



Walk a Mile to Save Our Babies—2013 ~ Success Story ~

On September 17, 2013, *Forsyth County Infant Mortality Reduction Coalition* and over 65 community partners walked a mile loop through Downtown Winston-Salem with 46 empty baby strollers. Each stroller commemorated one baby in Forsyth County who died before their first birthday during 2011, a number equal to two Kindergarten classrooms.



Mayor Allen Joines emphasized the human impact of infant loss and urged volunteers to continue efforts to improve birth outcomes. Dr. Linda Petrou, Chair of the Board of Health, read the Board's resolution supporting the goals of the Coalition to raise awareness about Infant Loss in Forsyth County.



Diana Rider, Jen Shubin and Ashley Ortiz all experienced the agony of losing a baby during 2011. They shared their personal stories with Coalition members and community partners.



Coalition members pushing empty baby strollers on the walk route.

For more information, or to volunteer with the Coalition, contact Debbie Mason at 336-703-3260 or masonda@forsyth.cc