



**The  
Compassionate  
Friends**  
of Brushy Creek  
Supporting Family After a Child Dies

## Meeting location

Christ Lutheran Church  
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Our next in-person meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

ZOOM Meeting Information to follow

## Welcome

We, of the Brushy Creek Chapter of The Compassionate Friends, offer you a warm welcome. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The Compassionate Friends is a mutual assistance, self-help organization offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved families. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child at any time, of any age, from any cause is welcome. Our meetings give an opportunity to families to talk about their feelings as they go through the grieving process. The purpose of this support group is not the cause of death but rather to focus on being a bereaved parent, sibling or grandparent, along with the feelings and issues that evolve around the death experience of a child. There is no religious affiliation. There are no membership dues.

### TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

We recognize that it takes great courage to come to the first meeting, whether you are a bereaved parent, sibling or grandparent of one month or many years. Please don't be afraid to come to a meeting. You are welcome to bring a friend or relative for moral support if you wish. Nothing is asked of you. You will find that it is alright to cry and to laugh, to share how you feel or just listen. You do not have to talk at a meeting if you do not want to. We welcome your participation, but it is not a requirement. To be fair to yourself, please consider attending at least three meetings before you decide whether TCF is right for you.



### This Month's Topic



Your loved ones first hug in Heaven

### The Mission of The Compassionate Friends:

When a child dies, at any age, the family suffers intense pain and may feel hopeless and isolated.

The Compassionate Friends provides highly personal 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.

## Information Regarding Our Meetings

This is YOUR group and we are here to support each other. Everyone in the room has walked the path you are on now. We hope you will find our meetings and newsletters to be a comfort and a place where you find hope.

# Birthdays & Angel Birthdays

Edited to maintain  
confidentiality of  
the chapter's families



*First Day in Heaven*



## Love Gifts

Tax deductible donations made to the chapter in memory of our precious loved ones on the anniversaries of birth or death, holiday, special occasion, or just because. There are no dues or fees to belong with The Compassionate Friends of Brushy Creek. Love Gifts provide the financial support for our chapter.



## **We love and miss you Kade! Happy 8th Birthday!**

He would be in 2nd grade this year. I can imagine Kade walking into school with his younger Kindergarten brother. He probably would be playing sports too. I'm sure his Daddy and big brother would have advocated for Baseball 🏆 🏆. 5 years seems like a long time, but it is also a breath in time. Time moves differently now, or so it seems. I focus and can see my boys growing up and time leaving it's mark on me and my husband. However, a large part of me still waits 5 years ago for the impossible. Yet, there are times I know Kade is right here with me, right on the other side of the visible. I've grown tremendously around my grief, but I don't think the grief has lessened. I have just grown stronger around it. Better able to carry it. I still miss Kade desperately as well as all the hopes and dreams that went with him. Yet, life is good. Full of joyful moments, laughter, love, growth and dreams.

Julie  
Kade's Mom





TCF Brushy Creek chapter now has its own website thanks to Mauricio Luiz Siriguti at Webegin.us Digital Solutions Agency who donated his time to develop the website and teach your chapter leaders how to manage it. The website is:

[WWW.TCFBRUSHYCREEK.ORG](http://WWW.TCFBRUSHYCREEK.ORG)



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SUPPORTING FAMILY AFTER A CHILD DIES

We provide support for  
people whose children,  
grandchildren, or siblings  
have passed away...

Learn More

Our Meetings

## **The Compassionate Friends Credo**

We need not walk alone. We are The Compassionate Friends. We reach out to each other with love, with understanding, and with hope.

The children we mourn have died at all ages and from many different causes but our love for them unites us. Your pain becomes my pain, just as your hope becomes my hope.

We come together from all walks of life, from many different circumstances. We are a unique family because we represent many races, creeds, and relationships. We are young, and we are old. Some of us are far along in our grief, but others still feel a grief so fresh and intensely painful that they feel helpless and see no hope.

Some of us have found our faith to be a source of strength, while some of us are struggling to find answers. Some of us are angry, filled with guilt or in deep depression, while others radiate an inner peace. But whatever pain we bring to this gathering of The Compassionate Friends, it is pain we will share, just as we share with each other our love for the children who have died.

We are all seeking and struggling to build a future for ourselves, but we are committed to building a future together. We reach out to each other in love to share the pain as well as the joy, share the anger as well as the peace, share the faith as well as the doubts, and help each other to grieve as well as to grow.

### **TO OUR MEMBERS FURTHER DOWN THE “GRIEF ROAD”**

Each meeting will have new parents, siblings and grandparents. THINK BACK – what would it have been like for you at your first meeting if there had not been any TCF “veterans” to welcome you, share your grief, encourage you and tell you, “Your pain will not always be this bad.” We welcome your presence and support!



#### **Does grief ever stop hurting?**

When you lose someone close to you, that grief never fully goes away—but you do learn to cope with it over time. Several effective coping techniques include talking with loved ones about your pain, remembering all of the good in your life, engaging in your favorite activities, and consulting with a grief counselor.



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