

“We bereaved are not alone. We belong to the largest company in all the world — the company of those who have known suffering.”
—Helen Keller

The Compassionate Friends is a mutual assistance, self-help organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved families following the death of a child. Our primary purpose is to assist in the positive resolution of grief, and to support efforts to achieve physical and emotional health. We accomplish this mission by offering support through:

- Monthly support group meetings
- Monthly newsletters
- Library and additional reading resources
- Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony



MISSION STATEMENT

When a child dies, at any age, the family suffers intense pain and may feel hopeless and isolated. The Compassionate Friends provides comfort, hope, and support to every family experiencing the death of a son or a daughter, a brother or a sister, or a grandchild, and helps others better assist the grieving family.

The Compassionate Friends was founded in England in 1969 and established in the United States in 1972. Today TCF has over 600 chapters serving all 50 states plus Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and Guam; around the world more than 30 countries have a Compassionate Friends presence. There are no dues, no fees, no requirements for attending, and no religious affiliation.

Our organization is supported entirely by donations. If you would like to donate – or if you are in need of our support – please contact us.

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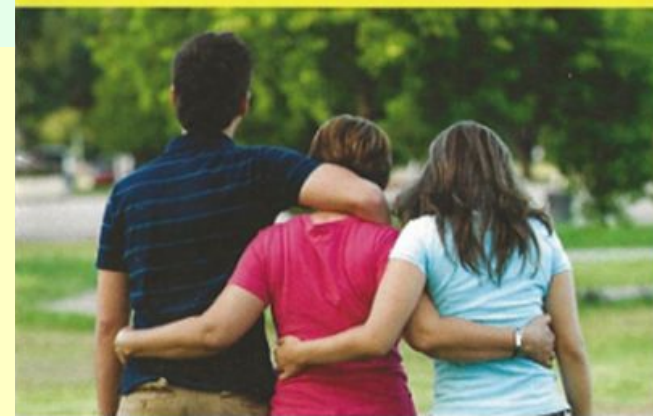


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We Need Not Walk Alone



“We quickly find there are no words to describe the experience of losing a child. For those who have not lost a child, no explanation will do. For those who have, no explanation is necessary.”



“There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than 10,000 tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief... and of unspeakable love.”
- Washington Irving



The Compassionate Friends
Supporting Family After a Child Dies

Light a candle for all children who have died

Worldwide Candle Lighting®

... that their light may always shine.

**Second Sunday in December
7 PM Around the Globe**



Annual Candle Lighting

On the second Sunday in December, a candle lighting service is held in memory of all children of any age who have left this life too soon at any time, by any cause. This is a worldwide event. At 7p.m. in time zones all around the world, candles burn for one hour. The service includes music and poetry, followed by the candle lighting, when parents and other family members and friends come to speak their child's name and place a lit candle in front of a picture of their memorialized child. We imagine that the glow of the candles must create a beautiful light as seen from heaven.

Butterflies are a symbol of The Compassionate Friends. For many of us, the butterfly represents new life. The caterpillar (representing LIFE ON EARTH) goes into the darkness of the cocoon (DEATH), to emerge as a butterfly (A NEW, BEAUTIFUL, FREER EXISTENCE) – free from the bonds and stress of earthly life – beautiful, healthy, and happy.



Feathers are often recognized as being signs from God, portents of angelic activity, and messages from deceased loved ones.



Many people believe when a cardinal appears, an angel is near. Cardinals can remind you of a departed loved one.

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