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We hope to see you at our next meeting!

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Supporting Family After a Child Dies



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Monthly Group Meeting
Tyler Area Meeting
17555 Hwy. 155 S.
(off Loop 49) Flint, TX 75762
3rd Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
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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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Important TCF of Tyler Leadership Notice

With a very heavy heart, we'd like to let you know that the 2019 December Candlelighting could be the last Tyler Chapter event. We ask each of you to please consider the leadership role and keep the Tyler chapter going. Feel free to call us with any questions.

The current leadership of the Tyler Chapter is looking for candidates to take over the leadership position(s). We will gladly work beside you for the remainder of the year, but unfortunately our current life demands are not allowing us to be the leaders that TCF needs.

We both need to step down at the end of the year. We will definitely still be around for guidance and support so you won't be left to do this on your own. We will help out until you are comfortable with the position.

There's a regional conference in Houston in October which would be very helpful to anyone who may think they are interested. See the national website for more info.

We both want to say we have truly enjoyed the last several years. It's been a very rewarding and healing journey for us both, and we've made so many new relationships along the way!

Feel free to reach out to either of us with any questions if you think you may be interested.

Sincerely,
Cheri & Trisha

Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony in December

Our Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony will be Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, at Crossroads Community Church, 13730 Hwy 155 South, Tyler. The service begins at 6:30 p.m. This year, canned food for the food pantry at our host church, as well as new toys, will be collected at the Candle Lighting.

This is a great way to meet and get to know the members of The Compassionate Friends. Getting involved will likely help you as well as the other members! Everyone is needed and welcomed! Please consider bringing a finger food of your choice. We need everything from sandwiches and chips to sweets and drinks. Your contribution will be appreciated and enjoyed on this special evening.

If you would like to help with the Candle Lighting set up, Saturday, the day before the event, take down, and anything in between, please call the TCF line at 903-422-0358. Thank you!

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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"I began to realize that there were plenty of things to look forward to, and it was possible to be happy and keep her in my heart. I also realized that even though she died, I still had an entire life to live. I decided to live this life for her. For the both of us. —Amanda Geisinger

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:

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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**

The Childrens Park: www.childrensparktyler.org
Glory Babies meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Alison house next to The Children's Park of Tyler: www.glorybabies.com

GriefShare: www.griefshare.org

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

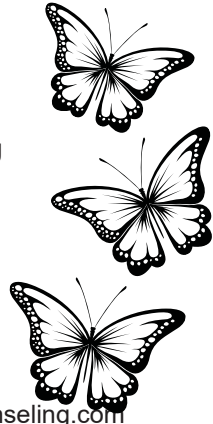
University of Texas at Tyler Psychology and Counseling and Training Clinic: 903-593-2348

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.



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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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“Recall the unforgettable memories of the past as you search for a meaningful future. Even in your overwhelming despair, you will realize that part of that child’s life will live with you forever.” —*Rabbi Earl A. Grollman*

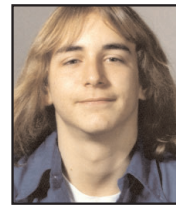
September Birthdays



Justin Dover



Chad Cavazos



Jon Lee Hardwick



Theresa Kay Talley



Tommy Gresham



Bobby Jack Stanley



Robert Attaway



Shantrice Willingham



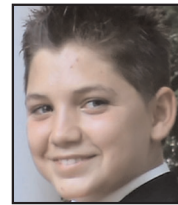
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Michael R. Peymon



Austin Cheek



Chase Cyrus Naquin



Gary Dean Arnold



Stacey Smith



Michael Toby Tobias



Ava Faith Knight



Betsi Marie Wyatt



Bill Bouslog



Joshua Jolley



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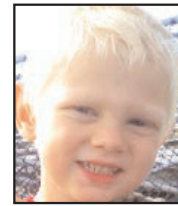
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Leah Zucca



Aaron Willman



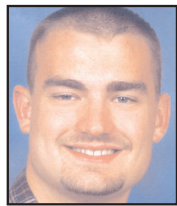
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Samantha Johnson



Adam Thomas Pritchard



Joshua Washburn



Jake Schoonover



Lee Sammons



Kyle James Horn



Christopher Molnari



Lillian Oldham



Jiree Mobley



Melinda Orr



Tommy Gresham



Brooklynn Woods



Brian McDaniel



Colby Ivey



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“The spiritual meaning of love is measured by what it can do. Love is meant to heal. Love is meant to renew.” —*Deepak Chopra*

A Stranger—My Friend

I don't remember who, but someone called me to the phone that day. A lady said she didn't know me, but just wanted to say that she had lost her child, too, and would pray for my deep pain. My days that had been sunny were now filled with crashing rain.

Her voice was kind and soothing as she spoke to me with care. I grasped each word intensely that the stranger was willing to share. Her child died in a way similar to mine, a passenger in a car. She knew my shocking sorrow and recognized my new, deadening scar.

She said we have a mutual friend in the funeral director there, for he buried her child too and now mine—I could not bear. I cried and cried as she talked to me that sad, heartbreaking day. But she quickly instilled in my mind right then that crying was okay.

She briefly spoke of brighter days to come somewhere along the way. She assured me, too, that God was there if only I could pray. I don't remember all she said, my mind was far away, but I thank God for sending her, a stranger—my friend—that day.

She called me again a few days later to see if I was alive. Still in shock, I remembered her—the lady who has survived. Such grief, such devastating sadness, I was totally in despair. But my new friend called again, keeping me in her care.

We came to meet, this lady and I, in life's ungracious bend. I love her now, this total stranger, she's my Compassionate Friend.

Diana G., TCF Kokoma, IN

Blessings Inside Sorrow

There are blessings inside sorrow, or so I have been told. I am not sure I always agree. At times I can see the gifts I have been given. Love...without measure...fills my heart when I think of you. But I loved you then too, when you were in my arms, not in my heart. And I miss you now. The emptiness you left can never be filled, not by any blessings I might receive from sorrow.

And yet, still, I wonder. Are there blessings? Would I have known how much I cared for you...for your brothers, for your Dad, were it not for your coming, and so suddenly, softly, leaving, without a good-bye? Would I treasure life I have remaining if it weren't for your loss? Certainly I loved and treasured before you left, but hasn't my sorrow caused me to express that love and to treasure more highly those around me? I KNOW I can't take for granted they will always be.

In the aftermath of losing you, when life lay crumbled around me... still was there not a glimmer of hope? That life would go on, somehow, we would survive and build on the ashes of our broken hearts. Building somehow in spite of our pain. Mixing the cement of our love with tears, we bound ourselves together even more tightly than ever before. And our love grows stronger. And we have not forgotten.

What a bitter lesson! And still, the emptiness will never be filled. There yet remains a hole in my heart...and in all our hearts. Dear son, we will never forget you. The blessings inside our sorrow will never fill the hole you left in our fabric of our lives. It remains open, a testament that you mattered, and that your coming and soft going made a difference. And in that difference lies the blessing inside our sorrow.

We were blessed to have held you for a time, even though you could not stay. And even through our tears, we smile at the memories. And we know that you are not completely alone. You shadow our lives, affecting them in big ways and small. And though I would trade blessings in a minute just to have you back in my arms, I am indeed grateful for the blessings inside sorrow.

Lisa Sculley, TCF Jacksonville, Orange Park Chapter

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"The death of someone we know always reminds us that we are still alive—perhaps for some purpose which we ought to re-examine." —Mignon McLaughlin

September Anniversaries



Tim Cole



Cindy Dingler



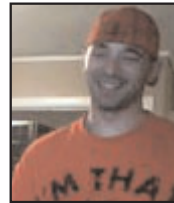
Stephen Townsend



Cason Gimble



Jonathan Lee Daniel Sanders



Nathaniel Blake Dark



Stephanie Harris Reed



Amanda Stone



Mahlon Acres



Joshua Brandon "Josh" Wilcox



Michael Angelo Perez



Jennifer Booth Musick



Mary Jennifer Stone



Toni Wood



Joshua Malone



Ashlee Ann Davis



Cameron Weatherly



Robby Cano



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Robert Attaway Jr.



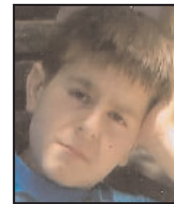
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A.J. Frazier



Cobin Frazier



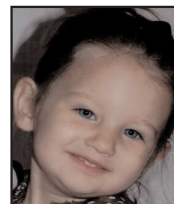
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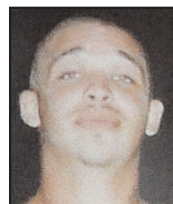
Doug Norton



Daniel Wayne Thornton



Randall Thornton, Jr.



Colton James Bain



Amber Drake



Keisha Knauss

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"We understand death for the first time when he puts his hand upon one whom we love." —Madame de Stael

September Anniversaries Cont.



Daryn Keith Selman



Wayne Davis



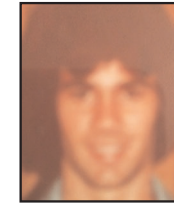
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Amanda Anderson



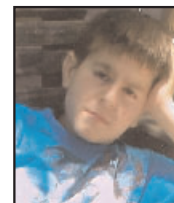
Derek Russell



James Rawls



Richard Allen Wilgus



Alec Heath Thigpen



Kevin Paul Elbert

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

One Year Has Passed

Dear Friends,

One year has about passed of the death of my son, T.J. Anderson. His one-year anniversary death, Oct. 5, 2010, has passed by so fast. I have to say, my journey has been a long hard road and a tremendous amount of healing and work. A person has to go through it and can't go around it. This is a key factor to healing.

In group meetings we hear the mother's and father's pain. It helps us know that we are not alone. The death of a child is a different kind of death than any other. You never get over it-you get through it-and there's hope of finding ways to cope. All of our hearts are so broken, but we must continue on.

I understand a lot more now because of sharing experiences with my Compassionate Friends. When you feel the love, the understanding and the pain that they also feel, you know are not alone. Each one of us shares our own personal loss and grief. We have shared and earned the love of our precious children. We also feel almost as if we know our Compassionate Friend's children.

By sharing we have gained a deeper and stronger connection about life's journey. We also know that God the great Creator's greatest gift was the life of His own son, Jesus Christ. What powerful love for God to submit His own son's life for us. The death of precious children is the most powerful mind source, next to God, there is. The emotional pain seems more unbearable than physical pain.

Keeping T.J.'s memory alive seems to be key for me and I visualize him with me when I need his heart. This gives me some relief and then he goes back with God.

May I say, God bless all the Compassionate Friends of our group and worldwide. Thank you for this organization and for the love and honor we have for our children while finding ways to cope.

Thank you Compassionate Friends for the healing. The group does work, and if there's anyone out there who is discouraged, please call a Compassionate Friend's leader.

In memory of our dear son, T.J. Anderson. You're forever in our hearts.

Your 'Moms' and Dad, 2011
Mona & Ron Anderson, TCF Tyler, TX



T.J. Anderson





We need not walk alone.

“Remember, joy and pain exist separately during our lifelong journeys; there may be days when the pain that we experience teaches us something more about our grief. It is better to grieve by remembering rather than grieve to forget.”
—David J. Roberts

Take This Thread

Take this thread of hope and let it be a new beginning—a thread in the new fabric of life you must now weave. Choose your color: You have known the blues and sunk deep into them, yet also known the calming of a cloudless sky. You have known reds, sublime sunsets, flashes of anger, flames of passion. What about green? You have known the gentle cushion, the balmy restfulness of a grassy verge. Known also the green-eyed monster, jealous of those who still have what you have lost. You have seen the sunny yellows absent for a while now overtaken by gray.

Choose these threads of hope draw them together; take the positives, turn the grays into silvers. Remember how it was and know you will once again, some time, come to that place of harmony. But first choose your threads carefully and much later, much stitching later, weaving, working. After much hard work, love and care your fabric will glow again a different fabric. For it can never be the same, but it will be beautiful, a new form of beautiful.

Carolyn S., TCF Walcha, New South Wales

Thank you for your generous donations to TCF of Tyler. These ‘love gifts’ allow us to provide our local chapter with special events, the TCF Newsletter, our website and more!

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

In loving memory of Alex Conway by Robert & Trisha Taylor



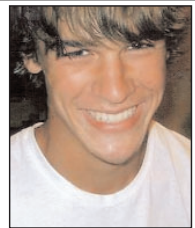
In loving memory of Candice Lingle by Mary Lingle



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



In loving memory of Sarah Thompson by Carol Thompson



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“Some say it gets better WHEN? That is what I want to know. When in this life am I going to feel better? Oh what I would give for the bliss of ignorance once more.” —Jean Stewart

Sorting

By Paula Moore Hurtt

For most of five years she sorted.

One must sort through the papers—medical bills in this stack, condolence notes in another, bank statements, retirement benefits, death benefits, life insurance—so much paper.

Hours and days she sat at the kitchen table crying and sorting.

“Still sorting?” we would ask. “Yes,” she would say through her tears, “there is just so much.”

On and on through the first year she sorted—court papers, sympathy cards, letters from friends, tax forms, her kitchen table still piled high with papers.

“Still sorting?” we’d ask. “Yes, she’d sigh, “There is just so much.”

And on through the second year she sorted—suits to Goodwill, sweaters and shirts to her grandsons, tee shirts to the granddaughters to wear in the dorm.

“Still sorting?” we’d ask, noticing the house in disarray as it never was when he was alive. “Yes,” she’d answer wistfully. “There is just so much.”

And through the third and fourth years she sorted—guns and tools, cuff links and tie tacks, golf clubs and fishing poles. Nothing was thrown out or left to chance as the house remained cluttered with his things.

“Is she okay?” we began to ask. “Why does she take so long? Will she ever finish? Can’t she get on with her life? Why this endless sifting and sorting of the things he left behind?”

“Still sorting?” we’d ask impatiently. “You don’t understand. There’s just so much.”

But, now we do understand—as we sort. Comforted by her things around us we laugh and cry as we consider each item. And sometimes we find the treasures—a scarf that still smells of her, a letter she forgot to mail, a diary we won’t read, pictures of her as a girl, a young wife, a new mother.

It’s been more than a year now, but we are in no hurry to finish the job, because there is just so much—and then no more.

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Hiding Behind the Mask

From *Bereaved Parents USA*

I think we as bereaved parents wear masks 12 months out of the year, not just on Halloween. Perhaps on Halloween we should just wear our own grief stricken face and not be noticed.

How many masks do you wear—even in a week—or a day. Do you wake up in the morning feeling the pain with the knowledge that your child is no longer here? Do you “mask” that face with your old normal face to say good morning to your spouse? You can take the mask off and cry in the shower—it somehow feels so good to release some of those tears. Time to wake the children for school, put on the cheerful, positive mom mask. After dropping the children off at school you can once again remove the mask and feel. Soon you will be pulling into the parking lot at work—get the next mask out—the mask of the competent professional. WOW! That’s a lot of mask changing in a short time.

Strange isn’t it how the MONSTER pain of grief makes us put on masks to cover the pain—often to those who really care and who perhaps are putting on their masks to cover their pain when they see us? Maybe we could all be so much better off if we removed our masks and let the monster pain out.





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"We traveled together for awhile and our journey was fulfilling, but now our paths have diverged and we had to say goodbye. To my years with you, I bid farewell. Ahead of me lies a life without you, a new definition of myself. For all that I may someday become, you will always be a part of me." —*Lisa Meredith*

A Year in the Life

How can we ever understand the loss of a life so dear?
It's still so hard to believe it's almost been a year.

We miss your love. We miss your smile. We pray that you are near. We pray that you will help us through restless sadness and endless tears.

You're in a better place now, by God you were received. You'll never feel life's pain again, in that we do believe.

We make our weekly journey to the place you now call home, across hillsides full of monuments to touch your name carved in stone.

We stand alone, we cry, we pray, your brother, mom and dad. A full year gone and counting our lives forever sad...

*For Brennan, By: Tom Murphy, September 2006
TCF, Cincinnati-East and West Chapters*

I had a Dream

I had a dream the other night
it was a miracle, you see.
I rocked you in my favorite chair
and held you close to me.

I sang to you a lullaby
so sweet and clear and fair;
but then awoke, I called your name,
And knew you were not there.

As darkness then engulfed me,
I started to softly cry,
I love you so, my baby,
why did you have to die?

I pray for sleep to come again,
and hope that I will see
another dream just like before,
with my son held next to me.

Author unknown

This day is remembered and quietly kept,
No words are needed, we shall never forget.
For those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday.
Unseen and unheard, but always near,
So loved,
So missed,
And so very dear.

TCF, Potomac, MD - Reading

The Passage of Grief

Pain in my heart,
Longing in my soul,
Shattered in pieces
And it's taken its toll.

In the palm of your hand,
You took my life,
Ripped out my heart
And drove in the knife.

You chose to take him;
Though you could take anyone
Taking our sweet precious boy,
My Aunt's only son.

I wouldn't have fought back,
So why not take me?
I would have gone quietly
And fully paid his fee.

The longings that I have,
I try my best to hide.
To hear him, touch him,
And have him by my side.

I miss him every day,
And it hurts so bad.
My Boy being gone,
Makes my heart so sad.

I know it's all up to you, God
I know it's all in your will,
But why couldn't you warn us
And prepare our hearts to feel.

Love, Longing,
Anger, and Regret;
So many emotions swirling
And some not even explored yet.

Time heals all wounds,
At least that's what they say,
But when a loved one dies,
Your life seems to lose its way.

I don't know what's up;
I don't know what's down;
Nobody knows where I am
And who knows where I'm bound.

God, I need you to take the helm;
Remove the clouds from my eyes;
Calm the waters with one touch
And show me where forever lies.

*By Holly Howell, In loving memory of her
cousin, Jake Schoonover.*



We need not walk alone.

"We grieve as individuals, and there is no standard plan for it. Do what you need to do to survive, but don't deny the presence of your grief. It's a part of you now. Ignoring it will not help." —*Scott Mastley*

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 - rental 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

Meeting Info: The 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! Email us at info@tylertcf.org to get involved!

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.

Event reminders for parents:

- If anyone is interested in singing at the Candle Lighting in December or if you know of anyone who is blessed with musical talent, and would like to participate, please contact us.
- If you have a butterfly release sign, please put it out the end of April or first of May.
- If we are storing your butterfly sign, please contact us to pick it up the end of April or first of May so you can put it out at place of your choice.
- Pre-Registration is required every year to have your child's picture in the butterfly garden. (We are very sorry, but due to growth we need to know who will be attending.)

TCF Quilt Announcement!

We are compiling names and photos for our 7th quilt! Please mail your \$30 donation for a square, child's name, and make sure we have a quality picture of your child that will show up well. Let us know quickly as we anticipate the list of 30 will fill up fast. You can mail your donation to TCF Tyler PO Box 9714 Tyler Texas 75711, please note on your check what it is for. Photos or questions can be emailed to info@TylerTCF.org.

