

The Compassionate Friends



Of Brushy Creek *Supporting Family After A Child Dies*



Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church

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Our next virtual meeting on-line will be Thursday, February 22nd at 7pm

Email TCFBrushyCreek@gmail.com for the link

Valentine's in Heaven

Are there Valentines in Heaven?
Are there Red Hearts everywhere?
Do they line the golden streets,
Or is that very rare?
I wish that I could send you one,
Right through Heaven's Gate,
To say how much we miss you,
On this special date.
I'd like to send a Candy Heart,
That is printed, "I Luv U,"
And maybe you would whisper back,
"I know, I Luv U too."

Marilyn Rollins
TCF Lake-Porter, IN
For All Our Children



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.





Birthdays

Alicia "Ali" **Feb 21**
sister of Meghan

Madison **Feb 3**
daughter of Amber

Caden **Feb 4**
son of Stephanie & Jeremy

Dmitziy Polyakov **Feb 7**
son of Oleg & Larisa

Gabriel **Feb 12**
son of Michelle & Gabriel

Brandi **Feb 20**
Daughter of Lin Tod

Jack **Feb 24**
Grandson of Joyce & Todd

Scott **Feb 27**
Son of Tam and Sandy



Angel Dates

Caden **Feb 1**
Son of Casey

Brandi **Feb 7**
Daughter of Lynn

Aaron **Feb 10**
Son of Nona

Kaylin **Feb 13**
Daughter of Ellen
and Sister of Payden

Brain **Feb 14**
Son of Janice & Jim

Jackson **Feb 26**
Son of Ed



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Monthly Topics 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.

February – Where there is great love, there are always miracles.

March - Pay it forward - what I do to honor my child/grandchild/sibling.

April - How do I respond when people ask about my child/grandchild/sibling.



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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.

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. The in-person meeting is on the second Tuesday of each month except in December. The virtual meeting is the fourth Thursday of each month except in November when it is the third Thursday (to avoid Thanksgiving) and December when there are no chapter meetings.

In December there are no chapter meetings. The Chapter participates in The Compassionate Friends World Candle Lighting Event on the second Sunday of December.

*I Loved You Yesterday
I Love You Still
I Always Have...
I Always Will*

Happy Valentine's Day



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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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

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