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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **MISSING GRACE FOUNDATION GROWS PROGRAMS THROUGH PARTNERSHIP AND OPENS NEW OFFICES**

*Entering a season of transition that will allow the organization to serve more families in need of support.*

**ROGERS, MN – December 9, 2015** - Missing GRACE Foundation, a nonprofit organization working to change lives affected by pregnancy and infant loss, infertility or adoption challenges, today announced they are partnering with Guiding Star Twin Cities to serve families in the metro area and will relocate the Center for GRACE, currently located in Rogers, to a shared facility with the Guiding Star Twin Cities Partners closer to Minneapolis. The Center for GRACE services including a library, support groups, counseling, gift shop, GRACE Care Baskets, drop-in, phone and online support, will continue to be available for families in the new location with the added benefit of many other service providers under one roof and near the bus line, allowing more families to access the resources Missing GRACE Foundation provides.

The Guiding Star Twin Cities building is in development and is anticipated to open summer of 2016. During this time of transition, Missing GRACE will office and operate it's GRACE Care Basket program out of Jesus People Church at 10925 Trail Haven Road in Rogers, MN beginning January 1, 2016. The Rogers GRACE Support Group meetings will transition to the church and will continue to take place the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 6:30 to 8:30pm. The Coon Rapids GRACE Support Group will continue to meet at the Faith Lutheran church location on the 1st Mondays of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Additionally, Missing GRACE Foundation's Founders and their Executive Director will be opening a satellite office in Hawaii in Spring of 2016 and will grow the support groups, education and grief support resources to the Hawaiian islands. "We are thrilled for this amazing opportunity! Currently, there is little available on the islands for families who are in need of support in the wake of a pregnancy or infant loss and we are honored to begin providing services. A new Program manager will be hired to manage the Minnesota offices and eventually the Center for GRACE within the Guiding Star Twin Cities building. The Center will also be supported by our wonderful volunteer staff who have been running the Center with me all these years," stated Candy McVicar, the Executive Director.

Missing GRACE has more than 100 active volunteers in Minnesota and nationwide who help facilitate the Foundation's programs and services, allowing the organization to service thousands of families. Many of these volunteers are stepping up their commitment during this transition. If you are interested to get involved and to help, please submit an application online at [www.missinggrace.org](http://www.missinggrace.org).

A new mobile responsive site is in development for Missing GRACE, which will also coincide to reflect the changes and new services offered by Missing GRACE Foundation.

### **About Missing GRACE Foundation**

Missing GRACE Foundation ([www.missinggrace.org](http://www.missinggrace.org)) was founded in 2002 by Candy and Steve McVicar after their daughter, Grace, was stillborn due to umbilical cord issues. Missing GRACE has been providing resources and support for nearly 7000 families nationwide each year that have experienced pregnancy loss, infant loss, infertility, or adoption. The Foundation advocates for comprehensive, patient-focused prenatal care for all women. In addition, Missing GRACE has resources available for families in their journey of grief which includes the GRACE Care Baskets that are distributed to hospitals.

In the Guiding Star Twin Cities building, Missing GRACE will offer classes, support group meetings and counseling for:

- Parents who have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth or death of an infant up to one year of age
- Children who are grieving siblings who died
- Women who desire to receive tools to take an active role in their medical care to protect pregnancy
- Expectant parents with previous losses working through the anxiety, concerns and fears of a subsequent pregnancy
- Couples looking for medical and natural health solutions as they face infertility and may consider the path of adoption

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