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Bountiful Families Raising Funds to Honor Children Buried in City Cemetery

Families in Bountiful are partnering with the City to memorialize a special children's area of the Bountiful City Cemetery. The effort aims to raise at least \$30,000 to help provide a statue honoring the resting place of over 375 infants, toddlers, and small children. The memorial is intended to give comfort to grieving families and to memorialize this singular section of the Bountiful Cemetery.

"The children's area of the cemetery has become a very special and even sacred place to families," said Kyra Dunshee, leader of the fundraising efforts. In 2003 Cole Dunshee, the son of Kyra and Patrick died at birth and was buried in the Bountiful City Cemetery. Kyra's nephew Adam was buried next to Cole only short time later. "Through the years we have met many parents at the cemetery. Often we have thought about how heartwarming, comforting, and appropriate it would be to have some type of memorial to honor all of the babies buried there."

Concepts for the statue have been discussed with the City Council, but a final decision will wait until fundraising efforts have been completed. The City Council has offered to provide funds to cover any remaining costs if residents are able to raise \$30,000. "We hope that residents and businesses will join with us to mark this unique area of our cemetery," said Kendalyn Harris of the Bountiful City Council. "A memorial will bring added peace to the many families and friends of these beloved babies and would be a touching and thoughtful reminder to all, that these precious little ones will never be forgotten," added Dunshee.

Memorial Day 2016 will begin the campaign to start fundraising. Donations may be made through US Bank or www.RedBasket.org. Additional information may be obtained at www.bountifulutah.gov.