



## WELCOME TO Umbrella Ministries

Every day there are thousands of mothers who have lost a child who are living in the depths of despair, feeling they have lost all hope.

Umbrella Ministries is a network of mothers throughout the United States who have also lost a child, and its sole mission is to reach out, with the Lord's love, to broken hearted mothers. Starting in 1996, the ministry has grown through mentoring relationships, mother to mother, heart to heart, walking beside each other, with God's love, comfort, peace, and hope.

We offer support to bereaved mothers by:

- ♥ Opportunities to share and talk about the loss of their child through support groups led by mothers who have also lost a child. To see if a support group is in your area go to RESOURCES on the website.
- ♥ Providing articles of support and encouragement filled with hope and comfort. Moms can sign up through the website for weekly devotions and quarterly newsletters.
- ♥ Annual "Journey of the Heart" retreats and conferences throughout the United States with speakers and workshops designed for mothers who have experienced the loss of a child.

More information at [UmbrellaMinistries.com](http://UmbrellaMinistries.com)

### *The Lord is Close to the Brokenhearted* THE GIFT OF PEACE

*"I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart! The peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives."*

John 14:27

Umbrella Ministries is a non-profit 501(c)(3), operating through donations with no paid staff. Thank you for providing the means to do the work that God has called us to do. "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good" Psalms 135:1 ... and thanking God for you! Your gift counts for eternity.

You may help a grieving mom by donating through the website or contacting us.



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A Support Ministry Reaching Out  
to the Hurts and Hearts of Mothers  
Who Have Experienced the  
Loss of a Child.



# Journey of the Heart

## CONFERENCES

Healing Hearts ♥ Helping Hands



## From the Hearts of Moms Who Attend a Conference



“*How can I begin to express my sincere thankfulness in giving me the opportunity to attend the Journey of the Heart conference? My heart was so touched by the words of encouragement, comfort and kindness shown to me by those who had also experienced the pain of losing a child. For one entire weekend I heard my son’s name more times than in the 16 months since he went to be with Jesus. Thank you for putting hope back in my life and blessing me beyond what I could possibly try to express here. Thank you for allowing my boy to be remembered as my son. Thank you for remembering... yes, you are still his mom. Your words of hope and encouragement have left an eternal fingerprint on my heart... you are truly a treasure. I pray God would greatly and abundantly bless Umbrella Ministries”.*



“*We may not be able to make the sun shine for you...but we can hold the umbrella”*



**Helping mothers who have lost a child...** Can you imagine coming together with mothers who love the Lord and want Him to use them to help other mothers who like themselves, have lived through the devastation of their child’s death? Imagine the light these mothers can bring into that dark place of loss that so many endure each day without the understanding of someone who has been there. This coming together is to lift up, bringing a smile to a face that has endured far too many tears.

This conference provides a link to a future that cannot be imagined from the depths of despair. It is planned to uplift mothers physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. The speakers and workshop leaders share insights on grief and coping tools. At the conferences, the moms on the same journey are able to give and receive comfort from one another with times of sharing, caring, bonding and the making of lasting friendships.

Plus, the conferences are special times celebrating and remembering their children through a beautiful candlelight service and creating treasured memories honoring them. We would love to invite you on this journey with Umbrella Ministries, mother to mother, heart to heart.



“*The privilege of coming to the conference was not only a ‘spiritual spa’ for my broken heart, but it was also a turning point in my journey of grief over the loss of my child. The testimonies to God’s healing touch in the lives of the speakers and the moms who shared radiated from their hearts through their faces, their words, and their generous acts of kindness and comfort. I went home renewed, refreshed and rejoicing because I saw real, live survivors of a pain that most people cannot even imagine! God was in that place touching each of us moms with His “earth angels” from Umbrella Ministries.”*



“*How I thank Jesus for His indescribable gifts this weekend! Gifts of listening hearts, soft smiles, hugs and gentle words, encouragement, peace that passes all understanding, the HOPE that only Jesus can bring to mothers’ aching hearts. Gifts of acceptance and unconditional love, gifts of entering into worship and into His holy presence. These all came gift-wrapped in the most unique wrapping and colorful hearts. It’s been a retreat, an adventure, a continuing chapter, light for my path, a candle in the darkness, a beautiful fragrant flower in the desert and wilderness. It’s been Jesus drawing us close to hear His heartbeat and feel His arms holding us close.”*