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Dear Trevor

THANKYOU

I am writing to thank the ICCM for its wonderful generation of £4,337 from the recycling or metals scheme. This was a really welcome donation that will make such a difference to those we support. It was particularly poignant as the cheque arrived during Baby Loss Awareness Week!

We are a small charity run entirely by volunteers supporting anyone affected by the death of a baby. In East Kent alone, one baby dies every single week, either stillborn or very soon after birth while nationally the figure is 15 every single day, a hundred a week. Coping with the death of a baby and being able to talk about the loss is hard and practical things like arranging a baby's funeral are something we never expect to have to do. And how do we go back to work and tell colleagues our baby has died? What do we say when someone asks us if we have children? How can we make sure we have memories of our baby, even if they were stillborn?

All of these are things that our volunteers – mainly bereaved parents themselves – help with through regular meetings, telephone and face to face support, information leaflets and through our free Memory Boxes. We also run our unique Baby Memorial Garden in Ashford town centre, containing over 140 namestones remembering some of our babies, as a special place where families can come to remember.

Your very kind and generous donation will help our volunteers support even more families and for this we thank you, on behalf of ourselves, but more importantly on behalf of the 15 babies dying each and every day.

With very best wishes from all of us at East Kent Sands.

Yours sincerely

Chris

Chris Twydell
East Kent Sands Treasurer