



# The Heart Beat

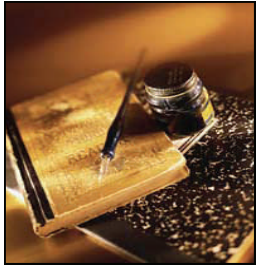


The Quarterly Beat of Ryan's Heart

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### Heartfelt Gratitude

To Jamie Chandler for her guidance and leadership as we began our journey of grant writing.

**Thank you for believing.**

**Without you, none of this would have been possible!**

## The Golden Heart...

Linda, a good friend of mine, lost her son 12 years ago in a fatal automobile accident. She, like so many others continues to mourn the loss of her son every day.

So it was natural that as we were creating our Baskets From the Heart, I thought of Linda and how our basket could help her.

On the 12th anniversary of her son's death she was the recipient of our first official Ryan's Heart Basket.

The basket was special. Not only was it our first, but it was also for my friend.

That afternoon, Linda and I shared both tears and memories together. I then was honored as she shared a balloon release with me — mine



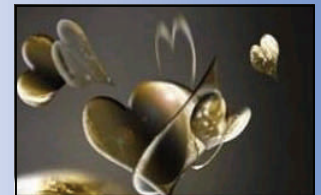
for Ryan, hers for her son.

I could never explain what we shared that day. I didn't have too. Linda's eyes said it all. I saw something in them, I hadn't seen in years. Behind her tears, was peace.

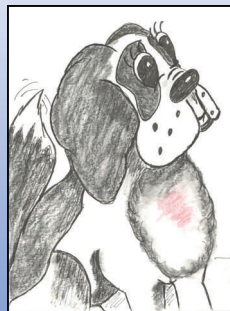
A few weeks later, Linda sent me a letter. It touched my heart and tears stung my eyes. Linda wrote:

*"Thank you, Ryan's Heart. You have given me a gift with the tools to accomplish my desire of honoring my son's memory. A simple candle and a simple balloon, but so powerful releasing that energy. Your poems are blessings of comfort. As I sit here looking at this young boy with a heart of gold, I am reminded of my own angel who truly had a heart of gold...."*

To my dear friend Linda, I am truly sorry about your loss. Although I cannot take your pain away, I am honored that I was able to finally help you to find peace.



## Kid's Korner



### In Mamma's Heart - Coming Soon

We are actively working on illustrating our first book, *In Mamma's Heart*.

We have been accepted by a local publishing company and hope to have it in print

by the end of the year.

Look for Scout, Maynard and Mamma as they look to their hearts for answers about Heaven.

*The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt within the heart.*

*~Helen Keller*