



THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS



We need not walk alone.

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Tyler, Texas

May 2013

Monthly Group Meeting

Tyler Area Meeting

Monday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.

New Location! 1901 Ricketty Ln., Tyler

Jacksonville Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.

Sam Smith's office, 1401 E. Rusk

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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, May, 2013



Butterflies will be released in memory of all our children at the 2013 Compassionate Friends Butterfly Release set for Saturday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m. The setting for this uplifting and peaceful event will be the First Baptist Church South Campus, 17002 Highway 69 South in Tyler.

Deadline for pre-ordering butterflies is May 11.

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.

Silent auction items are being collected. If something catches your eye that you think those attending would enjoy bidding on, please consider donating. For donation information, please email us at info@tylertcf.org.

Proceeds from the Butterfly Release will again be used for outreach efforts and materials.

The Butterfly Release begins at 1 p.m. that Saturday but volunteers are needed and welcomed for either set-up work the Friday evening before, or beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday the day of the release. Please contact us at 903-258-2547 if you want to volunteer.

Enjoying refreshments and visiting with TCF friends and family after the butterflies are released is a special part of the day. If you would like to donate any finger food—cookies, chips/dips, small sandwiches, pickles, olives, cheese cubes, fruit chunks or veggies—any of your special favorites—please contact Carol Thompson at 903-539-0458! Cake will be served and bottled iced water will be available.

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

See Butterfly Release flier on page 8. Feel free to share and post.

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.



We need not walk alone.

"I live with great grief but thankfully not guilt because I did the absolute best I could and I am certain that he knew we loved him every day of his life. He had a short life but a good one. He was one of the happiest people I have ever known. He taught me as much as I taught him. He is a blessing to me. No, I wouldn't have missed the dance." —*Dana Rogers*

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 (national home page)

Also offers grief support for **siblings** and **grandparents**
<http://www.compassionatefriends.org>

Children Are A Gift Foundation

<http://www.childrenareagift.com>

GriefShare

<http://www.griefshare.org>

MADD East Texas (Mothers Against Drunk Driving)

<http://www.madd.org/local-offices/tx/east-texas>

Smith County Victim Services Division

<http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/divisions/vs/counties/smith.html>

The Hospice of East Texas

<http://www.hospiceofeasttexas.org>

The University of Texas at Tyler Psychology and Counseling Training Clinic

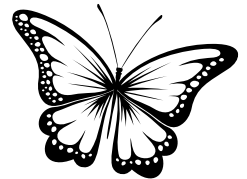
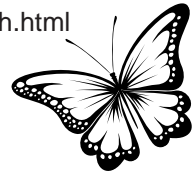
Located at the Bethesda Health Clinic
409 W. Ferguson
Tyler, Texas 75702
903-592-2348

Touched by Suicide (local)

<http://www.touchedbysuicideeasttexas.org>

Victim Services Division - Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Online Resource Directory

<http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/divisions/vs>



This month's printing of our newsletter sponsored by Janet Majors.

In loving memory of
Melissa Elaine Majors

7-14-80 ~ 5-8-08

daughter of
Janet & Greg Majors





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“The mention of my child's name may bring tears to my eyes. But it never fails to bring music to my ears. If you are really my friend, Please, don't keep me from hearing the beautiful music of his name. It soothes my broken heart and fills my soul with love.” —*Nancy Williams*

Love Gifts



Sue Roberts (Nana) in memory of Jake Schoonover

Jim & Linda Crawford in memory of Jared Sheets

Barbara & Lee Barton in memory of Lindsey

Pam Johnson in memory of Lori Campbell

Juanita Blake & Misty Minter in memory of Donna Morales



Thanks to the following members who have made a rent donation for our meeting place this month:

Merri Walsh in memory of Chris O'Leary

Dave & Jeanelle Maland donated in memory of Joe Maland and Patrick Bowman

Martha Lewis in memory of Burke

Tina, Johnathan & Heather Loper in memory of Christopher

Carol & Shane Johnson in memory of Jared Sheets



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

Claudette Brown in memory of Terry Wayne

Dale & Phyllis Cavazos in memory of Chad

Sam Smith in memory of Stacey - use of his office for the Jacksonville meeting

David & Teresa Terrell in memory of Andy - use of a storage building

Newsletter Submissions

TCF Tyler welcomes all submissions to our newsletter. Send articles, poetry, love messages and scanned photos to: TCF Tyler, 5401 Hollytree Drive, 1204, Tyler, Texas 75703. 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 903-258-2547. We want to get it right and will correct the information for future use. Thanks very much.

Announcements

NOTICE: WE HAVE A NEW MEETING LOCATION for TCF of Tyler:

The meeting in Tyler is held on the third Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., at our **NEW location, 1901 Rickety Lane** in Tyler. For more information, please call 903-258-2547.

Annual Butterfly Release: We hope you'll join us for our next Butterfly Release, May 18, 2013, at the First Baptist Church, Tyler south campus. Contact us if you'd like to help with this event. (See cover page for details and page 8 for our flier.)

Jacksonville TCF Meeting: The meeting in Jacksonville is held on the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., at Sam Smith's office, 1401 E. Rusk, Jacksonville. For more information, please email beachbum2201@gmail.com or lilbluebutterfly6@gmail.com, or call 903-258-2547.

The Touched by Suicide meeting is held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the same, **new location as TCF, 1901 Rickety Lane in Tyler**. Anyone who has lost someone they love to suicide is welcome to attend this peer support group. For more info please call 903-330-0678 or visit www.touchedbysuicideeasttexas.org.

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! For more information about our next meeting, call 903-258-2547.

MADD Heart meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at the MADD office, 215 Winchester Dr. Ste., 100, Tyler, TX 75701. For more info call 888-665-6233 or email Melissa at melissa.granberry@madd.org.

General Assembly: Join us each month to assemble the newsletter and mail out cards. We hope to get some new volunteers to help with this monthly project. Call 903-258-2547 for details.

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.

You don't have to be a Steering Committee Member to meet with us on occasion to help assemble the newsletter or mail out thank you notes! Please join us!

Visit us online at www.tylertcf.org





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"When Thomas was killed we went to our first TCF meeting about six months into our grieving process. For many years we went each month and after each meeting we felt as if a little bit of the pain was taken away."

—Bill & Terry Bruggemann

May Birthdays



Jamie Allen
5-24-75 ~ 7-8-01
Son of Cindy & Jim Allen



Donna Mae Morales
5-8-96 ~ 5-14-01
Daughter of Misty Minter



Boston Kade Porter
5-27-05 ~ 8-12-06
Son of Kim Porter



Joshua Carl Tucker
5-17-76 ~ 4-15-92
Son of Judy C. Googins



Sara Ann Plocheck
5-21-80 ~ 7-11-11
Daughter of Marla Plocheck



Tami Kay Brown Roberts
5-17-72 ~ 6-10-00
Daughter of Kenn & Ann Somerville



Stephanie Harris Reed
5-18-79 ~ 9-5-98
Daughter of Rick & Susan Harris



Randall Scott McDaniel
5-07-88 ~ 3-17-07
Son of Kathryn Webb



Blythe Madison Harper
5-2-03 ~ 3-8-06
Daughter of Stephanie & Joshua Harper



Colton Denney
5-12-10 ~ 5-27-12
Son of Jeremy & Lindsey Denney



Mahlon Acres
5-13-94 ~ 9-19-10
Son of Arlene Acres



Brian David Stewart
5-16-56 ~ 7-8-56
Son of Joyce Stewart



Shanna Marie Redmond
5-5-85 ~ 7-30-94
Daughter of Patricia Miller



Justin Bloxom
5-29-97 ~ 3-10-10
Son of Amy Bloxom Fletcher



Austin Arvizo
5-14-01 ~ 2-9-06
Son of Vincent & Paula Arvizo



Margie Starkey
4-30 ~ 12-3
Daughter of Betty Abbie



Blake Alexander King
5-14-63 ~ 1-6-94



Jared Sheets
5-14-87 ~ 9-27-05
Son of Carol Johnson



Michael Angelo Perez
05/16/81 ~ 09/28/99
Son of Victoria Gonzalez



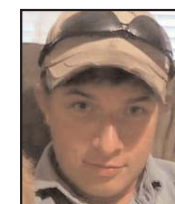
Shane Odening
5-23-88 ~ 7-3-11
Son of Janet S. Francis



Stephanie Carol Hester
5-9-88 ~ 4-2-04
Daughter of Troy & Glenna Nicolls



Kody Dale Hughes
5-5-89 ~ 7-30-10
Son of Howard Hughes, Grandson of Sue Hughes



Aaron Sullender
5-16-90 ~ 10-18-11
Son of Brenda Turner



Gabe Levi Hunt
5-2-79 ~ 6-25-06
Son of Deborah Hunt



Lance Alan Massey
5-16-80 ~ 7-16-05
Son of Cindy Massey



Derek Brown
5-6-66 ~ 11-25-10
Son of Pam Pickett



Andrew Weldon Braswell
5-14-08 ~ 5-14-08
Son of Chad & Sara Braswell



Dustin Dewayne Bruce
5-5-82 ~ 8-3-82
Son of Bonnie Jones



Terry Brendon Reed Pettit
5-23-02 ~ 10-21-02
Son of Nicole & Keith Rush





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"This isn't a community that any of us wanted to join, as the entry requirements are very painful. It is nonetheless a loving community with sympathetic arms to hold us. What a gift to receive in the aftermath of such a profound loss."

—Martha Clark Scala

May Anniversaries



Brady Bryant
4-30-01 ~ 5-2-01
Son of Windy & Bradley Bryant



Daniel Anderson
12-27-79 ~ 5-15-95
Son of Kerry & Cheryl Anderson



Blake Owens
11-19-86 ~ 5-26-11
Son of Jancy Lovelace



Brandon Weatherly
12-14-72 ~ 5-20-95
Son of Ike & Diana Weatherly



Kaila McKinsey Payne
4-6-03 ~ 5-28-03
Daughter of Keith Payne
Grand. of Gracie Farris



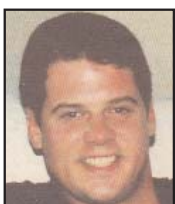
Ryan Goff
7-22-77 ~ 5-4-12
Son of Sherry Reston



Colleen Herriage
2-23-67 ~ 5-14-83
Daughter of Ruth Herriage



Samantha Johnson
9-23-86 ~ 5-13-02
Daughter of Dennis & Vicki Johnson



Brad (BJ) Huggins
7-27-72 ~ 5-21-11
Son of Sue Langdon



Justin Clakley
2-25-83 ~ 5-15-03
Son of Teri Clakley



Joshua Jolley
9-29-78 ~ 5-12-02
Son of Brenda Jolley



Patrick Pinkerton
1-18-67 ~ 5-17-09
Son of Miriam Pinkerton



Kenny Ivy
3-10-65 ~ 5-12-85
Son of JoAnne Ivy



Donna Morales
5-8-96 ~ 5-14-01
Daughter of Misty Minter



Kendrick Clark
10-21-87 ~ 5-10-11
Son of Jan Dickerson



Jon Lee Hardwick
9-29-61 ~ 5-7-77
Brother of Vicki Johnson



Alexander Fleming
12-4-89 ~ 5-8-07
Son of Amy Fleming



ShiAnn Renee Robinson
6-26-98 ~ 5-24-00
Daughter of Amie Jo Gibson-Robinson



Stephanie Settle
12-22-81 ~ 5-27-98
Daughter of Danny & Pat Settle



Marshall Charles Donahue
10-18-65 ~ 5-18-00
Son of Joyce Neely



Leslie Eugene Robb
6-11-71 ~ 5-16-08
Son of Rena L. Surratt



Jarren Moser
4-28-00 ~ 5-31-05
Son of Robert & Misty Hendrickson



Kimberly Pryor
1-2-73 ~ 5-30-07
Daughter of Jerry & Judy Olson



Colton Denney
5-12-10 ~ 5-27-12
Son of Jeremy & Lindsey Denney



Terry Wayne Brown
7-13-69 ~ 5-27-03
Son of Claudette Brown



Leah Zucca
9-3-85 ~ 5-10-06
Daughter of Jim & Cheri Zucca



Melissa Elaine Majors
7-14-80 ~ 5-8-08
Daughter of Janet Majors



Tiffeny Sue Hightower
3-31-89 ~ 5-12-06
Daughter of Donna Hightower



Andrew Weldon Braswell
5-14-08 ~ 5-14-08
Son of Chad & Sara Braswell



Tommy Ford
7-12-90 ~ 5-29-11
Son of Corine & Tom Peacock





We need not walk alone.

“Our deceased children would, no doubt want us to accomplish something meaningful with our lives. They would want us to go on living. Maybe it is time to grieve so that we can move forward with our lives.” —Wayne Loder

Falsely Placed Guilt

Aileen was convinced Isaac's death was her fault. She thought she must have done something absolutely horrible to have caused him to die. Cause and effect when all we have is the affect of death.

She could not deal with the reality that it just happened. And no one was responsible. No one to blame. Can't convict a bacteria which is what did kill him. So she blamed herself.

"I'm his mother. I should have protected him. I should have been able to save him. Mothers take care of their children. Not let them die."

Or "I'm to blame. I must have done something so terrible that my son died. I'm to blame. I should have gone to the City. I could have saved him. Taken him to the hospital and saved him. I failed him. It is my fault. My fault." She would keep over and over.

She could not accept the reality that it was meningitis that killed him. Not her. That even though she was his mother and mothers are powerful they are weak too. Feeble in the face of a real killer. She could not accept that his death could be so arbitrary. So pointless.

Mothers give birth. Not bury their children. Mothers nurture, buy clothes, enjoy their children. Not pick out coffins. They wrap their children in cocoons of safety, not shrouds. They make sense out of life. Not deal with the senselessness of death.

Aileen could not stop blaming herself for what she did not do. She could not protect her son. Not fight off meningitis. Not keep him alive. So she blamed herself for what she saw as a failure.

She did not take comfort in the reality that she did what she could. When Isaac called her at 4:16 in the afternoon, she calmed him down. Made him feel hopeful. Made him believe his mother's appropriate belief that he had the flu. She made his last minutes calm and secure in her love. Her warmth. Her adoration of her son. He felt her through the phone and felt better. To the point that he ordered some food to be delivered. She was his mother and gave him everything she could.

She was and is a superb mother. She wrapped him in her affection. Gave him security. She could not keep him alive but she gave him a last vision of hope and love. She was not a villain here. She was a hero who now because she could not save the world from the unseeable, unfightable foe of death blamed herself.

To this day she still holds herself accountable for not being able to save him. Like mothers everywhere. They feel they are real superheroes in their children's' lives. But even Superwoman cannot win over meningitis or one of the so many causes of our children's deaths. She is not to blame. They are not to blame but we will never convince them of that. She was and is after all, his mother.

Neal Raisman, TCF Central Ohio Chapter, Columbus, OH

Ashley

When I think of Ashley, I think of all the good times. And some of the stupid little fights that we had. Maybe those fights used to feel dumb but now I miss them. I love and will always hang on to the good times. My biggest fear is that I will forget her. If I don't think I'm going to remember, I dig out old memories.

I think of her death sometimes as we're sledding down a hill, which is our life, and the sled is getting faster to the end of her life, or the bottom of the hill, but my sled isn't going as fast as hers. I know she can see me, but I can't see her. I hear her calling my name, but no words are coming out of my mouth to call her. This is how I sometimes feel.

Hannah Childs, TCF Northeast Baltimore





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"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

Gifts from Amy

I recently had to take part in the one-year anniversary of my precious daughter Amy's death, a day that we as parents never want to take part in. I was distressed as it really sank in that this was real and very final. Last year at this time I had been in such a state of shock that now, looking back, I began to realize the daze I was in for several months. This year I was in no such daze-the pain was all too real.

What could I do with this day? How could I make it through? In my pain I remembered one of the first things I had said when Amy died. I had expressed thankfulness for all the things she had taught me by being in my life. As I thought of this now, I began to write down all the many things. Soon I found I was taking my list a step further and listing all the things I had learned since Amy's death, I began to see my list as a list of gifts from Amy. Before Amy's death I had thought of myself as a religious person, going to church, believing in God, even knowing several Bible verses by heart. I was wrong. I have only now begun to see the difference in religious and spiritual. Only now, after Amy's death, have I embarked on my very own spiritual path. What greater gift could my child have left me!

I took my list and put it in a box, wrapped it up and tied it with a bow. I put the box in my closet. This time next year I will open the box and celebrate all the wonderful gifts my daughter has given to me. And I'm sure I will add more as the years go by.

Suzanne Owens, TCF West Columbia, SC ~ In Memory of my daughter Amy

Are You Stuck in Your Grief?

Is it a few years down the road and life still has no meaning? You're still severely depressed. You heard "it" gets better with time, but you keep asking when. Meetings are supposed to help so you've been going, only to find they, too, have not provided the answer. Could it be you are stuck in your grief and don't want to feel any differently than you do? Bereaved parents have a choice of making the best of a terrible situation or the worst of a terrible situation.

A bereaved mother called just recently and said what surprised her since their teenage daughter was killed in a car accident was how relatives clearly had not learned anything from her daughter's death. It didn't help them appreciate what they have, their own families, their health, having food on the tables. They had not learned. Have we? We, parents of children whose death brought us to TCF? Have we learned that it's what we have left that counts?

In my role as a co-leader of TCF, I have talked to many bereaved parents over the last 4½ years since my eight year-old daughter, Cassandra, died of a brain stem tumor. Some bereaved parents refuse to accept a helping hand. They are negative, and any attempt to gently help them along is rebuffed. They wear their bereaved parenthood as a rationale to express their rage toward everyone around them, their spouse, their surviving families, their coworkers, restaurant personnel, even shop keepers. We each bring into our grief our own strengths and weaknesses, but these do not excuse our being "stuck." Grief is hard work: however, we can choose not to work at it. We can choose to be alive and yet not live. We have a choice. We can spend our remaining years complaining to the world around us and seeking out others who do likewise, or choose to use our loss as a tool by which to grow.

If you think you felt "better" last year or the year before, perhaps you have stopped working at your grief. To feel life is less painful you need to realize that grief is an ongoing job. If your phone rings less often, could it be that even your friends at TCF are finding that you never have anything positive to say, so to protect themselves, they too stay away?

Is it that meetings are not helpful to you, or that you won't let them be a source of help? Is it that time doesn't heal or that you refuse to use the time constructively? Consider accepting a helping hand. You might be surprised. Or better yet, offer to help someone else. It could help you to focus your energy away from yourself, and you might find you, too, can be a source of strength to others. It could give you the incentive to no longer be "stuck."

Does being less unhappy really mean a betrayal of our children? Surely we know we will never be the same. However, being unstuck does not mean we have forgotten our children. Our love lives on. What can each of us do in memory of our children?

Angela Purpura, TCF Long Island, NY ~ In Memory of my daughter, Cassandra

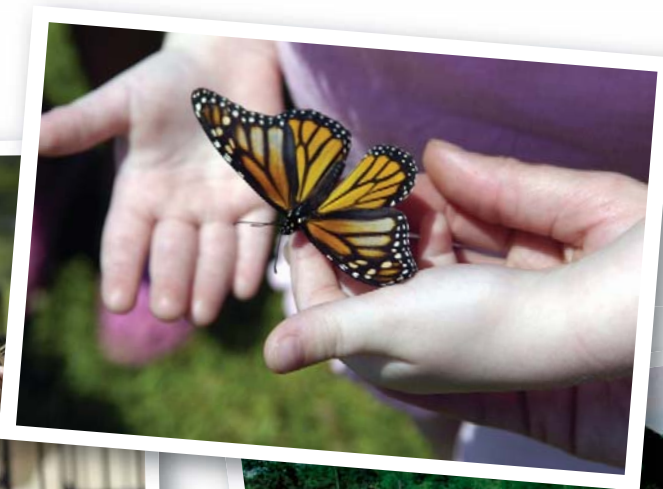


The Compassionate Friends of Tyler Butterfly Release

Release a butterfly for all
children who have died.

Saturday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m.

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Please join us for our 10th Annual Butterfly Release on May 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church south campus, 17002 Hwy. 69 S., Tyler. Live Monarch butterflies are available for \$10 each. Please contact us at (903) 258-2547 for more information.

Offering Support and Understanding to Families Who Have Experienced the Death of a Child

The Compassionate Friends of Tyler

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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.

Please continue sending the newsletter.

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

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.

(Signature) Date: _____

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



"I don't think you ever stop giving. I really don't. I think it's an on-going process. And it's not just about being able to write a check. It's being able to touch somebody's life." —Oprah Winfrey



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