



HOPE: Toni Tattis with some of the 'Bears of Hope'. A fundraiser is being held this weekend to raise money for the organisation, which supports families who have lost a child during pregnancy, birth or infancy.

Raising money for Bears of Hope

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A GARAGE sale is being held in Singleton this Saturday to raise money for the Bears of Hope Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support organisation.

The sale is being organised by Singleton woman Toni Tattis, who is part of the Bears of Hope management committee.

Community members are being urged to donate any un-used or second-hand toys, furniture or clothes for the sale, or come along on the day, pick up a bargain and support a good cause.

Toni became involved with Bears of Hope a few years ago, after suffering five miscarriages and also losing twin girls born at 24 weeks.

Now a mum to daughter Isabella, 4, Toni dedicates her time to helping other families.

She said Bears of Hope supports fam-

ilies who have experienced the loss of a baby during pregnancy, birth or infancy and reaches out to them through the keepsake of a teddy bear, known as a 'bear of hope'.

The not-for-profit organisation runs throughout NSW and the ACT.

Toni runs weekly 'coffee and chat' mornings in Singleton, offers home visits and arranges support groups so families know they are not alone.

She is also in the process of establishing a monthly support group in Singleton.

The garage sale will be held from 8am at 10 Collett Avenue, Singleton.

Anyone who would like to donate items for the sale can contact Toni on 0400 475 012. Pick up of goods can be arranged in the local area.

For more information about Bears of Hope, visit the website www.bears ofhope.org.au