathering.

Chapter leaders consider decorating diamonds with your chapter members during a monthly meeting before July and bring them or mail them to address above.

*~Remembering our Precious Children~*