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**Local County Durham singer, Carelle, launches new single in memory of her sister**

Local singer, Carelle, from Esh Winning, County Durham, is launching her new single, I Miss You (Together Someday), in memory of her sister who died when she was just three days old. Proceeds from the sale of her new single will be donated to Sands, the stillbirth and neonatal death charity.

Carelle takes up the story: 'When I was nine my sister Holly died of a condition called hydrops fetalis. I remember it all so vividly even though it was twenty years ago. We were all completely devastated by Holly's death and never thought there was a chance Mum could return home without my new baby brother or sister. Holly's memory has always remained with me and when I was lucky to have our baby daughter there was only ever one name for her, Holly.'

Hydrops fetalis is a serious condition in which abnormal amounts of fluid build up in two or more body areas of an unborn or newborn baby. Unfortunately babies with the condition often die shortly before or after delivery.

When Carelle started singing locally in County Durham, her thoughts kept returning to her sister and the new song 'I Miss You (Together Someday)' was penned as a tribute to her sister.

Carelle continues: 'When Holly died Sands provided such great support to my parents and so in planning the launch of the song it felt very natural that proceeds from sales should help the charity that really made a difference.

'I hope the song is really successful and we have produced a remix dance version which the youngsters really seem to like. Incredibly 17 babies are stillborn or die shortly after birth every day in the UK so I'm sure the lyrics will resonate with many people who hear my song.'

To find out more about Carelle please visit [www.carelleartiste.com](http://www.carelleartiste.com).

Downloads will be available through itunes and Amazon from 5 December 2011 and CDs will be available through HMV's Durham and Newcastle stores from 16 January and then nationwide. Sands will receive 10p from each download and 30p from each CD sale.

To find out more about Sands, please visit [www.uk-sands.org](http://www.uk-sands.org)

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**Key Information about Sands:**

Sands, the stillbirth and neonatal death charity, was established by bereaved parents in 1978 and obtained charity status in 1981.

Sands core aims are to:

- Support anyone affected by the death of a baby;
- To work in partnership with health professionals to improve the quality of care and services offered to bereaved families; and
- To promote research and changes in practice that could help to reduce the loss of babies' lives

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