

BIOGRAPHIES



Mary Vanecke is an award-winning artist, author, and teacher. She has shown her mixed-media art on textiles in museums and at regional and national shows throughout the US, in Europe, Asia, and Australia. Her work has appeared in many publications, including the *LA Times*, *Quilting Arts Magazine*, *Machine Quilting Unlimited*, the Studio Art Quilt Associates' *Journal*, and *The Quilting Quarterly*.

Mary founded The Mourning Project in 2019 to draw attention to the problem of infant mortality in the United States. This huge community art project is comprised of more than 20,000 pairs of handmade baby booties contributed by many makers.



Shadie Tofigh is the Director of Maternal Infant Health at March of Dimes - Arizona, where she leads policy and health system initiatives to promote equitable access to quality health care. With a background in public health, Shadie has spent nearly 15 years spearheading sexual and reproductive health and rights initiatives in Arizona and internationally.

Shadie is actively involved in the maternal and infant health community, including acting as a technical reviewer for the *Reproductive Health Journal* and participating in state, national, and international maternal and infant health committees.



Terri Waibel, MSW, LCSW, FT is a licensed psychotherapist, licensed by the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners, a Certified Fellow in Thanatology through the Association for Death Education of Death Education and Counseling, and an Advanced Certified provider of Compassionate Bereavement Care®. She has been working and volunteering in the field of social work for over 15 years. As the founder and clinical director of Center for Compassion, PLLC she specializes in providing therapeutic support to those enduring traumatic grief after a sudden, unexpected, or out of order death of a beloved family member. She is simultaneously honored and heartbroken to be present with grievors and proud to call herself a grief activist.

Terri was selected by her peers as the 2023 Social Worker of the year by the National Association of Social Workers, Arizona Chapter in recognition of her tireless efforts to create a more compassionate world for grievors.