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2013 National Gathering - Bereaved Parents of the USA



## Our Featured Speakers



**Dr. Darcie D. Sims, Ph.D., CHT, CT, GMS,** author, bereaved parent, Certified Thanatologist, Grief Management Specialist, Licensed Hypnotherapist and Psychotherapist, co-founder and President of **Grief, Inc.**, Director of the American Grief Academy, and Director of Training for the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors of Military Loss (TAPS).

Darcie will share from her wealth of knowledge to help us look at our grief logically while using her ability to add in a little bit of humor so we can understand our grief journey and learn how to embrace life after loss. She will be our opening Keynote Speaker for our Gathering on Friday morning. She will participate in the Panel of Professionals on Friday at noon, and she will also present several workshops for us.



**Dr. Gloria Horsley and Dr. Heidi Horsley, PsyD, LMSW, MS.** Mother & daughter team, authors & nationally known keynote speakers. Founders of **Open to Hope Foundation** ([www.opentohope.com](http://www.opentohope.com)) which features monthly cable TV and weekly Internet radio shows. Dr. Gloria is on the National Advisory for TCF and Dr. Heidi serves on the National Board for TCF, the advisory board for TAPS and is an adjunct professor at Columbia University.



Together they will be our Saturday morning featured speaker and present several workshops for us. Heidi specializes in sibling grief while Gloria speaks as a seasoned bereaved parent.



**Dr. Bob Baugher, Ph.D.** Psychology professor at Highline Community College, Des Moines, WA, teaching Psychology and Death Education. Author, trainer for LivingWorks focused on suicide intervention. International speaker on grief and loss, Certified Thanatologist and Clinician with University of WA School of Nursing Parent Bereavement Project. Bob will participate in the Panel of Professionals on Friday at noon and present several workshops during the Gathering.



Bereaved parents, Dr. Doug & BJ Jensen, are popular International Speakers, Dramatists, Sign Artists, and Authors of 16 books including "Finding Hope After the Devastating Loss of Children." Dr. Jensen is a doctor of Biblical Counseling and Biblical Studies. After the death of their son, Jay, Doug went on to earn his doctorate in order to help others grieving couples. The Jensens have counseled couples all over the world since 1989.

Dr. Doug and BJ are the Directors of *LOVE IN MOTION* Signing Choir and will be joined in their workshop and chapel services by members of the choir made up of Christian Sign Artists of all ages.



**Kris Munsch.** Bereaved dad and founder of **The Birdhouse Project** which took Kris to all 48 of the lower United States, helping people rebuild their lives after embracing their loss. Kris now teaches at Fort Hays State University in Kansas, and continues to write and present The Birdhouse Project nationally to those seeking empowerment to live again after loss.

Kris will be our featured speaker on Friday evening, as well as guide parents and teens through the process of rebuilding their life after tragedy with The Birdhouse Project.



**Mitch Carmody.** Author, staff writer for *Living with Loss Magazine*, recognized keynote speaker and highly regarded workshop presenter on a variety of grief and loss issues. An accomplished artist and creator of "20 Faces of Grief" and the S.T.A.I.R.S. model of grief staging. Mitch will present several workshops and will be our closing speaker on Sunday morning.



**Daryl Hutson.** Bereaved parent and Co-Leader for the Montgomery County Indiana Chapter of the BP/USA. Published writer in *A Journey Together and Living with Loss Magazine*.

Daryl will be our featured speaker on Saturday evening and will also present a workshop for men only.



**Susan Levy.** The disappearance and murder of her 24 year old daughter, Chandra, in May 2001 created national headlines. Knowing the desperation that comes with not knowing the whereabouts of her daughter for over a year, She co-founded **Wings of Protection**, a support system for families of missing persons. She is a keynote speaker and promoter of victims' rights.