

'A Night Full of Memories' basket bringing community together

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Creation of My Little Angel Toy Drive in Holyoke is bringing together community members in a project promoting memories, gift-giving and support.

The toy drive was initiated by Brett and Josie Murray, whose baby Ethan died the day he was born last January.

Purpose of the drive is now threefold. First, is the dedication to the memory of children who have passed away. As of this week, seven families have stepped on board to memorialize their deceased child in the "My Little Angel" campaign.

Secondly, the drive will provide toys and gifts to children of the community, working hand in hand with Phillips County Dept. of Social Services and Zion Lutheran Church.

Lastly, the toy drive is providing a support system for families who have lost a child.

This toy drive is unique in its approach, as organizers are not simply seeking donations. Instead, they are gathering a plentiful basket of goodies for a raffle. Those who donate to the toy drive are contributing to the gift-giving, but are also purchasing chances on winning the "Night Full of Memories" raffle basket.

Heading up the memory raffle basket goodies are two club level tickets to the Jan. 3 Denver Nuggets vs. Philadelphia 76ers basketball game.

Other items are still being donated for the "Night Full of Memories" basket.

Families who have lost children, either recently or decades ago, are encouraged to honor the memory of their children by joining the "My Little Angel" effort.

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Tickets will be available for purchase next week. All proceeds will be used to purchase toys on the local children's wish lists and will stay in Holyoke.

If any family would like to take part in the My Little Angel toy drive or if a person would like to volunteer, they should contact Josie Murray at 970-595-0895 or josie@brettamurray.com.