

Staff

Pam Borchardt NCBF– Co-Executive Director – Operations & Bereavement

Pam became active in the SIDS of Illinois after the death of her middle daughter, Becky in 1991. A long-time participant in support groups, Pam eventually became a Bereavement Facilitator so that she could assist the organization in running a group. In addition, Pam found that her gift of gab came in handy by serving on the Speakers Bureau. Pam, along with Nancy Maruyama began speaking to medical students about the compassionate handling of families who have lost a child. After years of speaking for SIDS, Pam eventually agreed to work part-time for SIDS of Illinois as an educator.

This role evolved into the role of Co-Executive Director. Pam's Human Resources and Management background lend themselves well to running the operational side of the organization. In addition, Pam handles most of the support groups and the newly bereaved families when a new referral comes into our organization.

Pam and her husband, Bill have three daughters: Molly, Becky (1991), and Hannah.

Brad Cox – Manager of Finance and Special Events

Brad joined SIDS of Illinois in July, 2000. Brad is a close friend of Tim and Karen Boyne and was greatly affected by the death of their son, Collin in 1999. Brad and his wife, Dawn play an integral part in the success of the Collin Boyne Golf Open. Brad and Dawn have two boys, Dylan and Brandyn.

When calling the office, Brad is typically the person to answer the phone. As the office manager, Brad takes care of all the day to day operations of the organization. Brad not only handles all of our financial matters, he helps families to begin new fund raisers for our organization.

Nancy Maruyama, RN , NCBF– Co-Executive Director – Education and Community Outreach.

Nancy has been a long time volunteer and support of the SIDS organization. She began as a volunteer Peer Contact in 1986 after the death of her son Brendan. In 2000, Nancy was hired by the organization as Director of Education on a part time basis. In 2002, Nancy took on the role of Co-Executive Director for Education and Community Outreach for SIDS of Illinois. In the past, she has served on the Board of Directors for SIDS of Illinois as well as several committees for the SIDS organization both Nationally and Internationally. She has published a number of articles related to parental loss of an infant and SIDS risk reduction.

Nancy and her husband, Rod have three children: Brendan (1985), Caitlin, and Jennifer.

Our children have often said that while Pam is the brain of the organization, Nancy stands at it's very heart. Together, we hope to continue this important mission in memory of our children.

Educators

Molly Borchardt – Teen Educator

Wendy Howlett-Harman – Decatur, Springfield Area [Please put in the ability to reach her by email – she is the only one – not staff](#)

Andy LeRoy – Law Enforcement and South of I80

Caitlin Maruyama – Teen Educator

Kathleen Miller – Central Illinois including Peoria, Tazewell, Marshal, Madison, Stark, Knox , Woodford Counties

Kimberly Rowe – Chicago

Juan Valdez – Spanish Speaking Communities

To reach any of these educators or to set up an appointment, please contact the office.