

## Memory Box—Precious Wings

A memory box helps to convey understanding and a sense of “not being alone”. It helps families who have suffered the overwhelming loss of their child to create memories, by providing a place to keep precious items such as hand and foot prints or a lock of hair. The memory box reinforces that their child existed and he or she is loved and remembered.

Precious Wings is a Brisbane based charity, co-founded by Kerry Gordon after losing her beautiful boy Toby who was stillborn in 2011. They are passionate about helping families who are faced with the devastating loss of a child.

Precious Wings donate Memory Boxes to hospitals in Brisbane and the Gold and Sunshine Coast and these are given to families who lose a baby of any gestation.

Each box is donated in loving memory of a beautiful child gone too soon. The boxes and their contents become very treasured possessions for the bereaved parents. Something beautiful to hold onto when leaving hospital with empty arms.

The boxes are prepared by other bereaved families in memory of their own lost child and contain gifts such as Forget Me Not seeds and a scented candle for times of reflection. These families understand the devastation such a loss means and are thus able to convey an enormous amount of love, hope and understanding with the giving of each memory box.

Precious Wings rely heavily on community support, corporate donations and their own fundraising activities to maintain the service to hospital and families. Also, many of their donations come from families who have received one of their memory boxes or from their own family or friends who have seen the comfort they provide.

If you would like to support the work they do or donate memory box/es in honour of your precious child (or one close to you) or your loved one please visit their [website](#).