



THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS



We need not walk alone.

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Monthly Group Meeting Tyler Area Meeting

Monday, December 16, 6:30 p.m.
New Location! 1901 Rickety Ln., Tyler

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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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TCF Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony



*...that their
light may
always shine.*

*Light a candle for all children who have died.
2nd Sunday in December, 6:30 p.m.*

Our Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony will be Dec. 8, 2013 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 will be collected at the Candle Lighting. We will also collect new toys for the Trinity Mother Frances Isaih Moa Toy Trolley. 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, take down and anything in between, please call the TCF line at 903-258-2547. Thank you!



We are selling T-shirts for our Annual Candle Lighting. The back side includes the following quote: "Who then can so softly bind up the wound of another as he who has felt the same wound himself?" –Thomas Jefferson

Small, Medium and Large shirts are \$20 each and XXL are \$22 each.

Please send us an email at info@tylertcf.org to place your order.

You may pick up your shirt at the Candle Lighting or at a monthly meeting.

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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“We cannot offer you any shortcut through the pain. There isn't any. But you can help yourself along the way to healing. We can offer you support, encouragement, and the hand of friendship.” —JoAnn Dodson

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>



This month's printing of our newsletter sponsored by Martha Lewis

In loving memory of
Burke Lewis
12-20-75 ~ 11-14-09
Son of Martha Lewis



This month's printing of our newsletter sponsored by Charles & Chanda McLean

In loving memory of
Dex McLean
12-18-87 ~ 7-4-08
We miss and love you
every single day!
Mom, Dad & Family



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



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“Lighting a candle and saying a child's name keeps their memory burning bright.” —*Jim Lowery*

Love Gifts



Mary Delaney in memory of Ryan

Robert & Janice Moch in memory of Ava Faith Knight

Jim & Linda Crawford in memory of Jared Sheets

Grace & Tom Fisher in memory of Christopher

Danny & Pat Settle in memory of Stephanie

Mona Anderson in memory of T.J.

Tommy & Joy Eubank in memory of Jason and Jonathan



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

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

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.

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: lil-bluebutterfly6@gmail.com ~ Pat's email: beachbum2201@gmail.com

Announcements

TCF Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony: Our Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony will be Dec. 8, 2013 at Crossroads Community Church, 13730 Hwy 155 South, Tyler. Please call us at 903-258-2547 if you would like to help this year.

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

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.

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!

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.

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.

Looking forward: Dallas will host the Compassionate Friends National Conference in 2015. Our regional coordinators, Joan and Bill Campbell, are looking for volunteers who would like to help with this event. You can contact Joan and Bill at 972-935-0673 to let them know of your interest in participating. They are planning a great two-day conference and welcome help from all Texas chapters. This is a great opportunity to help others who are grieving and grow through your own grief as well! You can check the national Compassionate Friends website www.compassionatefriends.org for conference event planning details.

TCF of Tyler Memorial Quilt

If you would like to have your child's photo included on a TCF memorial quilt, please mail a \$25 donation to P.O. Box 9714, Tyler, TX 75711. For more information contact us at (903) 258-2547, or email us at info@TylerTCF.org. Thanks to Teresa and David Terrell for donating their talent and time on these beautiful quilts which are displayed in our meeting room and special events.

Plan to attend The Compassionate Friend's 2015 National Convention in Dallas!





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"In the art of losing we can choose who we will be. We break, but we break open so that we can include more of life, more of love. We get bigger in order to carry with us what we choose to continue loving." —*Deborah Morris Coryell*

December Birthdays



Jonathan Reynolds
12-14-98 ~ 11-16-02
Son of Addison &
Debra Reynolds



Erica Smith
12-21-88 ~ 10-25-03
Daughter of
Todd & Sabrina Thoene



Graham Gill
12-19-84 ~ 7-25-10
Son of Pat Gill



Zackery Browne
12-14-89 ~ 4-13-02
Son of Timothy &
Kay Browne



Heath Hopson
12-8-87 ~ 4-23-01
Son of
Karen Hopson



Renee Seale
12-21-63 ~ 7-13-90
Daughter of
Lana Kay Taylor



Dex Bailey McLean
12-18-87 ~ 7-4-08
Son of
Charles & Chanda McLean



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



Christopher John Fisher
12-18-82 ~ 6-22-03
Grandson of
Grace & Tom Fisher



Adam Knott
12-29-79 ~ 3-20-03
Son of
Bobby & Virginia Knott



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



Salvador Estrada
12-11-79 ~ 11-3-01
Son of
Charlotte Estrada



Phillip Kuhn
12-28-73 ~ 3-27-03
Son of
Carolyn Kuhn



Jessica Noelle Kirkpatrick
12-30-95 ~ 12-30-95
Daughter of
Barry & Christel Kirkpatrick



Jeremy Simpson Brown
12-27-77 ~ 12-12-04
Son of
Shari Brown



Tiffany Johnston
12-29-81 ~ 2-20-98
Daughter of
Sherrel & Greg Smith



Ryszard Spakovsky
12-2-80 ~ 2-20-98
Son of
Sherrel & Greg Smith



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



Tiffany LeAnn Tanner
12-2-94 ~ 8-24-05
Daughter of
Kathy LeAnn Tanner



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



Sarah Harvey
12-12-89 ~ 4-26-04
Daughter of
Brian Harvey &
Lisa Kirley



Shannon Scheffler
12-21-70 ~ 8-22-03
Daughter of
Dolly Mobley



Ashley McCaa
12-22-82 ~ 1-2-00
Daughter of
Pat McCaa



Taylor Davis
12-31-85 ~ 1-21-06
Son of
Diane Ecker



Cory Blackmon
12-31-77 ~ 3-13-89
Grandson of
Charles & Billie Bridges





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"I have learned two lessons in my life: first, there are no sufficient literary, psychological or historical answers to human tragedy, only moral ones. Second, just as despair can come to one another only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings." —*Elie Wiesel*

December Birthdays



Lindsey LeMon
12-20-93 ~ 4-27-10
Daughter of
Lisa LeMon



Dawn Marie Wilson
12-29-79 ~ 8-21-05
Daughter of
Bonnie Thompson



Burke Warren Lewis
12-20-75 ~ 11-14-09
Son of
Martha Lewis



David LaTrell Milton
12-28-87 ~ 1-20-08
Son of
Bernice Milton



A.J. Frazier
12-29-05 ~ 9-18-09
Son of
Leslee Frazier



Lauren Campbell
12-30-91 ~ 1-1-10
Daughter of Mark &
Kathy Campbell



Logan Alexander
12-9-94 ~ 1-30-95
Son of Joyce Horton



Tamy Land
12-25-65 ~ 12-23-10
Daughter of Dot Land



Stephen Townsend
12/13/1973 ~ 09/13/2004
Son of Linda Townsend



Tim Fry
12-19-57 ~ 12-19-00



Carmen Leanna Jenkins
12-2-97 ~ 12-20-08
Daughter of Ellen Jenkins



Amber Drake
12-01-82 ~ 9-25-06
Daughter of Christy
Thrasher



James Rowland Allen
12-3-92 ~ 4-10-12
Son of Ken Allen
Son of Rachel Johnson



Gregory Thomas Davis Jr.
12-16-91 ~ 7-9-11
Son of
Julie Davis

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!

December Anniversaries



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



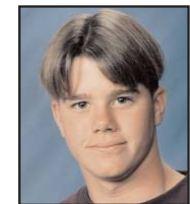
Christopher Loper
4-28-94 ~ 12-21-00
Son of Tina Loper



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
4-25-73 ~ 12-10-02
Daughter of
Connie Graebner



Jocelyn McCormick
1-11-04 ~ 12-7-04
Granddaughter of
June McCormick



Karen Lowe
2-13-59 ~ 12-5-09
Daughter of
Muriel Rogers



Mike Loughmiller
11-14-62 ~ 12-6-07
Son of Suzanne
Loughmiller



Jessica Noelle Kirkpatrick
12-30-95 ~ 12-30-95
Daughter of Barry &
Christel Kirkpatrick





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"The Compassionate Friends meeting won't make the pain go away, but it is a place where you can honestly and truly believe when someone says, "I know how you feel." They mean it and their eyes prove it." —Janice Lopez

December Anniversaries



Lee Sammons
9-4-56 ~ 12-10-05
Son of Martin & Martha Sammons



Theresa Kay Talley
9-16-78 ~ 12-20-05
Daughter of W.A. & Ruby Talley



Kelly Ann Campbell
6-27-75 ~ 12-4-97
Daughter of King & Angie Campbell



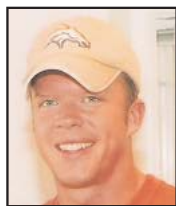
Margie Starkey
4-30-57 ~ 12-3-07



Jeremy England
6-7-87 ~ 12-25-05
Son of Sandra & Roger Perry



Angela Frazier
7-8-72 ~ 12-5-12
Daughter of Linda Frazier



Matt Thomas Crooks
4-17-78 ~ 12-24-03
Son of Sylvia Crooks



Joey Green
8-16-07 ~ 12-24-08
Son of Jessica Green



Jeremy Simpson Brown
12-27-77 ~ 12-12-04
Son of Shari Brown



Jake Higgins
6-29-77 ~ 12-4-03
Son of Donna & Joel Griffin



Whitni Danielle Ray
11-16-86 ~ 12-22-04
Daughter of Rachelle Threadgill Brooks



Martha Allen
1-12-53 ~ 12-13-07
Daughter of Dorothy Allen



Tamy Land
12-25-65 ~ 12-23-10
Daughter of Dot Land



Ashton Wayne Yates
7-9-91 ~ 12-6-10
Son of Kim Yates



Alfred Donnell Guthrie, III
6-7-66 ~ 12-9-11
Son of Rosa Howard



Kristi Otteson
8-2-73 ~ 12-16-98
Daughter of Jan Toland
Daughter of William Otteson



Tim Fry
12-19-57 ~ 12-19-00



Carmen Leanna Jenkins
12-2-97 ~ 12-20-08
Daughter of Ellen Jenkins



Gauge Austin Thomas
10-3-05 ~ 12-5-05
Son of Bernie & Lisa Belknap Thomas



Scarlet Lynne Smith
2-20-86 ~ 12-7-10
Daughter of Donna Smith; Daughter of Kirby & Lisa Smith



Jason Lee Eubank
7-21-69 ~ 12-8-12
Son of Tommy & Joy Eubank



Lindsey Goen
7-2-02 ~ 12-18-03
Daughter of Robin & Joe Goen



James Snyman
2-20-96 ~ 12-23-00
Son of Peggy

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





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“Let us all heed the quiet message heard so softly in that maelstrom of the spirit. Forgive...forgive...forgive until forever. Let love enfold our anguish, helping us to learn to grow and strive beyond this hour to a rich tomorrow.” —*Don Hackett*

Candles in the Night

A heart broken by the death of a child can never be healed. As parents we try every way that can be thought of to cope with the loss, but the void will always be there. At first that emptiness seems to take your breath away and most times we wish it would.

This becomes different with the passage of time. It never goes away, but at some point we learn to live with it, and in fact this horrible feeling becomes a lifeline of sorts. One of our biggest fears is to forget our children. Forget how they looked or how their voices sounded. The smiles and tears that blur together to make a child. This emptiness in effect becomes a constant yearning to remember our children.

Our hearts force us to find ways to fill that void to maintain our role as parents. Some are as simple as visiting the cemetery and some are as complex as changing our entire lives, dedicated to the memory of our child. In between are the many rituals we create or borrow from others to honor the memories and to keep our child's name alive.

Lighting a candle and saying a child's name keeps their memory burning bright. It means we are struggling to cope with this unwanted role of bereaved parent in the only positive manner we can. We will most certainly shed tears every time and we will still miss our child, but we are doing something that allows the world to hear our child's name and for that one moment the candle means so much more than anyone else could ever understand.

For a fleeting second that is our universe and every memory we have comes flooding back to us as we see the flame through tears, distorting it into something magical. It's the only gift we can give our children. This is as close as we can get to our child now. A tiny, flickering flame that can warm the heart and it's nice to think that perhaps they can see it also. It's a beacon, our light in the window, our shining star in the darkness. It's an opening of our hearts and a way to share our grief.

We gather to honor the memories of our children and to share this bond of lighting a candle for the children all over the world. We miss them so much.

Jim Lowery ~ TCF, Sugar Land/SW Houston Chapter

Handling the Holidays

Christmas and Chanukah, two holidays rich in tradition and intimately connected with children, are often especially difficult for bereaved families. What you do, or don't do, may depend on whether or not you have young children or grandchildren who should not be deprived of the joy the holidays can bring.

Try to finish shopping well in advance so that you are not inundated by holiday displays and music which the stores seem to initiate earlier and earlier each year. You might want to shop by catalog or the internet. Take advantage of the people who said to let them know how they can help and ask them to shop or do holiday chores for you.

In consultation with your immediate family, decide which traditions you wish to keep and which you want to change. As you progress in your journey through grief, you may find that you are able to reinstate some traditions you could not handle in the beginning.

Do things at different times or in different places if that works for your family. You may want to observe the holidays by yourselves, rather than take part in large gatherings. If you do take part in family or other gatherings, feel free to mention your child if you want to. If others are uncomfortable, it's their problem. Do not let them make you feel guilty for talking about your child or crying. You might want to explain in advance that this is a difficult time for you and that talking about your child and even shedding some tears are necessary for healing.

Memorialize your child in some way. Light special candles; have a special Chanukah menorah; fill his or her stocking with messages of love; have a special tree or decorate the tree with special ornaments; buy presents for a needy child of the same age; make charitable donations; volunteer in a hospital or homeless shelter.

Try attending a TCF or other memorial service. While difficult, this may allow you to express your feelings in a caring and comfortable atmosphere.

Savor any moments of happiness as a special holiday gift. Your children would not want you to be miserable. Honor them by remembering them with love.

Stephanie Hesse ~ TCF, Rockland County, NY and North Palm Beach County, FL





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"Grief is like a long, winding valley where any bend may reveal a totally new landscape." —C.S. Lewis

Wishing You The Colors of Christmas

This year I will leave behind the clanging
reds and the vibrant greens,
the glowing golds and the silver glittering
plaids of Christmas.

I will tune out "Jingle Bells" and
"Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer"
and let "Silent Night" and
"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"
play softly in my heart.

This year I will allow time for silence
and quiet meditation
on the birth of The Christ Child,
and turn off the squawking and shrieking
of holiday commercials.

I want to be drawn in and comforted
by the peace of soft blues
and the calm of snowy whites,
and to search the sky, the moon and the stars
for promise and hope during the winter nights.

I will decorate with Christmas angels who
stand still in my home,
guarding my heart from pain,
and the nativity scene which keeps
me focused on the truth.

I will not yet open those sacred
boxes of Christmas ornaments
and priceless mementos which filled
my home in Christmas past.
I want to think about the praise of the angels
where our children celebrate Christmas,
and leave behind the chaos the world
has created and named Christmas.

I wish for each of us to have the courage
to search the memories in our hearts
and to not shut them out because
of our unspeakable pain.

I wish for us to allow the presence and comfort
of family and friends who love us,
and remember that their celebration
is tinged with lingering pain and private sorrow.

I wish for you the peace and softness of Christmas.

*Carol Thompson, TCF, Tyler, TX
Always Remembering Sarah
December 2012*

Holiday Grief Support

Service of Hope and Healing - Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 6:00 pm - Marvin United Methodist Church - 300 West Erwin Street in downtown Tyler

If you are feeling the pain of grief and loss during the holiday season or support someone who does, you are invited to attend this heart-to-heart service in the Marvin chapel. This supportive worship service will include special readings, prayers, Scripture readings, music and a message of hope for all. Following the service, you are invited to an informal gathering and discussion in the church parlor. Written handouts will offer practical suggestions regarding grief during the holidays.

Surviving The Holidays - A Grief Workshop - Saturday, December 14, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Marvin United Methodist Church - Arts and Crafts Room

This workshop conducted by the Rev. Gerry Giles offers the opportunity to share your feelings, discuss the grief process and to learn steps to begin recovery. You will also learn about our "rights" when dealing with others as well as suggestions for coping with grief and loss during the Christmas season. Please contact Brenda Byerly by phone (903-592-7396) or by email at bbyerly@marvinumc.com to let the church know you are coming. Please plan to gather at 8:45 a.m., park in the south parking lot behind the church and use the elevator by the Welcome Center.

GriefShare - A Grief Recovery Support Group - Beginning Monday, January 6, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Marvin United Methodist Church - First Floor Adult Lounge

This 13-week Christ-centered grief support group will offer you an understanding, supportive and encouraging atmosphere to help you to express emotions and to grow in your grief. GriefShare is for those experiencing fresh grief as well as long-ago, perhaps unresolved, grief. GriefShare materials are provided at no cost to you and child care is available. Please register your attendance with the Rev. Gerry Giles at ggiles@marvinumc.com. The 13 self-contained sessions include Living With Grief, The Journey of Grief, The Effects of Grief, When Your Spouse Dies, Your Family and Grief, Why?, The Uniqueness of Grief, God's Prescription for Grief, Stuck In Grief, Top 20 Lessons of Grief and Heaven. For more details, explore the GriefShare website at griefshare.org.

**We hope you'll join us for the 2013
Candle Lighting in December.**



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 8, 2013 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.



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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.

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

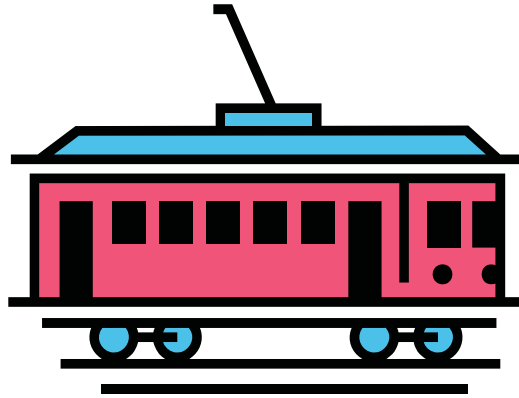
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We must have your written permission on file to use your child's name and/or picture in the newsletter, Web site, Candle Lighting Ceremony or any other TCF event. Permission may be withdrawn at any time by written request. This information is used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

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"Isaih's Toy Trolley"



Bring any un-wrapped toy of your choice for a boy or a girl to donate to "Isaih's Toy Trolley"



Please bring your unwrapped toy(s) to our TCF meeting or to the Candle Lighting.



"Isaih's wish was to bring comfort & happiness to the hearts of other hospitalized children."

Each day The Toy Trolley will make a trip through the halls, allowing all of the hospitalized children to choose a toy for themselves.

Contact us via email at cyn.moa@gmail.com or by phone 214-516-8466 for additional information.





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