



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

December 2024

The Candle Lighting Ceremony will be our next time together on December 8th at 6:30 pm.

Our next in-person and virtual meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2024, at 7 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church

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We invite you to join us on December 8th, 2024, at 6:30 pm!

BRING A FRAMED PHOTO OF YOUR LOVED ONE

The Chapter will supply refreshments, beverages, & candles. A short program with readings and music will start at **6:30 pm** on Sunday, December 8th, is followed by the beautiful and touching candle lighting. (You will take the framed photo you bring home after the event.)

Invite your friends and neighbors to attend with you!

The Worldwide Candle Lighting gives bereaved families everywhere the opportunity to remember their children so that *their lights may always shine!*

For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. - Psalm 18:28

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YOU NEED NOT WALK ALONE; WE ARE THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

Welcome

We, of the Brushy Creek Chapter of The Compassionate Friends, offer you a warm welcome. Our in-person and virtual meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

The Compassionate Friends is a mutual assistance, self-help organization offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereave 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. There is no religious affiliation. There are no membership dues.

The Mission of The Compassionate Friends

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

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, laugh, share how you feel, or 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.

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!

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.

Monthly Topic for Discussion

As we cover these subjects, something might be said to help you cope a little bit better. We are open to suggestions for additional subjects you might like to see discussed.

December – (No Chapter Meeting) Candle Lighting Event @ Christ Lutheran Church

January - Grief Resolutions - Hope and Healing for the New Year

February – Friends Who Helped

March – Learning the Ropes on Grief



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. – *Isaiah 9:6*



Birth Date

Brian
Matt
Stephanie
Henry
Rylan
Carolee
Aaron

Son of
Son of
Girlfriend of
Son of
Son of
Daughter of
Son of

Brandy
Susan
Nicholas
Lourdes
Andy & Heidi
Tina & Mike
Nona





Angel Date

**Matt
Chloe
Scott
Shawn
Stephanie
Antonia
Matt
Jeremy
Carolee**

***Son of
Daughter of
Son of
Son of
Girlfriend of
Daughter of
Son of
Son of
Daughter of***

**Susan
Francine
Tam and Sandy
Charlotte
Nicolas
Elisa
Rebecca
Becky
Tina & Mike**



St. Jude Fundraiser

JACK'S HOT CHOCOLATE AND MORE..... DECEMBER 14TH, 5-9 PM

7829 LEONARDO DRIVE ROUND ROCK



This event benefits St. Jude in Memory of Jack Rider Claycomb Hot Chocolate, Smores, Pictures, Movie Polar Express, and over 30 items in the Raffle - \$5.00/5 tickets. 100% of proceeds go to St. Jude. Give away items for kids. Please come out and say "Hi."

Sponsored By: Todd and Joyce Camp (Jack's Grandparents)

If you cannot make it but would still like to donate, below are three options:

St Jude Directly through Jack Rider Claycomb's Legacy of Kindness:

https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/DIY/DIY?px=8618657&pg=personal&fr_id=133399©_link_share



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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.



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We really appreciate your generosity!

A Blessing

by Kate Bowler

Blessed are you
Who feel the wound of fresh loss.
Or of the loss...
No matter how fresh...
That still makes your voice crack.
You who feel that ache for the stories that will
Never be told.
And an anger rising
When you remember
What never
Should have been.
All that they have missed, and will miss.
Worst of all, it is so beautiful
The way this grief language is a language of love.
I am lovesick with this much sorrow.
Teach me to speak this new, mother tongue.
Show me how to memorize so I can never forget,
What they gave and what is gone.
And what we were owed
By a world robbed of their presence.
And simultaneously remind me
Of the fullness of life that is here still,
To be had...to be enjoyed...to be savored,
In Honor of the one we miss.

The Compassionate Friends Resources

<https://www.compassionatefriends.org/find-support/>

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