MASON’S LIBRARY: SoMIRAC *EVERYONE READS* BOOK DONATION. 3/19/2016

On Saturday, March 19, 2016 I visited Susan Cooke Stansbury and her son Matt at the Mother & Baby Unit at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Susan Cooke Stansbury, Matt’s mother, was SoMIRAC’s Bookkeeper for two years during Linda Witter’s tenure as treasurer.

Mason Thomas Stansbury was born to Matt and Michelle Stansbury on January 26, 2013 at 26 weeks. Unfortunately, Mason passed away on February 26, 2013 due to complications with the pregnancy.

The Stansburys wanted to do something at the hospital in honor of Mason. It was decided that a library in the Unit would be perfect in that visitors to the Unit would be able to access the library on a regular basis. The books may be read at the hospital and/or taken home.

In Mason’s memory, there is a large plaque with his picture, “Mason’s Library: Given in loving memory of Mason Thomas Stansbury (1/26/13 – 2/26/13).” Matt and the family have received many books and monetary donations. The library has well over one thousand books and is still growing.

I delivered twenty-six books for young ages and of various topics to Mason’s Library. The books were very much appreciated. Susan and Matt were excited that a few books were written in Spanish.

Every book brought in to the library receives a sticker. The oval sticker reads: In Loving Memory of Mason Thomas Stansbury: Even the smallest of feet have the power to leave everlasting footprints upon the world. Mason’s footprints are stamped below this.

It was noted that Mason was born on the 26th at 26 pounds, and passed on the 26th. Even more interesting is that 26 books were donated by SoMIRAC.

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