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A self-help organization offering friendship, love, and understanding to bereaved parents, siblings, and their families.

WE TALK, WE LISTEN, WE SHARE, WE CARE, WE UNDERSTAND

We extend a special warm welcome to you, the newcomers. We are sorry for the reason you have received our newsletter. We know that it takes courage to attend your first TCF meeting, and it may take three or more meetings for you to feel the benefit of group sharing. We will not offer a "quick fix" or hurry you along in your grief, but we can offer you much needed support, and provide an opportunity for you to meet new friends who are traveling the same path.

SUPPORT GROUP MEETING INFORMATION - Our next support group meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 9, 2013 7:30 PM-9 PM at the St Lukes Quakertown Hospital, 1021 Park Ave., Quakertown, PA in Taylor conference rooms A & B.**

BRING A PHOTO OF YOUR CHILD/SIBLING FOR THE REMEMBRANCE TABLE. Bring memoirs / photos of your child/sibling for the birthday table when its their birthday. Tell us about your memories of your loved one...we'll listen, cry and hug with open arms.

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death-- result of medical condition/care
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death - result of suicide
215-536-5143

Collection of Redners Save-A-Tape program

Mail your register save-a-tape slips to our PO box to help our chapter. You may black any debit / credit card numbers, but do not black out the dollar amounts. Remember to use your Pump Perks card for the save-a-tape program. **Send complete sales receipt.**

PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES

STOP don't throw them away... Save your empty ink cartridges and give to our chapter for recycling. We earn rewards for recycling them and can purchase paper and other items to help cut the costs of printing the newsletters, programs for events etc... Bring to a meeting or an event in a plastic bag and give to Darlene or a member on our steering committee.

Other TCF support group meetings and children support groups etc:

Lehigh Valley Group meets the 2nd Monday of each month on the 2nd floor of Sacred Heart Hospital on Chew St. at 4th St. in Allentown PA at 7 PM Contact: 610-820-4004

Peace Valley Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Lenape Valley Presbyterian Church at Rt. 202 and Ute Rd, New Britain PA at 7:30 PM; Contact Bill or Linda Hendrix 215-822-1343

Ryan's Tree for Grieving Children, Inc. located in Lehigh Valley, PA, phone: 610-954-2727. Support for children ages 5-18 who are grieving the loss of a family member or friend. Web site: www.ryanstree.com email: info@ryanstree.com

Stepping Stones for children ages 4 -12 years old, has a program for children who are grieving a sibling, parent, etc... Held at: Camelot for Children, 2354 W. Emmaus Ave, Allentown PA 18103 call: 610-969-0330 for more information

Greenshore Arts Consortium Grief and Empowerment Workshops - located in Quakertown - contact: Hillery Woods Siatkowski, NCTMB at 206-552-4229 or email massage@moondogyoga.com for dates and more information

THANK YOU

Thank you to MaryAnne Macko for providing our March refreshments. She deso this in remembrance of her son, Christopher Trauger.

If you would like to provide refreshments in remembrance of your loved one at a meeting please contact Carol Graham at 215-538-3651. You may also sponsor refreshments for a meeting for a fee of \$30 or more depending on what you would like and the hospital's catering service will set up and provide the drinks and refreshments for the evening.

A special thank you to Mary Ann Kulp, Kelly Ferdock, Gail Ketterer, Nancy Eisenhart, Crystal Hunter and Jennifer Emberger for the Remembrance and Thank you cards that you receive. They do this in remembrance of their children/ siblings, son, Tony (MaryAnn), son, Steven (Gail), son, Cole (Kelly), daughter, Kelly (Nancy), brother, Justin (Crystal) and brother, Jason (Jennifer). An appreciated Thank You to our members for helping to set up and tear down for our meetings, they do this in remembrance of their children and siblings. A special thank you to St. Luke's Hospital for providing us with our meeting rooms each month.

Thank you to, Betty and Charlie Hottenstein, for taking on the monthly task of assembling our monthly newsletters for mailing, they do this in remembrance of their daughter, Tracy Hottenstein.

Thank you for your Love Gifts and Support

We the parents and families of the Quakertown Chapter of Compassionate Friends would like to send a special Thank You to the following donors. Without their generosity in giving to a good cause we would not be able to continue reaching out to newly bereaved parents and families with our Outreach packet and newsletters.

Mary Anne Macko, Michael Hamilton, Josh Trauger, & Jacob Hamilton, In Loving Memory of their son/brother, Christopher Trauger,
March 21 - June 27

We All "Loved You Then, Love You Still! Always Have, Always Will " With Love, Mom, Mike, Josh, Jacob



Phil & Arlene Peters, In Loving Memory of their daughter, Sundai Marie Peters, December 3 - April 24
Loving Sundai Forever

Trish & Jim Ulmer, In Loving Memory of their son, Christopher S Ulmer, August 16 - February 27
Forever Loved, Missed more than you know.

Marie & Hugh Madden, In Loving Memory of their daughter, Cindy Cole, November 19 - April 14
We love & miss you more than words can express.

Dan Martin, In Loving Memory of his son, Eric Martin, February 4 - January 22



Self-help Program

The Compassionate Friends, Inc. is a mutual assistance, self-help organization offering friendship, understanding, and hope to bereaved families. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child of any age, from any cause is welcome. Our meetings give parents an opportunity to talk about their child and about their feelings as they go through the grieving process. There is no religious affiliation. There are no membership dues. The purpose of this support group is not to focus on the cause of death or the age of the child, as it is to focus on being a bereaved parent, along with the feelings and issues that evolve around the death experience of a child.

To Our New Members

Coming to the first meeting is the hardest, but you have nothing to lose and everything to gain!. Try not to judge your first meeting as to whether or not The Compassionate Friends will work for you. At the next meeting you may find just the right person or just the right words said that will help you in your grief work.

To our Members who are further down the "GRIEF ROAD"

We need your encouragement and your support. Each meeting we have new parents. THINK BACK -- what would it have been like for you at your first meeting if there had not been any TCF "veterans" to welcome you, share your grief, encourage you and tell you, "your pain will not always be this bad, it really does get better!"

Information Regarding Our Meetings

PLEASE don't stay away from a meeting because the topic scheduled does not interest you. We are here to discuss whatever is on your mind, we don't stay on the topic only. This is YOUR group and we are here for each other. You do not have to talk at meetings. We welcome your participation in our group but it is not a requirement. Coming to listen to the others is Okay too. Remember also that our meeting is open to adult siblings, grandparents, or adult family members such as aunts or uncles.

Support Group Meetings

We are so sorry for the cause that brings us together. It takes courage to attend a Compassionate Friends support group meeting. We understand how it feels to walk into a room of strangers and share personal feelings, especially when you are in so much pain. At your first meeting, we hope you find care, support, understanding and a group of friends to share with. Truly, there are no strangers among compassionate friends.

As a reminder to families that would like to attend a support meeting. Please allow yourself at least 3 or 4 meetings of attendance to determine if they are for you. It may take a few meetings before you are able to talk about your loved one and that is understandable. What you say at our meetings is kept in the meeting, you can cry, hug, talk about how you are feeling freely. Our meetings are for parents, grandparents and siblings in grade 9 or above and adult siblings.

Your Friends at TCF Quakertown Chapter

Quakertown Chapter does have a siblings group that meets at various places, days and times. To try and accommodate the surviving siblings that cannot attend a regular meeting because of childcare issues or work schedule etc. Please contact our sibling contact person: Crystal Hunter via email or by phone. Contact info on front page.

Strange Words Welcome New Members

I am always amazed at the instant empathy we each feel as new members come to their first meeting. We have the strangest welcome for these parents: "We are so sorry you have to be here."

In other organizations the questions are probing: where did you go to school, where do you work, where do you live? All designed to "size up" the newcomer, put him or her in the proper perspective of a neatly ordered world. For us, this information is meaningless. We know the world isn't neat and orderly; we discovered that when we lost our children. We care about you, the newly bereaved parent, whose life was tossed into a cosmic blender when your child died. We care because we are you. We have been here a while, in this purgatory of pain. We have learned to live our lives in a different way, to place value on understanding and hope, the intangibles of the purest meanings of life. We have learned to value each other, to reach out and talk, to wait patiently during the silences needed to form thoughts. We listen intently as you quietly say your child's name, tell your child's story, speak of your heartbreak.

Yes, this is a different kind of welcome. But it is the most deeply sincere welcome we will ever receive. We are kindred souls, you and I. Each of us lives in the "after death" world of losing our child. Each of us has learned gradually that the hope we have attained has made life better, lessened the pain, moderated the isolation, tears, emotional devastation and pure mayhem that once overtook us. Each of us has learned this slowly, in our own time and in our own way.

Each month new parents who have suffered the most horrific loss that a human can endure are welcomed into our group. We reach out, we listen with our hearts and we remember.

Annette Mennen Baldwin
In memory of my son, Todd Mennen
TCF, Katy, TX

Memories ...



The Piano Sits Silent

I etch her name in the dust.
Run my hands over the keyboard,
too long untouched
by the pianist;
The one no longer
physically here,
who played the songs,
badly at times,
yet unstoppable in
her need to make music.
As if it was her mission
to get it right.
As if she knew there was little time
to master the melody.
So she played and played.
Melancholy tunes
that spoke of lives gone too soon.
I would call to her,
"You're playing too loud,
I can't hear myself think."
If I could just take back those words,
for I long to hear my
beloved child play the music,
that once rang through these halls.
Those uneven strains would be
the sweetest music to my ears.
I touch the ivories and hear
the foreign sound of this long
silent instrument.
And remember my precious child,
remember the joy
her efforts brought her...
Remembering, remembering....
Though my tears fall gently,
my heart smiles as I
recall the sweet sounds of her life.
And even as the piano sits silent,
My memories resound
and I recall the love, always the love.

Cathy L. Seehuetter
TCF St. Paul, MN

Tissues, Tears & Treasures

A circle of chairs and boxes of tissues,
A roomful of tears and emotional issues.
Frightening at first, I did not want to enter
Into this strange group, and be in the center.

What I soon learned, as we sat side by side,
We were bound by the love of our children who died.
Each shattered heart,
desperately seeking a moment of peace,
from the pain and weeping.

So many things different, and yet all the same,
Hearts lost in a fog of loss and pain.
Those who have journeyed, much further than me,
Reached out in comfort, listened quietly.
Each shattered heart spoke, and the tissues were passed,
We never avoid speaking of the past.

This circle of friends, have found a bond,
And here I'm still known
As "Tony's Mom."
Slowly, I've found
I can reach out to others
Who are newly bereaved, fathers and mothers.
Strength I have found in this
Circle of chairs,
To grieve and to heal
And to show that we care.

Diane Barta

TCF Portland, OR

In Memory of my son, Tony

Moving Through The Grief Of Losing a Child

I was a woman like many others; focused on my five children and family, living a quiet life on Bainbridge Island in the state of Washington. And then, in August 2004, our lives changed. That night, eight teenagers piled into an SUV and took a midnight joyride. My 16-year-old twin daughter, Sarah, was killed.

The thought of losing a child--if "losing" is the correct verb--had never crossed my mind. Tragedies, as such, were something that happened to someone else, something you read about in the paper or heard from a neighbor. Nothing could have prepared me for the deep pain...but nothing could have prepared me for the peace that now permeates my mind and heart.

The shock sets in; everything moves in slow motion as if time comes to a halt, and time has halted.

An acquaintance delivers a candle on day six with a card inscribed, "Place this candle in your kitchen. Each night while you prepare the family meal know that the shimmering of the candlelight reflects the child who now lives within you." A lovely thought. Eight years later, I still light a candle on my kitchen windowsill. My child lives within me now.

The days turn to weeks. Friends surround you, keeping you busy, your mind occupied. Absorb their kindness. Accept their help. Eliminate expectations. Learn to be gentle with yourself. Give yourself space. Make room for quiet. Always remember that grief is personal, as is death. There is no right way or wrong way to grieve.

Seek out therapy. You may be ready. Share your story and connect with others. Surround yourself with those who will listen, not necessarily those who will offer advice. For it is when others listen that we can sort out our thoughts and settle our mind.

Your inner strength seeks you out, sometimes sooner in the process, sometimes later. That strength moves you forward--tiny steps in this process.

Let the memories fill your mind. Let yourself laugh again. Smile. Sing out when a favorite song you shared plays on the radio. Let your heart awaken to the joys memories bring.

Pay attention to the synchronicity and patterns in your life. Pay attention to your intuition. And pray. It doesn't matter what you believe. Just ask, notice, and respond. Faith, hope and love all intersect. Maybe things will begin to make a little sense, just maybe.

Look to your children who live. Note their resilience and strength during this epic period of trauma. Let their sense of life and hope inspire you.

When the pain returns, and it will, allow yourself to go to the depths of that pain. Cry. I promise, you will be okay when you resurface.

And as you move towards years four and five, you will learn that yes, life has been a living nightmare, and it is okay to admit that. Realize that as the years pass, you will learn to weave your loss into your daily life. Accepting the loss of a loved one is to release, but not erase. To hold. But not to hold the pain.

As year five turns towards eight, my hope is that you can slowly wrap yourself around the idea that you can celebrate life and celebrate death. Death and gratitude can go hand in hand. Just possibly, it is those who have passed before us who are our greatest teachers. Remember always that you never walk alone because the life of someone who passes lives on in the love you shared.

Author's Bio:

Caroline is the author of *Heaven's Child*, www.HeavensChild.com. From the knock on the door to the realization that death and gratitude can walk hand in hand, the reader walks beside Caroline in this most raw and real story.

Today she lives full-time with her family on Bainbridge Island in Puget Sound, watching the ferries pass to and from downtown Seattle. She claims inspiration from combing the beach for sea glass and treasures, running the island's trails with her yellow lab, tending her perennial garden, skiing in the Cascade Mountains, reading good literature, traveling, biking, hiking, playing tennis, and writing.

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You Are Invited: Orchestra Concert

Have you ever heard an orchestra play a heavy metal piece?

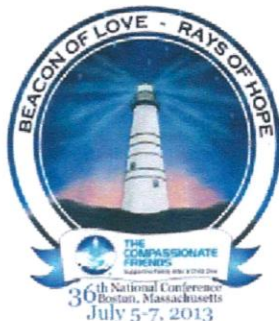
You now have a chance to hear a debut of a heavy metal piece that was composed and will be played by the students of the Emmaus High School Orchestra. The piece is in memory of a fellow orchestra student, Ben Albro.

Where: Emmaus High School Auditorium
500 Macungie Ave, Emmaus, PA 18049

Date: Tuesday April 30, 2013 at 7:30.

TCF 2013 National Conference

Save the date: July 5-7, 2013 in Boston, MA



Conference Keynoters

****Dr. Heidi Horsley, Dr. Gloria Horsley**, founders of "Open to Hope" Foundation and Phil Horsley (Chair of TCF Foundation's Board of Trustees), a family united after the loss of sibling and son Scott, will combine to welcome you as Opening keynoters at the National Conference.

**** Tina Chery** who, after the murder of her son Louis, created the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute with a mission to create and support an environment where families can live in peace and unity.

****Ken Druck**, bereaved parent, founder of the Jenna Druck Foundation, and one of the nation's pioneers in personal transformation including healing after loss.

****Bill Hancock**, director of the Bowl Championship Series (college football), author of *Riding with the Blue Moth*, and father of Will, who was killed during the January 27, 2001 crash of an airplane carrying members of the Oklahoma State University men's basketball team.

You can now make reservations for the 36th TCF National Conference host hotel, the Boston Sheraton, 39 Dalton St., Boston MA 02199. Reservations can be made through the Online Reservation Form or by calling the hotel at 888-627-7054.

Although The Compassionate Friends has arranged a large room block for the conference, we recommend you reserve your room early if you wish to guarantee that you can stay at the host hotel as we believe the room block, although large, will be filled. The room block is available from June 29-July 11, subject to availability. Latest date to reserve rooms, if still available, will be June 11. Room charge is \$129 per night plus tax. Rooms are available as follows: King--holds 3 (king plus rollaway); Queen--holds 2; Doubles hold 4. Rollaways are at no extra charge for the King rooms, but the hotel only has 100. Rollaways do not fit in the other rooms.

Grief and the Single Parent

The death of a child is an unanticipated, shocking, devastating event in any family. In the single parent home, the death of a child or children can be more difficult than in the two-parent home. Families have a difficult enough time coping with this life passage without the added burden of making arrangements and paying expenses.

When adults have gone through a life crisis like divorce, the stress of dealing with the necessary arrangements presents another barrier on the long road of restructuring the single's life. We may be on speaking terms with the ex-spouse and that is helpful to a point. Those who are not on speaking terms are faced with even greater stress.

The emotional ties that at one time connected us to this lost child are no longer present, yet to many it points to the hurt of the past. Survivors search for something or someone to blame. Widows or widowers are confronted with compounded grief. Unfortunately, most of us do not get through life with only one crisis. Dealing with the past rekindles the hurts of the past.

As parents, we would be well advised by the legal system and counselors to make an effort to be amicable and/or courteous to the ex-spouse; papers must be signed.

Grandparents, siblings, relatives and friends are also in grief. We must deal with them all. Who can our remaining children turn to if not us for guidance through these crises?

If you have a companion who has suffered this loss, be patient. If you are the parent who has lost a child, ask your companion to be patient with you. The grief process is longer than we knew it would be. To the non-bereaved parent, the grief process is longer than you can know.

This life passage is not something we want for any of you. The death of a marriage is not comparable to the death of a child. Often the widow or widower or the divorced person may remarry. The loss of a child is not a void which can be filled. There are entirely different emotions to be dealt with. Many of us survive but will forever have emotional scars. Stand by us and we will be forever grateful.

Jacque Stockhausen
TCF St. Louis, MO

The Compassionate Friends - Quakertown Chapter

11th Annual Memorial Walk and Butterfly Release

Date: Saturday, June 8, 2013 (rain date: Sunday, June 9th)

Place: Lenape Park in Perkasie, PA (pavilion across from shopping center - same location as in previous years) **MAY ALSO REGISTER ONLINE ON OUR WEBSITE**

Registration check in: starts at 1 PM

Bring your lawn chairs / blankets to sit on

Memorial Walk starts at 2 PM

REGISTRATION / BUTTERFLY ORDERS DUE BY MAY 4TH -LIMITED

QUANTITIES AVAILABLE AFTER THIS DATE

Bagpiper will be leading the walk over the Twin Bridges and through the park.

Remembrance program and butterfly release following walk -- apx 3 PM

Refreshments will be available starting at 12 noon for purchase. Come and enjoy lunch before the walk. Butterfly presentation and display by butterfly breeder, Folk Butterfly Farm will be available to answer questions.

Please bring **one photo** of your child / sibling / loved one (5 x 7 or smaller) to post on our Memory board display. You will be able to take the photo home with you when you leave. No guarantee that photos left behind will be returned to owner.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY ON REGISTRATION FORM

Registration order form - **Pre-register MUST be postmarked by May 6th** -- Orders postmarked after May 6th and same day registrations will not be guaranteed -- **REGISTER EARLY.** See below for details T-shirts are Gildan - 100% ultra cotton 6.1 ounce and embroidered

Order packaged under NAME _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____

email _____

Youth T-shirts: color -sapphire sizes: **X-small**; Small; Medium; Large; X-large Cost \$25 for pkg -- **additional T-shirts at \$15**

Adults T-shirts: color - sky blue sizes: **Small**; Medium; Large; X-large Cost \$25 for package -- **additional T-shirts at \$15**
Plus sizes-- 2X-large; 3X-large Cost \$ 28 for package -- additional T-shirts at \$18

Pre-registration postmarked by May 4th No guarantee on orders of t-shirts or butterflies after May 4th

| YOUR first and last NAME | Name of person being remembered give first and last NAME | Indicate Youth or Adult shirt | Pkg \$25 shirt + butterfly list size | Pkg \$28 shirt + butterfly 2XL-3XL | extra shirt \$15 for Y-XS thru A-XL | extra shirt \$18 for 2XL-3XL | additional butterflies \$12 each | Total cost per each line ordered |
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Mail registration and check payable to:

Total of registration and butterflies \$ _____

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_____ I'm not able to attend and would like to have my T-shirts shipped add \$5 per T-shirt for shipment charges (butterflies will not be shipped) # shirts _____ X \$5 ea. = \$ _____ shipping
 _____ I / We plan on attending Total enclosed \$ _____

email Darlene at: tcfquakertownchapter@verizon.net if you would like to have more than (1) -- T-shirt shipped for pricing quote or call 215-536-0173





SPRING

Our Beloved Children...In our Hearts always... Remembered on the Remembrance Day of their death

OUR CHILDREN REMEMBERED FOR APRIL

Loved...Missed...Remembered on their Birthdays and Always

Joani Freeman, daughter of David and Donna Freeman, 4/1
Benjamin Martin, son of Kristine Fallows, brother of Rachael Whitely, 4/5
Giacomo Maurizio, son of Bonnie Maurizio and brother of Shawn Maurizio & Nina Russo, 4/7
Cole Ferdock, son of Kelly Ferdock, 4/8
Michael Johnson, son of David and Donna Freeman, brother of Dorene Elwell, 4/11
Steven Ketterer, son of Steven and Gail Ketterer, 4/12
Kelly Schmittinger, daughter of Nancy Eisenhart, sister of Dana Hutchinson, 4/13 - DOD 4/5
Farrald Lee III, brother of Kendra Stenack, 4/14
Jeffrey Carpenter, son of Steve Carpenter, 4/15
Patricia Loughrey, daughter of Desiree Loughrey, 4/17
James Friendly Jr., son of James and Petra Friendly Sr., 4/18
Tristan Engarde, son of Edward and Lisa Engarde, 4/18
Todd Iatarola, son of Rhonda Iatarola, 4/20
Tony Kulp, son of Mary Ann Kulp, 4/25
Jessica Roth, daughter of Wilbur and Carol Roth, 4/29
Christopher Court, son of Caoline & Tim Court, 4/29

Annalise Heap, granddaughter of Rose Maire Duncan, 4/1
David Utti, son of Emanuel and Claudia Utti, 4/2
Leah Corrine, daughter of Anita and Doug Brown, 4/4
Sherry Reiss, daughter of Ray & Janet Popowicz, 4/5
Liam Williamson, son of Dan and Erin Williamson, 4/6
Alexis Falcone, daughter of Dominic and Carolyn Falcone, 4/6
Eric Riecco, son of Daniel & Joan Riecco, 4/7
Rich Hollabaugh, son of Linda and Wayne Hollabaugh, 4/10
Arthur "AJ" Prutzman Jr., son of Bonnie Prutzman, brother of Janice and Justen Horn, 4/10
Joey Acker, son of Anne Marie Acker and brother of Jamie Russo, 4/10
Sarah Parvin, daughter of Keith and Sandy Parvin, 4/14
Cynthia Cole, daughter of Hugh and Marie Madden, 4/14
Brooke Miller, daughter of Beth Miller, 4/15
Cpl. Elliot Teisler, son of Daniel and Roberta Teisler, 4/17
Michael Morgan, son of Deb and Ray Vrtis, 4/19
James Palatinus, son of Nandor and Susan Palatinus, 4/19
Craig Zakeosian, son of Mike Zakeosian, 4/20
Frank Voce, son of Frank and Anna Voce, 4/20
Donald Cass Sr., brother of Wendy Ramage, 4/22
Adam Tomlinson, son of Lynn Miller & John Tomlinson Jr, 4/22
Sundai Marie Peters, daughter of Arlene and Phil Peters, 4/24
Richard Carver Jr., brother of Carla Harris, 4/27
Kristy Bender, daughter of Kathy & Frank Bender, 4/27
Scott Newell, son of Carol Newell, 4/28
Krysta Henkin, daughter of Martin & Kathleen Shea, 4/30

and all the children that will never be forgotten as we celebrate their lives and memories



***** UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS *****

April 9, 2013 -- 7:30 PM - regular support meeting -topic to be determined

April 23, 2013 -- 7 PM -steering committee- Quakertown Family Diner

May 14, 2013 -- 7:30 PM - Memorial Tree dedication

June 8, 2013 -- Memorial Walk and Butterfly Release - watch for more information this month on our website and in April's newsletter, we will offer online registration and option to pay with credit card online once again

Newsletter Update Form

The purpose of this section is to update your information, email address, mailing address, phone number, Child's name, sibling's name, birth date and anniversary death date. This information will also help us in remembering your child / sibling on their days with a remembrance card sent to you by our chapter. Any questions contact the newsletter editor at 215-536-0173. Mail to the above address. I am the parent sibling grandparent

Your Name _____ I give permission to remember my child/sibling in the chapter newsletter / website newsletter
Address _____ on their remembrance day and their photo if submitted

Phone # _____

Child / Sibling name _____ birth date _____ anniversary date _____

Child / Sibling name _____ birth date _____ anniversary date _____

If you would like to receive information about our special events, memorial walk and butterfly release, candle lighting etc. via email please provide your email address below.

Would you please consider to receive our newsletter via email as a link to a chapter website where you are able to view it before it is mailed to those who do not have email.

yes no email address: _____ PLEASE PRINT

Authorization Signature

Date

LOVE GIFTS

A LOVE GIFT is a gift of money to The Compassionate Friends. It is usually in memory of a child who has died; either on his/her birthday or anniversary of the death. It can also be from someone who wants to honor a friend or relative who has died, or anyone who wants to help support the work of TCF. Your LOVE GIFTS are TAX DEDUCTIBLE, and are the Chapter's main monetary support. Chapter Non-profit #2053

I wish to make a donation in memory _____ honor _____ of _____
Birth date _____ Death date _____

Love gift message _____

Please send your check payable to: TCF Quakertown Chapter and mail to: TCF Quakertown Chapter, PO Box 1013, Quakertown, PA 18951

I / We would like our Love gift to be used for: _____ Special Events /Speakers/community outreach _____ Memorial Garden
_____ Candle Lighting Program _____ Memorial Walk & Butterfly Release _____ General operating expenses

Your Name _____ email _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

LOVE GIFTS

If you would like to remember your loved one in our newsletter and make a donation to help support the group please fill in the form and mail it in by the 15th of each month for the next months newsletter. Information and love gift must be received by above date to insure it to be in the next month's newsletter. Any love gifts received after the above date will be mentioned in the following month's newsletter. Thank you, The Newsletter Editor



The Compassionate Friends
Quakertown Chapter
PO Box 1013
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MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 9, 2013

April 2013 newsletter



WE ARE A SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS, SIBLINGS, GRANDPARENTS AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE DEATH OF A CHILD OR SIBLING OF ANY AGE.

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The Compassionate Friends Credo

We need not walk alone. We are The Compassionate Friends.
We reach out to each other with love, with understanding, and with hope.
The children we mourn have died at all ages and from many different causes,
but our love for them unites us.
Your pain becomes my pain, just as your hope becomes my hope.
We come together from all walks of life, from many different circumstances.
We are a unique family because we represent many races, creeds, and relationships.
We are young, and we are old.
Some of us are far along in our grief, but others still feel a grief so fresh and so
intensely painful that they feel helpless and see no hope.
Some of us have found faith to be a source of strength, while some
of us are struggling to find answers.
Some of us are angry, filled with guilt or in deep depression,
while others radiate an inner peace.
But whatever pain we bring to this gathering of The Compassionate Friends,
it is pain we will share, just as we share with each other our love for the children who have died.
We are all seeking and struggling to build a future for ourselves,
but we are committed to building a future together.
We reach out to each other in love to share the pain as well as the joy, share the anger as well as the peace,
share the faith as well as the doubts, and help each other to grieve as well as to grow.
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