



THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

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OUR CREDO

We need not walk alone. We are The Compassionate Friends. We reach out to each other with understanding and with hope. Our children have died at all ages and from many different causes, but our love for our children unites us. Your pain becomes my pain just as your hope becomes my hope... But whatever hope we bring to this gathering of The Compassionate Friends, it is pain we will share just as we will share with each other our love for our children. We are all seeking and struggling to build a future for ourselves, but we are committed to building that future together as we reach out to each other in love and share the pain as well as the joy, the anger as well as the peace, the faith as well as the doubts, and help each other to grieve as well as to grow.

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WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT

The Compassionate Friends is an international non-profit self-help organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents and siblings. **We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:45 PM at the Grand Strand Senior Center.** Our next two meetings will be **September 1st** and **October 6th**. You may find it very difficult to come and share your grief. Please know that there will be others present who are ready to listen and who truly understand what you are going through. Please try to join us. It may help. Remember...

YOU NEED NOT WALK ALONE.

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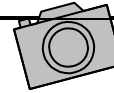
OUR NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is typically published every other month and mailed to those during the first year following the death of their child. Our goal is to inform those in grief that there are others sharing similar circumstances who are available to offer support. Our hope is that our newsletter brings comfort to those reading the words within. If you wish to remain on the mailing list after the first year you may do so by attending a meeting or

SIBLING CREDO

We are the surviving siblings of The Compassionate Friends.
 We are brought together by the death of our brothers and sisters.
 Open your hearts to us, but have patience with us.
 Sometimes we will need the support of our friends.
 At other times we need our families to be there.
 Sometimes we must walk alone, taking our memories with us,
 continuing to become the individuals we want to be.
 We cannot be our dead brother or sister;
 however, a special part of them lives on within us.
 When our brothers and sisters died, our lives changed.
 We are living a life very different from what we envisioned,
 and we feel the responsibility to be strong even when we feel weak.
 Yet we can go on because we understand better than many
 others the value of family and the precious gift of life.
 Our goal is not to be forgotten mourners that we sometimes are,
 but to walk together to face our tomorrows as

SURVIVING SIBLINGS OF THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS



YOUR NEWSLETTER FOR YOUR CHILDREN

One of the things that has been helpful to me during my grieving process is to write poetry about my son, my grief and the changes in my life since Quentin's death. I know others of you have similar ways of dealing with this indescribable pain. I would like to have you share any poetry, stories, etc. that you've written with the other members of our chapter. I believe this will be helpful for you and may be so to other members of our chapter, as well.

I would also like to include pictures of your children during the months their names are mentioned on page 4, our remembrance page. Please email me anything you would like me to include.

Thanks Barb

OUR TIME WITH YOU!

Well, we are off and running with a wonderful 2009 Steering Committee. We hope you have enjoyed the changes for our meetings and that the emails have been informative in between meetings. Please feel free to email any of us at anytime or call with any concerns, problems or ideas you'd like to share. We love to get together outside of our meetings.

We are planning our **WALK TO REMEMBER** in October. Check out the details further into this newsletter.

Our **CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE** is underway, as well, with new ideas and plans.

Our goal is to make sure everyone is included in our events and meetings.

Sign-up sheets for events and activities will be on the Welcome Table at the night of each meeting. If you need further information or would like to volunteer please contact the head of the committees that interest you.

We are here for each other's needs in the loss of our children....

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN!

UP COMING EVENTS & CHAPTER NEWS

WALK TO REMEMBER

Please let us know if you can donate

Any of the following items for walk...

8 chairs, 4 tables

4 ice coolers with ice

Or would you like to help with the following...

Working tables

50/50 raffle

Flyers

We realize that not everyone will be able to make it to participate in our Walk to Remember. This does not mean your child cannot be remembered during this event. Last year the names of many special children being remembered by our friends across the country were carried by volunteers during the walk. This is a special act of love freely given by those participating in the walk.

If you have a child whose name you'd like carried during the walk there is no charge (although donations are appreciated).

Just return the "Love Gift Form on page 5 with the name of the child you wish to be have remembered. Please note "Walk to Remember" on the form also. Contact persons: Richie and Annette Kraft 843-903-5180 or Email: Nettyk2000@yahoo.com



LENDING LIBRARY

We all grieve at different rates & in different ways.

Our chapter has quite an extensive library of books, booklets, magazines, tapes, etc. available to help, as needed. You may check these items out at our monthly meetings.

We also welcome donations of any materials you may no longer need.

Please contact Barbara Stacey

Pictures are always welcome!

Please bring a picture of your child to our monthly meetings to share with us. And perhaps be able to share the stories of your child with us.

Join in on our remembrance candle lighting table

TCF WEBPAGE & YOUR CHILD



Our chapter has a very nice webpage, put together by Jason Mullins. It's a way to let us share our child with others thru pictures, poems, stories, etc. If you do not yet have a page for your child.

Contact information for Jason is on page 1.

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor and remember children who have died at any age from any cause.

The lighting begins at 7:00 PM in Nova Scotia.

Then as 7:00 PM arrives in each time zone candles are lit creating a virtual wave of light around the world.

Hundreds of thousands of families & friends commemorate and honor children in a way that transcends all ethnic, cultural, religious, and political boundaries.

We'd like to honor our children positively by emphasizing the time we had together.

Please contact: Tina, Vonda or Beverly Heverling

Further information & details about our ceremony will be included in the November/December newsletter.

Sign-up sheets at our welcome table at monthly meetings.

Births

CHILD

- Keith Horton
- David Howard
- Trissie Dawn Fetter
- David F. Johnson
- Ross Wayne Alirie
- Wendy Costanzo

PARENT(S)

- son of Patricia Skipper
- son of Brenda Howard
- daughter of Carolyn & Foster Bethea
- son of Jeanette Caulder
- son of Wayne & Jane Alirie
- daughter of Joe & Robin Costanzo

Remembrances

- Billy McWatters III son of Adele McWatters
- Ronnie Holmes brother of Glenn, Jeff & Jeanette Holmes Caulder
- David F. Johnson son of Jeanette Caulder
- Robert Quaranto son of Louise Maiorino
- Ryan Mullins brother of Jason Mullins
- Tressie Dawn Fetter daughter of Carolyn & Foster Bethea
- Susan Jane Perkins daughter of Bobbie Boyer
- Kristin Leigh Highfill daughter of Mitch & Gayle Highfill
- Cory Robert Snyder son of Robert & Phyllis Snyder
- Courtney Nicole Cornwell daughter of Portia Cornwell
- Jake Alexander-Lee Gagnon son of George & Michelle Hall-Gagnon
- Christopher Belfatto son of John & Barbara Belfatto

Due to "IDENTITY THEFT Problems" National has suggested we eliminate birth dates and remembrances dates !

My Angel

God took my pooh bear, Way to soon
 I guess, He wanted an angel, That loved
 balloons. Who liked ACDC and Rock And
 Roll,
 could play drums all night long.
 Jake Gagnon
 Heading up, up, up
 Singing Highway to Heaven

By Linda a Friend to Michelle & Jake!

- G Grim Gatherings of our losses**
- R Resurfaces Randomly**
- I Individualized Intensity**
- E Endless Emotional Ebbs**
- F Frequent Frustration**

Barbara Stacy 2007 Mom of Quentin

They Lived

Yes, cry dear souls
 For the ones you have lost.
 Remember the times
 You shared...
 The fun times
 The quiet times
 The sad times
 The thoughtful times
 Yes, cry dear hearts
 For the lives cut short.
 Remember what they gave...
 The laughter
 The tears
 The hopes
 The fears
 Yes cry for the loss of a loved one.
 But celebrate, for they have lived.

Cheryl Larson, TCF Camden



You need not walk alone

LOVE GIFTS

A Love Gift is a donation of money to The Compassionate Friends. It is usually in memory of a child who has died, but can also be from individuals to honor a relative or close friend; a gift of thanksgiving that their own children are alive and well; or simply a gift from someone who wants to help in the work of The Compassionate Friends.

The distribution of our chapter newsletter is solely dependent upon love gifts.

If you would like to have your child's name added to our list, we ask that you complete and return the form below.

Love gifts are not required to be part of our TCF activities, but please consider one as a memorial tribute to your child.

Your Childs Name

Keep in mind that we are only able to print your child's name in our newsletter if you give us permission to do so.

If you would like us to publish your child's name on our Birth Dates and Remembrances page you must complete & return the form on our web page or upon request for form.

Please accept our apologies if we happen to include or exclude a name in error. If this happens please contact us!

July & August Love Gifts

The following love gifts have been received since the last newsletter. A butterfly has been added, in loving memory, to the WALL OF LOVE on our website: www.compassionatefriendsmb.com

Adele McWatters In memory of her son, Billy McWatters & daughter Adele Spring

Ken & Betty Chaney in memory of Amanda Mae Moore's birthday

Patricia Skipper in memory of her son, Keith Horton

David and Joann Joyner in memory of their son, Christopher Meridith

Jayne Matlock in memory of her daughter , Michelle Martin

Joe & Cheryl Isaac in memory of their son, Joseph Thomas Isaac III

George & Michelle Hall-Gagnon in memory of their son Jake Gagnon

Janice Zaklukiewicz in memory of her son, Christopher Nichols

Ken & Jeanette Caulder in memory of their son David F. Johnson's Birthday

John & Lois Causey in memory of their grandson David F. Johnson Birthday

Tracy Ambrosino in memory of her brother David F. Johnson's Birthday

Greyson Todd in memory of her Uncle David F. Johnson

Glenn, Jeff & Jeanette Holmes in memory of their brother, Ronnie Holmes

TCF Pee Dee area Chapter

LOVE GIFT FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE ZIP _____

\$ _____ IN MEMORY OF (child's name) _____
LOVE GIFT ENCLOSED

BIRTHDATE _____ DATE OF LOSS _____ INCLUDE IN TCF NEWSLETTER (Y/N) _____

Return this form, and love gift, **make checks payable to Waccamaw Chapter TCF** to :
Jayne Matlock, Secretary,
3117 Robins Nest Way, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

DATE GIFT RECEIVED _____



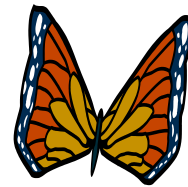


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OUR CHILDRENS' MEMORIAL

Please keep in mind that while this memorial exists for the honor of our children we still need to abide by the rules of the contract we hold with Hillcrest Cemetery.

We are permitted to place potted plants at the site during the time of the major holidays and for special dates. However, they must be removed within 7 days of the event. The superintendent reserves the right to remove these items if they're not within the parameters allowed. All potted plants will be removed when the lots are being mowed or trimmed.

Vases, shells, toys, ornaments, etc. are not allowed to be placed on the pavers and holes are not to be dug for any plants or trees.

We are encouraged to place cut flowers, fresh and/or artificial, in the urns designed for this purpose. They may remain year round, as long as they retain their beauty.

If you have further questions or concerns you may contact Hillcrest Cemetery. Thanks for your cooperation.



**Pavers still available
Please contact our
Secretary**

Jayne Matlock for more info.