



Dear Church or Organization,

We are honored to introduce to you the new **Heaven's Gain™ Outdoor Miscarriage Kit Box** Project as a way for parishes and organizations to reach out to families who find out that their baby no longer has a heartbeat. As you may know, our ministry provides ([Miscarriage Kits | Heaven's Gain Ministries](#)) - which are delivery aids for 1st trimester at-home miscarriages. The Heaven's Gain miscarriage kits come with delivery instructions, including a video link, and a hotline number which women can call for non-medical support from 8am until midnight, Eastern Standard Time. These kits are NOT medical devices, but they can help women measure her blood loss and catch her baby for proper burial. All medical advice should come from her doctor. Overnight shipping can be **expensive** and multi-day shipping can **come too late**. To help solve this, we are asking churches and organizations to consider having an Outdoor Miscarriage Kit Box. The Outdoor Miscarriage Kit Box will be clearly marked and each box includes two miscarriage kits that fit inside for grab-and-go usage whenever moms may need them.

The primary purposes of the miscarriage kit is to:

- Empower the mother by helping her measure her blood loss
- Encourage respect for the baby by providing a way for the mother to find the baby so the baby can be properly buried (and not flushed down a toilet).

What is required of your organization:

- 1) **Agreement** to place this on your parish/organization property, to leave it accessible for parishioners and non-parishioners (community members), and tell us where it has been placed (including a picture of its location is appreciated but not necessary).
- 2) **Start-Up Kit Order** of \$100 to Heaven's Gain Ministries.
You can order the entire Lawn Box Start Up Product (box, locks, clippers, signs, and kits) [here](#) and choose delivery or pick up if in the Greater Cincinnati Area
- 3) **A Point Person** who volunteers to check the box, preferably every Sunday (we will email reminders regularly), to see if it needs to be restocked. They should also be comfortable with receiving communications from Heaven's Gain, as they would be a Heaven's Gain Church/Organization Liaison. Ideally, they'd be willing to store some extra kits at their house or the office for immediate restocking. When the miscarriage kits are taken and there is a need for replenishment, that person would then contact Heaven's Gain to ask for more miscarriage kits sent via mail or volunteer drop-off.

This initiative is both a ministry within the parish/organization and with outreach potential. It is another way to fulfill the goal of Walking With Moms in Need. Let us know if you have any questions.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What does an Outdoor Miscarriage Kit Box look like?

The actual box is a small garden box. Each box includes signs for the top and side that say Heaven's Gain™ miscarriage kit. The Outdoor Miscarriage Kit Box can fit up to two miscarriage kits at one time. Included with each miscarriage kit ordered, is a one time use yellow lock to keep the box closed and secure. There is a wire clipper attached to the back of the box to be used to clip/cut the lock. When the lock is clipped the person assigned to replace the kit will know it is time to replace a kit without having to check each day. A personal note can be attached to the bag that encloses each miscarriage kit.



What else do we need to consider to make this a successful program?

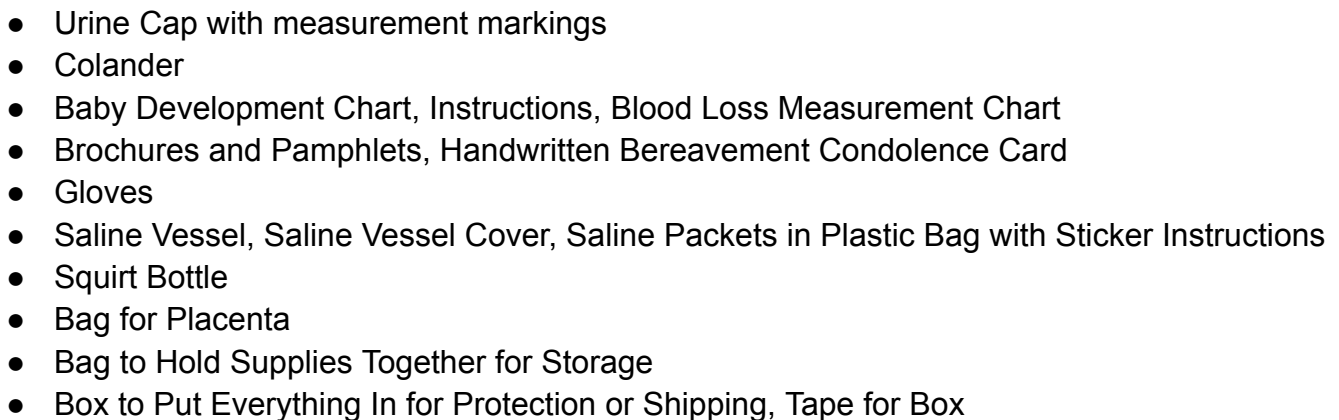
Besides agreeing to place the box on your property and providing a start-up fee and point person, we also ask you to consider the following additional optional actions:

- 1) Training the parish/organization office personnel** about the miscarriage kit in case they receive a call for help. All they have to do is be sensitive to the loss, know how to tell a mom where to find a kit, and explain that the mom can call Heaven's Gain Ministries for immediate compassionate instruction and for free on-going support services.
- 2) Advertising the kit in your bulletin/newsletter** and spreading the word to your Moms Groups/Walking With Moms in Needs/Pro-life Groups etc. Suggested language can be found on the next page of this letter.
- 3) Offer a Catholic booklet by Red Bird Ministries.** If you would like to offer a Catholic booklet, you may want to consider Red Bird Ministries, [a handbook for parents](#) experiencing miscarriage, which could be offered by the parish office or kept in your outdoor box. Red Bird Ministries sells them for \$10 each.
- 4) Offer a print page about your support.** We have a sleeve available on the outside of the outdoor box miscarriage kits where you can choose, if you want, to put a letter about the miscarriage kit. This letter can tell the grieving parent that they are not abandoned and that your organization/church is there to support them. You can look at this [sample letter](#) for ideas of what this might say.
- 5) Ideally, we hope for this to be a Pay-it-forward program.** We hope the person who takes the miscarriage kit will donate money to replace that kit and maybe enough to donate a couple more kits. The self-serve miscarriage kits include a donation envelope with the location marked so that if we do receive a donation from one of your kit recipients, we can restock your outdoor box with the donated funds. We do not always receive a donation so you may want to budget for restocking fees or even initially purchasing additional miscarriage kits as a back-up supply in the office or volunteer.

Why is this important for us to be involved in? Shouldn't she talk to a doctor?

Unfortunately, the medical profession does very little to help women during a 1st trimester miscarriage. Often Women are offered a D&C without explaining her options for home delivery. She needs support and instruction but often they send her home to miscarry alone with just a couple of precautions. As a church/organization we need to think of the corporal work of mercy of burying the dead: burying the baby's remains, even after a D&C. In the past, families have borne this burden without any support and may have felt abandoned. It is so important that we support these families on a parish level: physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We need to find ways to distribute these miscarriage kits which provide practical help along with free support to grieving families. In marriage, we promise to accept children lovingly. Sometimes, being open to life also makes us open to our

What's in Heaven's Gain's Miscarriage Kit?



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Heaven's Gain's Hotline Extensions (513-888-4200)

- **Extension 1:** National Pregnancy Loss Hotline (Available 8:00 AM – Midnight ET, 7 days a week) for immediate birth planning, active delivery guidance, and burial navigation.
- **Extension 2:** Virtual Peer Support Appointments and Support Groups for ongoing healing after delivery.
- **Extension 3:** Information on Caskets, urns, and memorials
- **Extension 5:** Educational Training for your staff

What is the difference between a miscarriage kit and a comfort box?

Our **miscarriage kit** is distinctive for helping the mom with the tools she needs for home delivery of her precious baby that died in the first trimester. Heaven's Gain Miscarriage kit is unique allowing the mother to find the baby and safely measure her blood loss. We have also taken care to think of important details. There is a bag to place the placenta in if the family wants genetic testing. The vessel and saline packet allow for preservation of the baby until burial. Burial of the baby is an important aspect of the healing journey for the grieving parents while promoting the dignity of human life.

Sometimes when people think of a "miscarriage kit" they are actually thinking of a miscarriage **comfort box**, which has comforting bereavement items, but no delivery aid. Your organization or church can put together a comfort box for your clients with items you can buy locally. For a list of items that you might want to include in a comfort kit (coming soon).

How do women find out about the miscarriage kit?

- 1) They may call our hotline for help, and we direct them to the closest Outdoor Miscarriage Kit Box pick up location.
- 2) They may call your parish office, and you direct them to your Outdoor Miscarriage Kit Box.
- 3) They can look on our website at the map of locations to pick up a miscarriage kit.
<https://heavensgain.org/miscarriage-kits/>
- 4) Promotion in the Bulletin or by specific parish groups (Respect Life/Mom's Groups/ Walking with Mom's in Need)

How do I advertise this in the bulletin or other church communications?

Feel free to edit the announcement - especially to personalize directions of where to locate your box. You also might want to put a picture of where your Outdoor Miscarriage Kit Box is located.

Real-Time Miscarriage and Stillbirth Support

If you are facing a 1st trimester miscarriage at home, pick up a free miscarriage kit [from the outdoor box located outside the office anytime]. Miscarriage kits are delivery aids from Heaven's Gain Ministries with instructions on how to identify your baby for dignified burial and measure blood loss to report to your medical provider as needed. For non-medical help, call or text Heaven's Gain's National Pregnancy Loss Hotline (513-888-4200 8am to midnight), email appl hotline@heavensgain.org, or visit heavensgain.org. Heaven's Gain can help you create a miscarriage or stillbirth birth plan (virtually or in-person), provide free peer support calls, and include you in free virtual monthly support groups. Additionally, Heaven's Gain ships pregnancy loss supplies nationwide, including affordable baby burial caskets, baby urns, and memorial items.