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NCWV parents remember their babies during ‘Wave of Light’ event

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The Global Wave of Light event at United Hospital Center is an annual observance that honors and remembers babies who have died during pregnancy, childbirth, or infancy.

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BRIDGEPORT — Families who had recently lost an infant due to complications during pregnancy recently found a place to mourn at a local hospital.

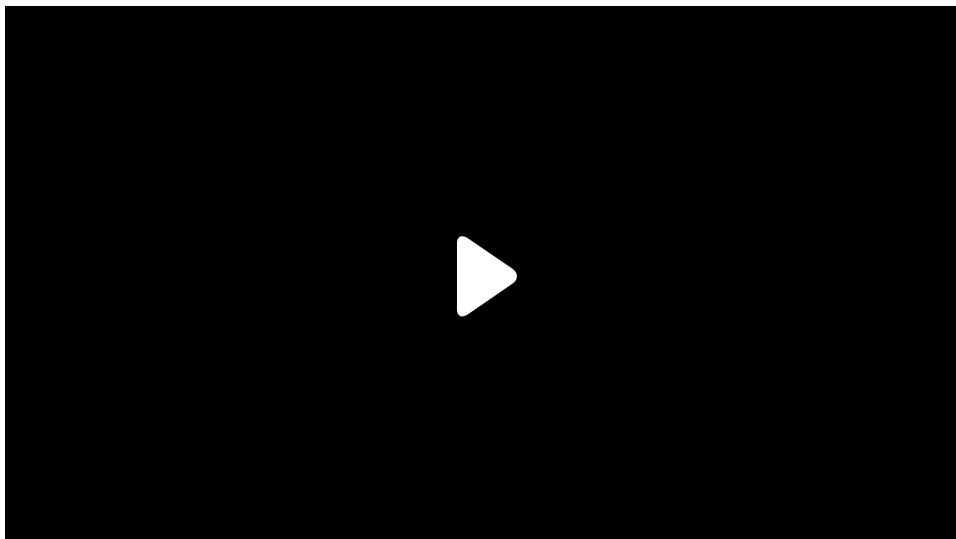
On October 15, WVU Medicine United Hospital Center held a candlelight vigil for the annual Global Wave of Light to honor babies lost to pregnancy, stillbirth or infant death. More than two dozen people lit candles and placed ribbons bearing their babies' names on a memory tree. The event, dubbed Embracing Invisible Wings, was organized by UHC's bereavement support group.

“Sharing this moment was a powerful reminder that we are all here for the same reason. Parents never forget their loss, and it is important that we recognize their pain, even if others move on,” UHC Patient Education Jamie Rudash said.

The global event, which involves lighting candles at 7 p.m. local time, creates a continuous wave of light to support bereaved families and break the silence surrounding pregnancy and infant loss. This is a special service at the hospital, which provides a way for parents and loved ones to remember and honor their loss that was taken too soon.

“The event helps to connect people with others who have gone through similar grief,” Rudash said. “It’s nice that we could all come together to share in this moment.”

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