



Photo of artwork submitted

Diana Gardner-Williams drew this image of an angel carrying her stillborn child, Tanner Lee, into heaven.

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him — it's hard. This garden helps us deal with the fact that he is not here but his spirit is."

When Tanner died, Diana said the nurse at Women's Hospital in Greensboro slipped her a note. It had Christie Moser's name and number on it; Christie is the co-founder of Haven of Hope and Healing Inc., an infant- and pregnancy-loss support group in Graham.

Diana called the number and has been a member of the support group ever since.

"I go to support group every month," she said. "It's such a warm, nonjudgmental atmosphere. They give you more time to talk about your baby."

The couple also designed a memory garden at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Greensboro. Diana is on the gardening committee there.

The Williamses want to remember and talk about their son. Diana wears a gold pin with Tanner's name and date of death over her heart.

"You carried him. You felt

him. He's part of the family," she said.

She and Todd will tell Shivere about his brother in heaven. Todd built a memory box and filled it with photos and baby gifts. Diana made a scrapbook documenting her pregnancy. On one page is a saying "there is no death — only a change of worlds." On another page is a black-and-white pencil drawing of Tanner being touched by an angel.

On May 15, 2004, the family had a picnic at the memory garden. Red balloons (with messages inside to Tanner) were released and more than 50 people sang, prayed, laughed and cried.

"For me, the worst has happened," Diana said of Tanner's death. "God's doing it all and he's in charge."

If you're interested in building a memory garden, call (336) 392-4031.

For more information on Haven of Hope & Healing, Inc., call 227-8306 or visit the Web site: www.havenofhopeandhealing.org.