

DIAPER DRIVE

Drop off January 27 - February 7
(Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
475 Gorman St.

The Shakopee Police Department's annual Diaper Drive is in memory of Janna Wood, our dear friend and former Crime Prevention Specialist. Janna and her unborn baby passed away in February 2017 from Deep Vein Thrombosis.

Supplies will be donated to
Shakopee Community Assistance

- Diapers (opened or unopened boxes)
- Wipes
- Creams



Shakopee Police Department Diaper Drive

In memory of Janna Wood

Every year, the Shakopee Police Department hosts a diaper drive in memory of Janna Wood. Janna was the department's first crime prevention specialist and was the witty voice behind the department's social media accounts. She had social media followers from across the country and was a bit of a local celebrity when it came to Facebook and Twitter. Her posts and tweets were often liked and retweeted by local news stations, radio personalities, other police departments and many, many followers who loved her humor.



Her untimely death came as a surprise to all. Janna was pregnant and excited to become a mother. She and her husband had prematurely lost three other babies, including twin girls. Unfortunately, Janna developed a blood clot that eventually ruptured near her brain, taking her life and the life of her unborn baby. She died on Feb. 5, 2017.

While preparing to become a mother herself, Janna learned the Shakopee Community Assistance program had a need for diapers. In typical Janna fashion, she organized a diaper drive to help them fulfill their need for diapers. In her memory, we continue her mission to help the residents of Shakopee and host the diaper drive each year around the anniversary of her death.

Her sense of humor, big heart and courage made the Shakopee Police Department a better place. She is missed by all and we are honored to continue the diaper drive in her memory.

Wood, Janna Marlene (nee Grassel)



Age 28,
of Richfield,
passed away
suddenly on
February 5,
2017. Preceded
in death
by twin
daughters,
Maven and
Macie, and

babies, Littlefoot and Zeus. She will be sadly missed by husband, Erik; mother, Tracy D'Andrea (Dan); father, Vern Grassel (Laurie); brother, Christopher; sisters, Amanda and Alicia; grandfather, Bob D'Andrea; many other family and friends. A celebration of Janna's life will be Sunday, February 12, 2017, 4:00 P.M. at BRADSHAW CELEBRATION OF LIFE CENTER, 2800 Curve Crest Boulevard, Stillwater with visitation beginning at 2:00 P.M.

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Janna Marlene Grassel Wood

Shakopee's Crime Prevention Specialist
1989-2017



Janna Marlene Grassel Wood was born June 1, 1988 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, daughter of Vern Frederick Grassel and Tracy K. D'Andrea.

Janna joined the Shakopee Police Department as the first Crime Prevention Specialist in 2013.

According to an article in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* on Feb. 16, 2017, Dee DePass noted that Janna was just in the job for six months when Halloween came around. Shakopee Chief Jeff Tate walked into the police station and stopped, shocked. Janna was dressed head to toe in costume.

"I'm Janna Banana. Deal with it," she noted. Tate recalled Janna "spent the whole day waking around the police department dressed as a banana. She was always just fun. You always felt good when you were around her."

According to the article, Janna dug in, teaching stoic officers that it was OK



Everyone loved Janna. When Shakopee's annual toy-shopping with police officers always ended with the children just buying warm clothes, Janna launched a coat, boot, and hat drive. So last year, every child got warm clothes and toys!

And when organizing the department's Loaves & Fishes event, Janna threw in a diaper drive for good measure. Now, the Shakopee Police Department holds an annual diaper drive remembering Janna Marlene Grassel Wood, whose sense of humor, big heart, and courage made the Shakopee Police Department a better place. She is missed, and people in Shakopee are honored to continue the diaper drive in her memory.



to post photos on Facebook so the community could see them playing softball, taking kids shopping, feeding the hungry, and running marathons. The outreach made officers more relatable.

Janna, who graduated in criminal justice from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, used social media and workshops to teach police and residents about background checks, internet safety, tax scams, anti-bullying campaigns and Shakopee's Citizen Police Academy. For her efforts, she was named Minnesota's Crime Prevention Specialist of the Year in 2014.

"Her excellent work was recognized far beyond Shakopee," said Chief Tate. "She really did a lot to change how police across the state communicate with the public through social media. She left more of a legacy in four years than most people would do in decades."

Janna loved movies, playing board games, and getting together with family

and friends. "She did walks for animals, the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics, and events for the hungry," said her mother.

When she was 28 years old, Janna was 13 weeks pregnant. She told her husband, Erick Robert Wood, that she really wanted to have a child. She had lost twins, Maven and Macie, who were stillborn at 18 weeks, and another child, Littlefoot, in another miscarriage that October, according to the article, "Police, Community Mourn" in the *Shakopee Valley News* by Pat Minelli. Janna had headaches, and an MRI revealed blood clots. On Feb. 5, 2017, Janna and her unborn baby, Zeus, died.

Every year, the Shakopee Police Department hosts a diaper drive in memory of Janna Marlene Grassel Wood. According to Janna's mother, Tracy D'Andrea, "If everyone had a Janna, the world would be a kind, kind place to live."