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# New Zealand Bereavement Support Services

**Information & loss support:** Baby Loss: A registered charity set up to support bereaved parents and their families/whanau/aiga - Creating Memories, Healing Hearts.

https://www.babyloss.co.nz

https://www.facebook.com/babylossnewzealand

**Miscarriage Support:** Offers support and information to the many women and their families throughout New Zealand who grieve for the loss of their babies.

www.miscarriagesupport.org.nz

**Multiples NZ:** A group specifically for bereaved whānau who have lost a baby or babies at any stage in their multiple pregnancy journey.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/2437316296543819

**The Purple Butterfly Initiative:** The Purple Butterfly sticker is placed on an incubator to let people know when a baby in a multiple pregnancy has passed away.

https://littlemiraclestrust.org.nz/2016/10/12/the-purple-butterfly-initiative/

**Sands:** A non-profit, volunteer organisation that supports parents and families who have experienced the death of a baby.

https://www.sands.org.nz

https://www.facebook.com/SandsNewZealand

**Skylight:** Offers a wide range of services to support those facing tough times of change, loss, trauma and grief - whatever the cause, and whatever their age. They also equip, train and support those wanting to assist them, such as friends or family members, community volunteers and professionals.

www.skylight.org.nz

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Version 1 - August 2022 Multiples NZ - <u>https://multiples.org.nz/</u> **Whetūrangitia:** NZ government site providing information for family and whānau experiencing the death of a baby or child through miscarriage, stillbirth, SUDI, newborn death, fetal abnormality.

https://wheturangitia.services.govt.nz

#### **International groups**

- Centre for Loss in Multiple Birth (CLIMB) https://www.climb-support.org
- Twinless Twins Support Group Intl <u>https://twinlesstwins.org</u>
- Womb Twin (for sole survivors of a multiple birth pregnancy) https://www.wombtwin.com

## Photography

**Heartfelt NZ:** A volunteer organisation of professional photographers dedicated to giving the gift of photographic memories to families who have experienced stillbirth or have children with serious or life threatening illness.

https://heartfelt.org.au/our-services/request-a-session-NEWZEALAND

https://www.facebook.com/Heartfelt.NewZealand

#### **Support Packages**

Care for Families: Provision of care packs for those that have lost a baby/babies. Contain some of the items below.

https://www.care4families.org/bereavement-packs.html

https://form.jotform.com/201131643320841) (referral form)

https://www.facebook.com/Careforfamilies

### **Mementos**

**Angel Casts (Waikato):** Support parents, family and whanau through the loss of a child, by creating tangible keepsakes for bereaved parents, in the form of ink prints and hand and feet stone castsAngel Casts support parents, family and whanau through the loss of a child, by creating tangible keepsakes for bereaved parents, in the form of ink prints and hand and feet stone casts. This is a free service for families within the Waikato, with children aged from 18 weeks gestation through to 12 years old.

http://www.angelcasts.co.nz

https://www.facebook.com/angelcastsnz

**Angel Gowns NZ:** Lovingly handcrafted Angel Gowns from donated Wedding Dresses to Little Angels who grow wings.

https://www.facebook.com/angelgownsnz

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#### Casting Memories (Tauranga/Bay of Plenty): 3D Hand and Foot Sculptures.

https://www.facebook.com/castingmemories3d

A Star Is Born (Otago): a Dunedin-based charitable trust that provides modern, timeless keepsakes for families who face a neonatal or early postnatal death of their baby. This service is provided at no cost to families.

https://www.astarisborn.nz

https://www.facebook.com/astarisbornotago

Ashes boxes: Glen Withers is a very talented carpenter who owns and operates Fidds Workshop, a small business in Ashurst. Glen lovingly creates beautiful wooden ashes boxes and has offered to provide these free of charge to parents bereaved from 1st March 2021. Email sales@fiddsworkshop.co.nz with your child's names and date of birth, stating whether you require blue or pink ribbon, together with your name and address for posting. This will be posted at no cost to families.

**Forget Me Not Life Casting (Whangarei):** Life casting and death doula services are about creating memories & preserving life and beyonds precious moments in stone or pregnancy casts, & childloss support in Whangarei. This service is free for bereaved parents of children from 18 weeks gestation.

https://www.facebook.com/Forget-me-not-Life-casting-114462037143088

**Glover Memorials:** Provide free plaques for families whose baby has died. These are a beautiful keepsake with baby's name and date inscribed.

http://www.glovermemorials.co.nz

**Huggable Hearts:** Provides grieving families who have lost a baby/babies with a fabric heart made to their angel's birth weight – free service.

https://www.huggablehearts.co.nz

Kate' Bears: Gifting a set of bears (one to stay with the family, the other to go with the baby).

https://www.facebook.com/Kateslegacy

KJdesigns: Personalised jewellery, keyrings and keepsakes.

https://www.kjdesigns.net.nz/BabyLossCollection

Little Heart - Keepsake Jewellery: Specialists in fingerprint, handprint and drawing jewellery, creating custom keepsakes.

https://littleheart.co.nz

https://www.facebook.com/thelilheart

My Angel: Cremation jewellery & urns.

https://myangel.co.nz/

Pixie Dreams Casting (Rotorua, Bay of Plenty): Creating memories of our babies gone too soon.

https://www.facebook.com/pixiedreamscasting

**Personalised loss books:** Sam and Finn is the original story of Kate Polley's twin sons, Sam and Finn. Kate wrote this first book after Sam died, to help her surviving twin, Finn and her other children to understand that we can experience the love and joy of a loved one, even when they are no longer with us here on earth. Books can be personalised for loss of one or more sets of twins and triplets.

https://www.lossbooks.com/product-category/personalised-twin-loss/

https://www.lossbooks.com/product-category/personalised-multiple-baby-loss/

