



# THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS



*We need not walk alone.*

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December 2011

## Monthly Group Meeting

### Tyler Area Meeting

Monday, Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.  
3600 Old Bullard Rd., Bldg. 1,  
Ste. 101B, Tyler

### Jacksonville Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m.  
Sam Smith's office, 1401 E. Rusk

### Lufkin Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m.  
Southside Baptist Church, 1615  
Tulane Drive

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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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## Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony

Our Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony will be December 11, 2011 at Crossroads Community Church, 13730 Hwy 155 South, Tyler. The service begins at 6:30 p.m. Family and friends are welcome. (See announcements on page 4 and flier on page 7.)



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2nd Sunday in December, 6:30 p.m.

## As the Holidays Approach

When the holidays are fast approaching, we who are bereaved always have mixed emotions about having a nice holiday when our child or loved one is no longer with us. We wonder if we will ever be as happy and if we can ever again celebrate the holidays or any meaningful family occasion, especially the first birthday, first Thanksgiving, or first Christmas since our loss. We try to look ahead to how we are going to feel when the time arrives, but it is usually not as hard as we had anticipated. Still, the occasion may not be as enjoyable as we'd like it to be or as we remember it from the past.

I would like to offer a few ideas for what we can do to make our holidays a little better. Consider buying gifts for less fortunate children, adopting a child/family at Christmas time, or inviting a lonely person to share your holiday meal. Make your child's favorite foods and discuss your loved one as you share the meal. Some people like to volunteer to serve holiday dinners for the homeless. Some bereaved parents want to visit familiar places their child loved to go, while others want to travel where their child had never been.

Several of our Compassionate Friends members put a small Christmas tree at the cemetery and decorate the graves with Christmas flowers and/or a grave blanket. Making a grave blanket is very fulfilling; we did that for 10 years after our daughter Teresa died. Attending a candle light program is a wonderful way to honor your child or loved one.

These suggestions are things we feel we can still do for our child, but they are not reserved for bereaved parents only. All of them can be done for any member of a family or a friend who has died. After someone dies we must keep going and doing things that lift us up. We can't always try to please any people who feel we should act in a certain manner.

*Jackie Wesley*

*TCF, East Central Indiana and Miami-Whitewater Chapters*

**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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“Though the holidays can never be as they were, we who are further along in our grief journey can offer the gift of hope with the knowledge that with time, patience, support and compassionate friendship, you will find new ways (when you are ready) to bring a measure of joy and light back into the holiday season again.” —Cathy L. Seehuetter

## 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.”

## Dancing In The Air

By David Denny, Vendor  
Street Sense - D. C. Metro Area Street Newsletter

Life is so fleeting you never know  
When our spirits will bound or decide to flow.  
We dance with rhythm  
Keeping in cadence with the rhyme  
Trying to find our niche in the allotted time.  
So are you there dancing in the air  
You had much more magic to share.  
Give me a whisper, any subtle sign  
Or just one familiar, poetic line.  
You filled the world with love and care  
Your untimely journey just doesn't seem fair.

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

This month's printing of our newsletter sponsored by Claudette Brown.

**In loving memory of  
Terry Wayne  
Brown  
7-13 ~ 5-27  
Son of  
Claudette Brown**



This month's printing of our newsletter sponsored by Phyllis Cavazos.

**In loving memory of  
Chad Cavazos  
9-24 ~ 4-20  
Son of  
Phyllis Cavazos**



Call (903) 258-2547 to sponsor a monthly newsletter.



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“Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another: ‘What! You too? I thought I was the only one.’” —C.S. Lewis

## Love Gifts



Stephanie Luther in memory of Dex McLean

Joyce Stewart in memory of Stephanie Settle

Danny, Pat & Stephen Settle in memory of Stephanie

Jim & Linda Crawford in memory of Jared Sheets

Herb & Sandy Parr in memory of Herby

**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

Jim & Cheri Zucca in memory of Leah

Tina, Johnathan & Heather Loper  
in memory of Christopher

Carol & Shane Johnson & Touched By Suicide  
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](mailto: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: Please notify us if any of your information is incorrect.

**Email Addresses:** If we do not have your email address or it has changed, please email it to Tina or Pat so that we may email you announcements and updates about TCF of Tyler. Tina’s email: [lilbluebutterfly6@gmail.com](mailto:lilbluebutterfly6@gmail.com) ~ Pat’s email: [beachbum2201@gmail.com](mailto:beachbum2201@gmail.com)

### Sign up for Google Groups to stay connected!

Visit us at [TylerTCF.org](http://TylerTCF.org) to sign up for our Google Groups email list. This is a moderated, private list for you to receive notices about upcoming events.

## Announcements



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begins at 6:30 p.m. This year canned food for the food pantry at our host church, will be collected at the Candle Lighting. Please remember to collect canned goods and bring them that evening. This is a great idea from one of our Jacksonville members, Claudette Brown. If you would like to help with the Candle Lighting set-up and take-down and anything in between, please call the TCF line at 903-258-2547. 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. Thank you! (See our flier on page 7.)

**Tyler TCF Meeting (New Location):** The meeting in Tyler is held on the third Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., at 3600 Old Bullard Rd., Bldg. 1, Ste. 101B in Tyler. For more information, please email [beachbum2201@gmail.com](mailto:beachbum2201@gmail.com) or [lilbluebutterfly6@gmail.com](mailto:lilbluebutterfly6@gmail.com), or call 903-258-2547.

**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](mailto:beachbum2201@gmail.com) or [lilbluebutterfly6@gmail.com](mailto:lilbluebutterfly6@gmail.com), or call 903-258-2547.

**Lufkin TCF Meeting:** Join us at the Lufkin meeting held at 6:30 p.m. every 3rd Thursday of the month at Southside Baptist Church, 1615 Tulane Drive, Lufkin, TX 75901. For more information, contact Lauri Maner at 936-854-2002 or Sherri Tutt at 936-404-9517.

**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, 3600 Old Bullard Rd., Bldg. 1, Ste. 101B 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](http://www.touchedbysuicideeasttexas.org).

**Save the Date!** 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! The date and location of the next steering committee meeting will be announced. Call 903-258-2547 for details.





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"The present is driven by where we are in our grief. So for this and every Christmas holiday season, be who you are and mark the day as 'you' choose."  
—Annette Mennen Baldwin

## December Birthdays



**Jonathan Reynolds**  
12-14 ~ 11-16  
Son of Addison &  
Debra Reynolds



**Erica Smith**  
12-21 ~ 10-25  
Daughter of  
Todd & Sabrina Thoene



**Graham Gill**  
2-19 ~ 7-25  
Son of Pat Gill



**Zackery Browne**  
12-14 ~ 4-13  
Son of Timothy &  
Kay Browne



**Heath Hopson**  
12-8 ~ 4-23  
Son of  
Karen Hopson



**Renee Seale**  
12-21 ~ 7-13  
Daughter of  
Lana Kay Taylor



**Dex Bailey McLean**  
12-18 ~ 7-4  
Son of  
Charles & Chanda McLean



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



**Christopher John Fisher**  
12-18 ~ 6-22  
Grandson of  
Grace & Tom Fisher



**Adam Knott**  
12-29 ~ 3-20  
Son of  
Bobby & Virginia Knott



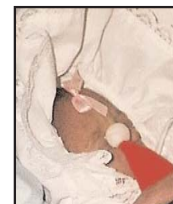
**Stephanie Settle**  
12-22 ~ 5-27  
Daughter of  
Danny & Pat Settle



**Salvador Estrada**  
12-11 ~ 11-3  
Son of  
Charlotte Estrada



**Phillip Kuhn**  
12-28 ~ 3-27  
Son of  
Carolyn Kuhn



**Jessica Noelle Kirkpatrick**  
12-30 ~ 12-30  
Daughter of  
Barry & Christel Kirkpatrick



**Jeremy Simpson Brown**  
12-27 ~ 12-12  
Son of  
Shari Brown



**Tiffany Johnston**  
12-29 ~ 2-20  
Daughter of  
Sherrel & Greg Smith



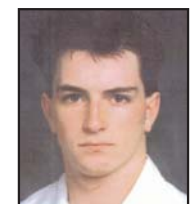
**Ryszard Spakovsky**  
12-2 ~ 2-20  
Son of  
Sherrel & Greg Smith



**Alexander Fleming**  
12-4 ~ 5-8  
Son of Amy Fleming



**Tiffany LeAnn Tanner**  
12-2 ~ 8-24  
Daughter of  
Kathy LeAnn Tanner



**Brandon Weatherly**  
12-14 ~ 5-20  
Son of  
Ike & Diane Weatherly



**Sarah Harvey**  
12-12 ~ 4-26  
Daughter of  
Brian Harvey &  
Lisa Kirley



**Shannon Scheffler**  
12-21 ~ 8-22  
Daughter of  
Dolly Mobley



**Ashley McCaa**  
12-22 ~ 1-2  
Daughter of  
Pat McCaa



**Taylor Davis**  
12-31 ~ 1-21  
Son of  
Diane Ecker



**Cory Blackmon**  
12-31 ~ 3-13  
Grandson of  
Charles & Billie Bridges

*Birthdays continued on next page*



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"The real treasure comes when others introduce our children's names and stories into an everyday conversation. Knowing our sons and daughters are remembered and live on in the hearts and lives of others is a measure of the meaningful legacy that our sons and daughters have left to us and to the world."  
—Nita Aasen

### December Birthdays



**Lindsey LeMon**  
12-20 ~ 4-27  
Daughter of Lisa LeMon



**Dawn Marie Wilson**  
12-29 ~ 8-21  
Daughter of  
Bonnie Thompson



**Burke Warren Lewis**  
12-20 ~ 11-14  
Son of Martha Lewis



**A.J. Frazier**  
12-29 ~ 9-18  
Son of Leslee Frazier



**Lauren Campbell**  
12-30 ~ 1-1  
Daughter of Mark &  
Kathy Campbell



**Logan Alexander**  
12-9 ~ 1-30  
Son of Joyce Horton



**Tamy Land**  
12-25 ~ 12-23  
Daughter of Dot Land

**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 Web site and more!

### December Anniversaries



**Tosha Nichole Minatrea**  
8-11-82 ~ 12-30-99  
Daughter of Tim Minatrea



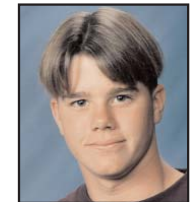
**Christopher Loper**  
4-28-94 ~ 12-21-00  
Son of Tina Loper



**Felicia Hobbs**  
7-19-61 ~ 12-1-09  
Daughter of  
Muriel Rogers



**Gena Forest**  
8-22-62 ~ 12-9-98  
Daughter of Joice Bass



**James Fincke**  
7-15-80 ~ 12-25-99  
Son of Sara Fincke



**Cheryl Graebner Cook**  
4-25 ~ 12-10  
Daughter of  
Connie Graebner



**Jocelyn McCormick**  
1-11 ~ 12-7  
Granddaughter of  
June McCormick



**Karen Lowe**  
2-13 ~ 12-5  
Daughter of  
Muriel Rogers



**Mike Loughmiller**  
11-14 ~ 12-6  
Son of Suzanne  
Loughmiller



**Jessica Noelle Kirkpatrick**  
12-30 ~ 12-30  
Daughter of Barry &  
Christel Kirkpatrick



**Lee Sammons**  
9-4 ~ 12-10  
Son of Martin &  
Martha Sammons



**Theresa Kay Talley**  
9-16 ~ 12-20  
Daughter of W.A.  
& Ruby Talley



**Kelly Ann Campbell**  
6-27 ~ 12-4  
Daughter of King & Angie  
Campbell



**Margie Starkey**  
4-30 ~ 12-3  
Daughter of Bettie Abbie



**Jeremy England**  
6-7 ~ 12-25  
Son of Sandra &  
Roger Perry

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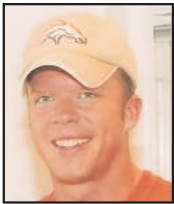




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"It goes without saying what would be #1 on all bereaved parents' holiday wish lists; a wish that we know can never come true. However, we can wish, hope and pray for peace on Earth, good will to all men, that all of the occupants of this troubled world will love more and wars will cease." —Cathy L. Seehuetter

### December Anniversaries



**Matt Thomas Crooks**  
4-17 ~ 12-24  
Son of Sylvia Crooks



**Joey Green**  
8-16 ~ 12-24  
Son of Jessica Green



**Jeremy Simpson Brown**  
12-27 ~ 12-12  
Son of Shari Brown



**Jake Higgins**  
6-29 ~ 12-4  
Son of Donna &  
Joel Griffin



**Whitni Danielle Ray**  
11-16 ~ 12-22  
Daughter of Rachelle  
Threadgill Brooks



**Tamy Land**  
12-25 ~ 12-23  
Daughter of Dot Land



**Ashton Wayne Yates**  
7-9 ~ 12-6  
Son of Kim Yates

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### Chanukah Then and Now

#### Then...

Chanukah was always a special and joyous holiday in our home. Peter, Carol, Linda, and I gathered around the dining room table, lit three menorahs, and sang the blessings. We had a repertoire of songs and we took turns choosing the song we would sing next. We especially enjoyed teasing Peter with one song that added a verse each night.

At least once during the holidays, we had potato latkes (pancakes) which Linda loved.

Sometimes when the girls were at college, they would call and we would sing the blessings long distance.

We usually had at least one party with extended family and friends celebrating our heritage and our connectedness.

#### Now...

I light one menorah in the kitchen. If Carol is home, she joins me, but Peter chooses not to participate. The tears no longer stream down my face as they did the first year, but my voice quavers as I sing the familiar words.

There are no latkes just as there aren't some of her other favorites on other days. I have guests on other occasions but there are no Chanukah parties.

Although Chanukah brings little happiness at this time, perhaps there will be joy and laughter in the future. But for now, I'm doing what is right for me and coping as well as I can.

*Stephanie Hesse  
TCF, Rockland County, NY  
TCF, North Palm Beach County, FL  
In Memory of Linda*



## The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting

Come be part of the Candle Lighting Service.  
For 24 hours straight candles stay lit in every time zone around  
the globe for one hour to remember our **NOT FORGOTTEN**  
children. Please mark this day on your calendars.  
All family members and friends are welcome.

Light a candle in memory of all children who have died.

Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Crossroads Community Church, 13730 Hwy. 155 S., Tyler, TX

Call The Compassionate Friends at 903-258-2547 or email  
info@TylerTCF.org for information or to have your child's picture  
added to the slide presentation. Candles are provided. Visit our website  
for additional information at [www.TylerTCF.org](http://www.TylerTCF.org).



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“Regardless of the circumstances of our child's death, for most of us, anger and guilt are a part of our grieving. We may not always be able to label these emotions or to acknowledge them, but they are there and we must deal with them. Failure to do so often results in our experiencing worse physical and emotional problems later on.” —*Bill Ermatinger*

## A Christmas Story

When I was just a little girl  
Around the age of three  
I remember a Christmas  
When Santa came to see me

A doll wrapped up  
In a pretty bright red bow  
Long golden hair to stroke  
Oh my, how my heart glowed

And then came a Christmas  
Later on in time  
When I shared my first Christmas  
With a son that was all mine

A few years later down the road  
When he was only five  
I didn't know it would be  
The last Christmas in my life

Now on Christmas  
As many in all these years  
I spend my days at a grave  
Shedding many tears

The Holidays come every year  
That, I cannot change  
But through all my memories  
My memories I can rearrange

I can remember all the good years  
That he and I had shared  
I can still here the giggles  
When he got that talking teddy bear

I can remember the hugs and squeals of "OH MOM"  
As each gift he opened on that day  
I can sit back and smile remembering  
Before the angels took him away

Now I am older than I once used to be  
But my mind drifts back  
To what once was on Christmas  
When my son was on earth with me

I tuck my head to fight the snow  
As I wade through the fenced in graves  
I've got my gift to give to him  
On this years' Christmas Day

*Sharon Bryant*  
*In Memory of my son, Andrew Frank Dunbar*  
*January 22, 1972 - October 24, 1977*  
*I'm his mom and he's my angel...forever*  
*Reprinted by permission of author*

## Candles in December

My sadness seems reflected  
in the music that I hear...  
Every young one's glowing face  
reminds me you're not here.  
Shoppers crowd the festive stores;  
emotions all run high  
This world I was a part of once,  
before that sad July.

This season's meant for happy times;  
for love, warm hearts, and cheer.  
But grieving families 'round the world  
remember those not here.  
We struggle through the season,  
lighting candles to proclaim  
Our children aren't forgotten,  
'round the world our candles flame.

I slowly pass through gates thrown wide  
one clear, cold Christmas Day.  
No toys or playthings do I bring—  
those gifts of yesterday.  
I carry with me  
just a polished heart of granite made  
And walk with grief to where  
she lies in a silent, silvered glade.

"Merry Christmas, love," I whisper—  
the quiet words seem so forlorn.  
"I've brought my heart for you to keep,  
my gift this Christmas morn.  
It is filled with all my love,  
though this one's carved of stone...  
I'll place it here—it will be near—  
you'll never be alone."

We parents don't forget, my love;  
this month we will unite  
To honor all we'll light a wall  
of candles through the night.  
The world will know our memories glow  
with love that's deep and true  
We'll stand as one, and 'fore it's done  
the Heavens will know, too.

Please keep my gift, beloved child,  
close to where you lie,  
And know my love surrounds you  
'til the day I too shall die.  
On the tenth of December  
my candle's flame will light  
I pray you'll see the love we'll free  
into the starry night.

*Sally Migliaccio*





# 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.

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](http://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  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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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