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Deb and Mary (our webmaster) respect the privacy of visitors to our site. In order for us to keep track of the number of new FOD Families and interested FOD Professionals, we do keep site statistics and also ask that those wishing to participate on our google Email List to 'Join our Group.' Since the List is only open to FOD Families (and family members) and Professionals we collect a variety of information in order to determine if the person is allowed to join. None of this information is shared with any other Family unless I have

written permission and/or an email from the Family wishing to share that info with other FOD Families for networking purposes. The Email Listing of google Group members is not available to all on the List - just Deb, Mary and another FOD dad that monitors the List when I am away, have access to the full List. Our server for both the FOD site and bereavedparent.com is a secure server [https] that is encrypted. We do not sell to or share any information with third parties (or anyone!) and we are not responsible for 3rd party (or links on our site) privacy policies. If anyone has any concerns about the privacy policy on our site please email Deb or Mary (Contact Us - in upper right corner of fodsupport.org).

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Regarding Advocacy issues ~ our members' support for these issues is on an individual basis and is not an endorsement of organizations (or their policies/actions) that are linked on our site. If you, as an FOD member, choose to help with various groups advocating expanding NBS, formula legislation, and other related issues, please remember that you are acting as an individual and not as the designated spokesperson or representative for the FOD Family Support Group.

Please also note that if you (FOD Family) choose to do an FOD Awareness project on your own for the benefit of the FOD Family Support Group, the FOD Family Support Group will not have any financial or legal etc responsibilities for any outside event. By signing the 'Family Project for FOD Awareness Agreement Form' (which is on the 'Online Forms' page), you understand that you are fully responsible for your own awareness project and that only you will receive the tax-deduction if you send your US check made out to the 'FOD Family Support Group' to Deb's address.

The FOD Family Support Group is an all-volunteer Family-based Support Group since 1991 and as of Jan 1, 2007 we are officially a 501c3 Non-Profit corporation. All US donations are tax-deductible! Donations are also accepted for Grief Consults, since no fees are charged. Those donations will be deposited into the FOD Group's business checking or general trust account

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Thank you to all that have helped us over the years (gifts were not tax deductible prior to Jan 1, 2007 when we finally became a tax-exempt 501c3 nonprofit) so that we may continue to provide our support and information to Families and interested professionals free of charge. Your generosity helps to cover copying and postage costs, webpage fees, Grief Consults (local office), phone calls to new FOD Families (US and abroad), and Conference costs, as well as raising funds to train new FOD Clinical professionals and for FOD Research ~ we have no paid staff so funds are not used for administrative salaries. THANK YOU from ALL of us!

Please Note: We do NOT email ANY mass solicitations for support so if you receive an email that looks like it came from me (Deb), do NOT respond! We also do NOT make any mass phone solicitations ~ so please do not respond to someone claiming to be calling on behalf of the FOD Group or Deb Lee Gould, MEd!

NEVER make any changes to your child's (or your own) treatment without first consulting with his/her/your doctor(s). DO NOT make any changes in treatment (medical, nutritional, behavioral, etc) based solely on what is read on this site, in the FOD Email List Archives, or discussed via phone/email conversations with other FOD Families, or with Deb. Always consult with your child's/your Drs and specialists BEFORE any changes are considered.

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