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IMPORTANT NOTICE: We have a NEW meeting location!
Please join us at 17555 Hwy. 155 S. (off Loop 49), Flint, TX 75762.
We hope to see you at our next meeting!

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS logo, address: P.O. Box 9714, Tyler, Texas 75711, and the motto 'We need not walk alone.' with a butterfly icon.



The Compassionate Friends
Supporting Family After a Child Dies



We need not walk alone.

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Monthly Group Meeting
Tyler Area Meeting
17555 Hwy. 155 S.
(off Loop 49) Flint, TX 75762

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The Meeting Agenda
6:30 p.m. - Meeting will begin with refreshments followed by announcement of birthdays and anniversaries and reading of the Credo. We will then have open discussion.
8:00 p.m. - Meeting will close by recognizing our childrens' names. Feel free to visit after the meeting or check out books from our library.

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Butterfly Release

Butterflies will be released in memory of all our children at the 2017 Compassionate Friends Butterfly Release set for Saturday, May 20 at 1 p.m.

The setting for this uplifting and peaceful event will be at The Children's Park, corner of Dobbs and Broadway in Tyler. Volunteers are needed at 8 a.m. on Saturday for setup and after the program for take down. We hope you'll join us for refreshments after the ceremony.

No silent auction will be held this year, rather will be selling raffle tickets for your chance to win one of many beautiful plants.

Live butterflies are for sale for \$10 each and must be reserved in plenty of time for ordering. Please send your check and reservation information to TCF at P.O. Box 9714, Tyler, Texas 75711. Reserved butterflies will be picked up for release the day of the event.

Colorful solid-painted wooden butterflies will be sold for \$20 each at the Butterfly Release; we are not taking special orders for personalized butterflies this year.

We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones at the Butterfly Release! Your presence means everything to this very special event!

Our 2017 Butterfly Release T-Shirts!



Pre-Registration is required this year for your child to be included in the butterfly garden. Please, fill & cut out the form below and mail to PO Box 9714, Tyler, Tx 75711 no later than April 30th. If you are purchasing live butterflies or t-shirt mail your check with the form below.

Form fields: Child's/Children's name(s): _____ (required); # of butterflies to purchase _____ (\$10 ea); # of T-shirt's to purchase _____ (\$20 ea); Shirt sizes: _____; Your name: _____ (required)

The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive.



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"The lasting gift that any loved one gives us is their presence in our hearts. It is up to us to dedicate ourselves to integrating that loving spirit into our ongoing lives." —Carol Staudacher, from "A Time to Grieve"

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to those who attended their first TCF meeting last month.

We deeply regret the circumstances that brought you to our TCF Chapter. The Compassionate Friends is a mutual assistance, not-for-profit, self-help organization that offers support and understanding to families who have experienced the death of a child. You are cordially invited to attend our monthly meeting (held the third Monday of the month). The meeting is open to everyone and free of charge. You are free to talk, cry or to sit in silence; we respect the individuality of mourning. Comments shared in the meetings remain confidential.

Our chapter is operated entirely by volunteers dedicated to furthering the work of TCF. Your voluntary, tax deductible donations honor your loved one(s) in a meaningful way by enabling us to print and mail this newsletter and meet other expenses involved in reaching out to other grieving families (100% of funds are used for this outreach). Donations, along with the name of the person being honored, may be sent to:

The Compassionate Friends of Tyler
P.O. Box 9714
Tyler, Texas 75711

To Our New Members

Coming to your first meeting is the hardest thing to do. But, you have nothing to lose and much to gain. Try not to judge your first meeting as to whether or not TCF will work for you. The second, third or fourth meeting might be the time you will find the right person—or just the right words spoken that will help you in your grief work.

To Our Old Members

We need your encouragement and support. You are the string that ties our group together and the glue that makes it stick. Each meeting we have new parents. Think back—what would it have been like for you if there had not been any "oldies" to welcome you, share your grief and encourage you? It was from them you heard, "Your pain will not always be this bad; it really does get softer."

Grief Resources

Note: Some resources are based on individual opinion and experience and are not officially endorsed by the organization. The hope is that you may find a grief resource helpful to you and your family. We will continue to build on our resources column. Please let us know of any of your personal recommendations. Thank you.

Compassionate Friends (International Website) compassionatefriends.org
Also offers grief support for **siblings & grandparents**

Children Are A Gift Foundation: www.childrenareagift.com

GriefShare: www.griefshare.org

MADD East Texas (Mothers Against Drunk Driving)
www.madd.org/local-offices/tx/east-texas

Smith County Victim Services Division
www.tdcj.state.tx.us/divisions/vs/counties/smith.html

The Hospice of East Texas: www.hospiceofeasttexas.org

Victim Services Division - Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Online Resource Directory
www.tdcj.state.tx.us/divisions/vs

Survivors of Suicide: www.allianceofhope.org

Samaritan Counseling of Tyler: www.scctyler.org

Tyler Counseling & Assessment, LLP: www.tyler-counseling.com

Angel Layettes brings comfort to families grieving over the loss of an infant from miscarriage, stillbirth or death shortly after birth, and honor and dignity to the memory of the precious baby. Angel Layettes provides without charge custom designed burial layettes and keepsakes. angellayettes.org • 903-534-5212

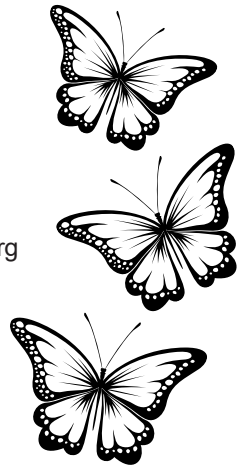
University of Texas at Tyler Psychology and Counseling and Training Clinic: 903-593-2348

The Cope Foundation: www.copefoundation.org

Grief Camps for Kids: www.moyerfoundation.org/programs

WINGS was established through Hospice of East Texas in 1993 to help children navigate the grieving process. WINGS, "a comprehensive bereavement program that provides both emotional support and grief education," offers a camp (Camp G – grieve, grow and go forward) twice a year. For more information or to register for a grief support program, contact the Hospice of East Texas Bereavement Department at 903-266-3400 (Extension 127) or call 1-800-777-9860.

Group Meetings for Survivors of Trauma and Survivors of Suicide Loss, sponsored by Michael's House of Hope at the New Life Worship Center, 18535 Hwy. 69 S., Tyler, room 620. Call Dr. Timothy M. Roddam at 903-681-3161 for more information. Survivors of Trauma meets the second Thursday of each month from 6-7 p.m.



We're on Facebook! Search for The Compassionate Friends of Tyler and Like our page.



The Compassionate Friends of Tyler

P.O. Box 9714
Tyler, TX 75711

We are happy to send our newsletter to you. We hope that it is helpful to you to be kept informed of chapter resources and activities and that you still wish to receive our newsletters that contain excellent material relating to grief issues.

To keep our mailing list current, we do ask to hear from you each year making sure that our information is correct and that you still wish to receive our mailings. If we did not hear from you in the last year please indicate any appropriate choices below and return the form to the address at the bottom of this page.

Your Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Birth Date: _____ Death Date: _____ Cause of Death: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please check any of following that apply:

Due to the rising cost of postage, please send newsletters via email. My email address is _____.

I prefer not to receive the newsletter via email and would like to continue having a hard copy sent to the mailing address you have on file for me.

Please update my mailing address: _____

No thank you, I'd prefer to stop receiving the newsletter. (Newsletters are posted monthly on our website.)

Please include my child's name and picture in the slide presentation at the Candle Lighting Ceremony.

Please include my child's picture and information on the TCF Tyler Web site. (www.TylerTCF.org)

I am enclosing a memorial to support The Compassionate Friends in the amount of _____
Please make check payable to TCF

In memory of _____

Please use this gift for: TCF Newsletter Butterfly Release Candle Lighting TCF Events

The continuation of this chapter's work depends on donations. If you have not taken the opportunity to give a donation in memory of your child please consider taking this time to give a gift that will help reach out to other newly bereaved parents.

We must have your written permission on file to use your child's name and/or picture in the newsletter, Web site, Candle Lighting Ceremony or any other TCF event. Permission may be withdrawn at any time by written request. This information is used to maintain our Chapter Database. It is confidential and is only utilized for Chapter activities such as the newsletter.

Date: _____

(Signature)

Please return completed form to: The Compassionate Friends of Tyler, P.O. Box 9714, Tyler, TX 75711



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"Don't be afraid to cry in front of, or with your children. They need to know that it is alright to cry." —Kim Brundt

May Birthdays



Jamie Allen



Donna Mae Morales



Boston Kade Porter



Caleb Herrera



Joshua Carl Tucker



Sara Ann Plocheck



Tami Kay Brown Roberts



Stephanie Harris Reed



Randall Scott McDaniel



Blythe Madison Harper



Colton Denney



Mahlon Acres



Brian David Stewart



Shanna Marie Redmond



Justin Bloxom



Austin Arvizo



Dustin Dewayne Bruce



Blake Alexander King



Jared Sheets



Michael Angelo Perez



Shane Odening



Stephanie Carol Hester



Kody Dale Hughes



Aaron Sullender



Gabe Levi Hunt



Payton Nicole Herrington



Lance Alan Massey



Derek Brown



Andrew Weldon Braswell



Terry Brendon Reed Pettit



Cashley Sha'Rae Jackson



Coby Deese



Joshua Wilson



Jerry Owen Edwards, Jr.



Todd Andrew Thompson



Matthew Lehew

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We need not walk alone.

"Just as her living made me want to be a better person, her dying will make me a better person if I allow it, because I now carry her with me. I will strive to do and see life the way she would have if she could have stayed here longer."
—Julie Short

Mother's Day & Graduation

After my daughter Kyra died on November 14 of 2004, one of my first thoughts was I am no longer a mother, because Kyra was my only child. It didn't take me long to realize that that was not true, I am and always will be Kyra's mom. As I have walked my grief journey I have found myself referring to grief as labor. It then came to me that for me, losing Kyra was like giving birth in reverse. I experienced intense emotional and physical pain that I wondered if I could endure, similar to the physical pain of labor, only in grief it lasts for weeks, months and years. It took my breath away, brought me to my knees and often I found myself crying out in anguish and anger, like child birth. It has been over a year and a half since Kyra died and I have felt a break in the pain. It has started back up recently due to graduation but I know it will ease some after May. Some women experience false labor leading up to the birth of their child. I think that those intense pains that come from out of no where and last only a short time is something that I will forever experience. I now realize, that in letting go of her death, I can embrace and carry her spirit with me always. So, I liken grief to giving birth in reverse.

I go from Mother's day to Graduation, because Kyra would have graduated from High School at the end of May. Graduation was something I knew would be hard for me to endure without her here, alive and being part of the celebration. I thought about what Kyra graduating would mean to me and it didn't take me long to come up with, it was going to be my day to celebrate. Kyra was an intelligent child with a low attention span, a need to talk, and lower than I would have liked motivation. It was a frustration that her teachers and I shared. So, homework time was a challenge and I used motivational charts, rewards and even punishment. But, I quickly found that you can't force someone to be motivated and went back to encouraging. I knew that she would come around and become motivated and I started seeing it her Junior year the year she died. I thought that graduation would be the reward for all the long nights and constantly trying to encourage and motivate. Well, it's not to be and I had to decide how will I endure graduation. I began to think about all she is missing. I believe in Heaven so I don't believe she is missing any joy or good times, because I believe she is now experiencing indescribable joy and unimaginable good times. The reality of what she is missing is, she is missing misery, pain, frustration, disappointment, a broken heart, grief, hopelessness and agony. And I am missing her incredible, joy and zest for life, her strong faith, beautiful smile and her wonderful heart.

As I close I remember when I was pregnant with Kyra, I took two helpings of food because I said I'm eating for two. Now I will try my best to live life to the fullest and be all that I can because now I'm living for two. Just as her living made me want to be a better person, her dying will make me a better person if I allow it, because I now carry her with me. I will strive to do and see life the way she would have if she could have stayed here longer.

Julie Short ~ In Loving Memory of Kyra ~ TCF, Southeastern, IL

Journaling to Heal

Each time I look back over my grief journey, I remember the important role that journaling played in my first and second years of grief. Handwritten entries, some sentences, sometimes just a few words describing my emotions, helped me to define where I was in my daily life. As I review the tear-stained pages, I am reminded of the deep, deep pain and the catharsis of the journal. Whether I was angry, in pain, deeply depressed or just too exhausted to think, I wrote a few words, maybe even a few lines each day. I saw it as my connection to my son.

As time progressed, my journaling became writing and eventually I returned to the computer and began forming coherent thoughts and sentences, with subjects and messages to my child, myself and to others. But the process started with the healing of the journal. I learned to be very honest with myself in my journal because I never shared it with anyone. I didn't put on a mask or rationalize in my journal, as no one else would be reading it. I was completely candid, and I soon recognized my weaknesses, regrets, strengths and successes. Pure honesty and great insight were achieved in my journal's conversation with myself.

Grief therapists recommend journaling to bereaved parents quite frequently. Some people are able to find an outlet for their daily roller coaster of emotions through journaling. Some seek answers and others seek questions. Many parents feel they are connecting with their child through their journal. There are as many reasons to journal as there are types of journals.

While journaling may not be for everyone, we encourage each of you to at least attempt it for a week. Give it your best effort. If, as some have found, it offers you nothing and is a chore, not a treasured time, then stop and seek other forms of outlet. But if, as many have found, it offers you a place for your thoughts, your messages, your self-revelation and self-evaluation as well as a refuge from the world, then by all means, continue to journal.

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





We need not walk alone.

"The pain doesn't end. It simply reshapes itself into a quiet, soft ache that gives us a gentle, often tearful, reminder that our child will always be with us. And perhaps that is as it should be." —Annette Mennen Baldwin

May Anniversaries Cont.



Marcos Lopez



Derek Miller



Jerry Owen Edwards, Jr.



Natalie Whitehead



Jasmine Elizabeth Thomas



Chase Cyrus Naquin



Ana Dannel Franklin



Crystal Cudd



Kara Belanger



Dwayne Russell



Alyssa Howerton



Pablo Salinas



Keith Padgett



Allison Hiett



Terry Haley



Tyler Steven Galpin



Andrew Weldon Braswell



Tommy Ford



Brandon Weatherly



Kaila McKinsey Payne



Ryan Goff



Colleen Herriage

A Mother's Memories

The kaleidoscope of my mind holds millions of memories of my son, Todd. The small flutter announcing himself. A tiny fist grabbing my fingers for the first time. A one year-old's blue blanket as he stroked its border with one hand and sucked his thumb with the other. Matchbox cars. A red tricycle. Building model cars. His first bicycle. A concussion. A saucer sled. His first "big boy" bed. Giggling until hiccups overtook him. His best Halloween costume. His white poodle, Fluffy. His lifetime best friend, Allen. Winning in track. Purple tennis shoes. Purple walls. Pink Floyd. The four-year paper route. Sunday mornings driving him on the paper route. His first car. His first GTO and the sound of the engine. The basketball hoop on the garage roof and the thump-thump of "shooting" into the night. The first prom. High School graduation with Grandpa in attendance. College days. Tears at Allen's sister's funeral. A 12-year restoration of a 1965 GTO. Car Shows. The new business after graduation. Marriage with Grandpa in attendance. First house. His children. Acceptance to A&M. Graduation with an MBA from A&M with Grandpa in attendance. New job in the corporation. Tears at Grandpa's funeral. Building a new home in Austin. The laughter he shared with his children. The joys he gave to me. The meaningful relationship with my adult child. The last day I saw him. The last conversation. There are books of details in each thought. A mother's memories glide effortlessly into the future. And that is as it should be.

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



We need not walk alone.

"Life goes on whether we want it to or not. Thank God for TCF—a sanctuary where others know how I feel and where I'm coming from. A 'family' who gives me the love and support I need to go on." —Jenny Feyt

Mother's Day...Father's Day...Graduations...Proms

Spring comes—and with it comes the uneasy awareness of difficult days ahead. For those who are still going through all the "firsts" without your child, we share with you some special ways other parents have coped and managed. Mother's Day...Father's Day...graduations...vacations...these are special family times which often catch us unaware and bring unexpected tears and painful memories of young lives cut short. It does get better! And you can make these special days better with some planning and with encouragement from those who have already been there. Whatever the "special day" that lies ahead for your family, try to focus on doing something meaningful and tangible in remembrance of your child. Share as a family thoughts and suggestions about planting a tree or starting a rose garden, donating a book to the library or school, putting flowers on the altar, lighting a special candle or taking that long talked-of vacation. Tears and moments of sadness are okay, for they are expressions of love.

Remember:

- Take one day at a time.
- Keep things simple by playing down the holidays and special days, while they are so painful.
- Change your routine from past years.
- Make plans to be "busy" during at least part of the day (go out to lunch or to a movie, or visit friends).
- Give your older children some "space." They not only feel your extreme sadness at these times; they also have their own feelings to deal with.

The anticipation is often worse than the day itself!

From Fox Valley TCF Chapter, Aurora, IL

Thanks for your donations and continued support of TCF of Tyler.

In loving memory of Alex Conway by Robert & Trisha Taylor



In loving memory of Andy Terrell by David & Teresa Terrell



In loving memory of Chris O'Leary by Merri Walsh



In loving memory of Leah Zucca by Jim & Cheri Zucca



In loving memory of Chad Cavazos by Dale Cavazos



In loving memory of Christopher Loper by Tina Loper



In loving memory of Jared Sheets by Carol & Shane Johnson



In loving memory of Stephanie Settle by Danny & Pat Settle



Please share your stories, poems or love messages for inclusion in our newsletter.





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"Romance fails us and so do friendships, but the relationship of parent and child, less noisy than all others, remains indelible and indestructible, the strongest relationship on earth." —*Theodore Belk*

Should We Have a Credo for Friends?

We are the friends of those who lost their children to death. We want to be part of your grieving by helping you, our friends, through this very difficult time. We do not know what to say and might inadvertently say the wrong thing. We need you to help to tell us when this happens. Most of all, we want you to know that we hurt with you. You are our friends and we feel helpless.

We do not want to force you to hurry with your grieving, but we want you to make us part of it. We do not know your pain and hope that we never will, but we feel your pain because we care for you.

We are here to listen, so you may talk to us about your loved one. If we were not privileged to know your child, tell us about your child so we also understand the special person he or she was. Most of all, trust us, we are here when you need us.

We will not ask you to show a happy face when sadness is in your heart. We will not diminish your grief by uttering useless phrases like "God must have wanted your child more than you." We know that in time we will once again see you smile. But we are willing to wait until you are ready. We are "The Friends of those who Grieve" and we have compassion for your loss.

Karin Powell, TCF Volusia/Flagler, FL

Sometimes

Sometimes, something clicks, and with a tear, remembrance of the pain and the loneliness floods the heart. Sometimes, something clicks, and with a smile, remembrance of the love and the laughter floods the senses.

And there are times when nothing clicks at all and a voice echoes through the emptiness and numbness, never finding the person who used to fill that space.

And sometimes the most special times of all a feeling ripples through your body, heart, and soul that tells you that person never left you, and he's right with you through it all.

Kristen Hansen, TCF Kenifield, CA

Jared Sheets

In loving memory of Jared

Jim & Linda Crawford



This month's newsletter is sponsored by Jim & Linda Crawford.

Newsletter sponsorship is \$75. Contact us if you'd like to be a sponsor in memory of your loved one.



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"Of course, nothing can wipe away much of your pain, but sharing grief is helpful. You will know that after you have expressed the painful sorrow you once kept hidden, and you find yourself, finally, smiling at the memories and the blessings of past summertimes." —*Sascha Wagner*

May Birthdays Cont.



Vanessa Wilcox



Crystal Cudd



Cheyenne Lackey



Keith Padgett



Lincoln Garyt Allen



Tyler Steven Galpin



Xander Rebel Kelly



Robbie Kempker



Terry Haley

**We hope to see you at the
Butterfly Release in May!**

May Anniversaries



Blake Owens



Samantha Johnson



Brad (BJ) Huggins



Justin Clakley



Joshua Jolley



Patrick Pinkerton



Kenny Ivy



Donna Morales



Kendrick Clark



Jon Lee Hardwick



Alexander Fleming



ShiAnn Renee Robinson



Stephanie Settle



Marshall Charles Donahue



Leslie Eugene Robb



Jarren Moser



Kimberly Pryor



Colton Denney



Terry Wayne Brown



Leah Zucca



Melissa Elaine Majors



Tiffeny Sue Hightower



Brady Bryant



Daniel Anderson





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"The joys he gave to me. The meaningful relationship with my adult child. The last day I saw him. The last conversation. There are books of details in each thought. A mother's memories glide effortlessly into the future. And that is as it should be." —Annette Mennen Baldwin

The Butterfly

I asked God to send me one so I would know,
She is in heaven with beautiful wings she is proud to Show,
And sure enough on that day
It was fluttering around me and I knew it was her
Trying to say...
Tell everyone I'm fine,
Tell everyone I'm great,
And when it's theirs and your turn,
I'll be waiting for you at those pearly gates.
And until then I will be here
Watching over you until you appear
Until then you will know if you're smart,
I'll be forever and always in your heart.
So live like there is no tomorrow and smile everyday,
For you know you will see me,
When you spread your wings and finally come home
To Stay.

*By Caitlin Daniels, April 26, 2004
In Memory of Sarah D. Harvey*

Seasoned Grief

From We Need Not Walk Alone, Spring 1999 Issue
There used to be a point to summing up a year just past
not as a personal accomplishment but as a reflection.
Leaving previous hurts behind was welcomed
and the sensible thing to do.
I thought I was getting wiser as I was getting older.

With new years clean and full of possibilities,
becoming another person seemed simple,
another chance at getting it right,
like a redemption, being forgiven for
having blundered or been found wanting.

But death changed everything, without permission.
Resolutions, made sincerely and broken quickly,
offended my need to hold on to the past,
to rewind life, fast backwards,
so I could capture what I had lost.

Still, time went on, regardless of my pleas.
And when exhaustion set in, as eventually it must,
I understood there would be another future,
not the one I thought I had the right to expect
but one where I dared carry hope in my heart again.

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"Tears and moments of sadness are okay, for they are expressions of love." —Unknown

Love Gifts



Thanks to the following people who make a MONTHLY LOVE GIFT to TCF of Tyler:

(For monthly donors we will post photos of your children.)

- Merri Walsh in memory of Chris O'Leary - rent
- Carol & Shane Johnson in memory of Jared Sheets - rent
- Danny & Pat Settle in memory of Stephanie - rent
- Jim & Cheri Zucca in memory of Leah - rent
- Robert & Trisha Taylor in memory of Alex Conway - rent
- Barbara Barton in memory of Lindsey - rent
- Dale & Phyllis Cavazos in memory of Chad - newsletter
- Tina, Johnathan & Heather Loper in memory of Christopher - TCF Phone
- David & Teresa Terrell in memory of Andy - use of a storage building

See more love gifts on page 7.



Newsletter Submissions

TCF Tyler welcomes all submissions to our newsletter. Send articles, poetry, love messages and scanned photos to: The Compassionate Friends of Tyler, P.O. Box 9714, Tyler, Texas 75711. Or e-mail text and photos to: info@TylerTCF.org; We reserve the right to edit for space and/or content.

Deadline for submissions is the 5th of each month. TCF Chapters may copy articles from this publication provided credit is given to the author and the original source.

Errors and Omissions: We try very hard to be sure that all of the names and dates of our children are correct. If you see an error in the newsletter, please contact TCF at 903-422-0358. We want to get it right and will correct the information for future use. Thanks very much.

Email Addresses: If we do not have your email address or it has changed, please email it to info@tylertcf.org so that we may email you announcements and updates about TCF of Tyler.

Sign up for email notifications of events and to be notified when the newsletter is posted online at: www.tylertcf.org

Announcements

NEW MEETING PLACE! The new meeting location is 17555 Hwy. 155 S. (off Loop 49), Flint, TX 75762. Our meeting is held on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call 903-422-0358.

Steering Committee Meeting: If you are interested in participating in our chapter by serving on the steering committee, please plan to attend a steering committee meeting. Anyone who would like to become more involved in TCF and serve on the steering committee is welcome to come! Steering meetings are every third Thursday at 11:45 a.m. at Fuzzy Taco Shop (working lunch) located at 1871 Troup Hwy., Tyler, TX 75709.

News from National: Compassionate Friends National offers webinars for the public on grief related topics. Upcoming public webinars will include Death of a Child By Suicide, Pregnancy and Infant Loss, The Death of a Special Needs Child and How Can I Help When A Child Dies? Check out www.compassionatefriends.org for dates and times.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Dear TCF Members,

As always, we welcome volunteers to serve in any capacity within our group, including sending out birthday and anniversary cards each month. We would like to get two people per month, as it's getting to be a lot for one person to do.

Sincerely,
Cheri & Trisha

Join us for our Annual Butterfly Release in May!

