

APRIL



**The
Compassionate
Friends**
Mercer Area Chapter
Supporting Family After a Child Dies

Local Chapter Notes



Walk to Remember

Mark your calendars and be sure to join us for The Compassionate Friends 13th Annual Walk to Remember on **Sunday, July, 20th, 2014**. Early Registration is **June 2nd**. We hope to see you, your friends and family there! T-shirts will be a new color! See pages 3 and 4 for complete details.

❖ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Charlotte and Edward Miller
Theresa and Dave Cleary

We thank you for welcoming us into your lives during such a difficult time. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting so we can get to know you and your family. Please remember that you are not alone!

MEMORIAL EVENTS

This section will be for anyone who is hosting an event in honor of their children. Please give us the information at the end of our meeting. We will post it here and so we can support you!

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are excited to announce the following new positions. Please keep in mind that we can always use volunteers. Consider helping out – it is a great way to help yourself and others.

Data Coordinator – Rich Narcini
Assistant Treasurers- Shannon Pope, John Jenkins and Rich Narcini

May 6, 2014 Meeting

Topic: "PSTD"

Facilitator: Jennifer Vasquez

MEETING INFORMATION

WHEN:

April 7, 2014
The first Monday of each month at 7:00pm



MEETING TOPIC:

The Serenity Prayer

FACILITATOR

Rich Narcini

WHERE:

Capitol Health Systems in Hamilton



Newsletter Mailings

Thanks to **Yvonne LaEzza** for mailing out the **April** newsletters.

Refreshments

Thanks to all of our members that bring refreshments to the meetings each month.

Inclement Weather

In the event of bad weather – please call the hotline at 609-516-8047 or visit the website at tcfmercer.org about the cancellation of upcoming meetings.

With loving remembrance of our children not here but always in our hearts

April Birthdays



Barry William Hill
 Robert A .Smith
 Michael Archie
 Donna M. Archie
 Gregory A. Solomacha
 Adam Ross Gilinsky
 Taylor Nicole Novatkoski
 Andrew Alston
 Matthew James Blanchard
 Spencer Barnett
 Justin Paul Weckel
 Laura Leigh Wilson
 Henry Yang

Son of Michelle Amantia
 Son of Gracie
 Son of Gracie
 Daughter of Gracie
 Son of Marija
 Son of Diane and Scott
 Daughter of Tiffany and Luis
 Son of Lois
 Son of Nancy
 Son of Penny and Stepson of John F. Parkin
 Son of Shannon and Leonard; Grandson of Yvonne and Ted
 Daughter of Kari & Tim
 Son of Binhua and Wenrui

Please let us know if you encounter an error in your child's listing and a correction will be made immediately.

April Anniversaries



REMEMBRANCE TABLE

Be sure to bring in a photo or special memento each month so that we can celebrate the memory of your son or daughter together!

Emily Carmen Aguirre	Daughter of Luis
Robert A .Smith	Son of Gracie
Glenn J. Archie	Son of Gracie
Donna M. Archie	Daughter of Gracie
Atahan Atay	Son of Iclal and Erhan
Adam Lawrence Rosenfeld	Brother of Elana
Kimberly Bernath	Daughter of Susan
Cornelius Lloyd Yayah Boakai	Son of Morris and Selina
Ernest S. Leves, Jr.	Son of Barbara & Stepson of Merrill
Kevin Michael McCormick	Son of Ken and Mary
Skylar Rose Evert	Granddaughter of Charlotte and Edward
Rachel Crane Mollis	Daughter of John and Cindy
Emily Rachel Silverstein	Daughter of Linda and Robert
Dominic "DJ" Tallone	Son of David and Stepson of MaryAnn
Henry Yang	Son of Binhua and Wenrui

Join Us As We Walk to Remember All Children Gone Too Soon – 7/20/14

In the spirit of friendship and as a way of honoring the memories of our children, our chapter will be holding a memorial walk Sunday, July 20th at 10am, at Veteran’s Park – South Entrance (Kuser Road). We hope not only that you will join us, but that you will also invite your friends and family members to participate.

Early registration guarantees t-shirts. *Early registration of walkers is by Monday, June 2nd.* T-shirts cannot be guaranteed after the June 2nd registration. Late registration will be \$25 and will not include T-Shirts. Children 5 and under are free. T-shirts will list the names of all of our kids/grandchildren on the back of the shirt and will be a new color for 2014.

Please meet us at the walk site—**Veteran’s Park – Kuser Road/SOUTH Entrance Court Games Pavilion**—at **10am. Your Family Member Coordinator will check you in and distribute T-Shirts.** The actual walk will begin promptly at 10:30. Following the walk there will be a picnic lunch provided in the Pavilion. This event will be held rain or shine – we have shelter, which will help us in the event of inclement weather.

In addition, to aid our chapter’s outreach to bereaved families, please use the registration form below to collect pledges in support of your walk. Donors may add names of other children they would like us to remember on the form. Pledges can be \$5, \$10, \$20 or any amount—it all helps our chapter to accomplish its mission. All donations are tax deductible.

2014 PLEDGE FORM

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) is a mutual assistance self-help organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved families. Its mission 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.

Won’t you join us in helping TCF in its mission by asking friends, family, and businesses to back you with pledges for the local chapter? Whether you walk the two miles or a couple hundred feet is not important. What matters is that you have taken this time to join with family and friends—new and old—around the country who are walking the same journey with you. Be sure to collect funds at the time of pledging. Checks can be payable to: The Compassionate Friends.

PLEDGE NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	CHECK #	NAME OF CHILD TO BE REMEMBERED
	\$		
	\$		
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	\$		
	\$		
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:	\$		

For extra copies of this form – please visit our website at www.tcfmercer.org or you can submit pledges via Paypal at http://tcfmercer.org/walk_registration_form.aspx

**Please mail pledges with check (made payable to The Compassionate Friends) to: TCF MERCER
Compassionate Friends, PO BOX 3203, Mercerville, NJ 08619.**

REGISTRATION FOR TWO MILE WALK – 7/20/14

Make checks payable to: The Compassionate Friends.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone No. _____ Email Address: _____

Name of child that you are walking for? _____

FAMILY MEMBER COORDINATOR
(CHECK-IN PERSON & HANDLER OF T-SHIRTS AT WALK) _____

- **EARLY REGISTRATION \$20 INCLUDES A T-SHIRT**
- **CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER ARE FREE**
- **LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT INCLUDE A T-SHIRT**
- **ALL PLEDGE MONIES SHOULD BE SENT WITH THE PLEDGE FORM**

\$20 EARLY REGISTRATION IS DUE BY 6/2/14				
NAME OF WALKER	DESIGNATE T-SHIRT SIZE S / M / L / XL / 2X / 3X	REGISTRATION WITH T-SHIRT (\$20)	LIST AGE OF WALKER IF A MINOR	WILL THE WALKER ATTEND THE PICNIC?
		\$		
		\$		
		\$		
		\$		
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:			\$	
TOTAL SHIRTS ORDERED:				

(Please make additional copies of this blank registration form as needed)

Please mail signed registrations with check (made payable to The Compassionate Friends) to: **TCF MERCER Compassionate Friends, PO BOX 3203, Mercerville, NJ 08619. Save original copy of form for further registrations. Orders for t-shirts must be received by June 2nd. Any questions please call 609-516-8047.**

LIABILITY WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED BY EACH ATTENDEE:
Please copy and complete this section for each person walking

In consideration of being accepted as a participant in the TCF Inc., Walk to Remember, I hereby affirm, acknowledge and agree to the following: 1. That I assume all responsibility for any and all damages to, or theft of, my personal property or any bodily injury (including death) that may occur to me, and further, I assume responsibility for property damage and bodily injury (including death) that I may cause to others, in each case arising or resulting from, incidental to, or as a consequence of, my participation in the TCF Inc., Walk to Remember; 2. That I, for myself, my heirs, my executors and administrators, release and hold harmless from and waive all claims, damages, and rights of action, present or future, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, foreseen or unforeseen, arising or resulting from, incident to or as a consequence of, my participation in the TCF Inc., Walk to Remember, which I may now or hereafter have against The Compassionate Friends, Inc., any business or companies along the route and any and all sponsors and volunteers for said event, and the respective directors, employees and agents of all of the foregoing; 3. That I grant the permission for use of my name and/or picture in any broadcast, photograph, video, or other account of The Compassionate Friends, Inc., Walk to Remember; and 4. That I am aware of the physical demands and hazards of participating in a two mile walking event such as The Compassionate Friends, Inc., Walk to Remember.

Signature: (Parent or Guardian if under 18) _____

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We want to thank and acknowledge the following for their generous support of our chapter and especially, our newsletter:

APRIL'S LOVE GIFT

Justin Paul Weckel
April 19- July 31

24 years ago, you came into our lives, and we love you just as much today as we did then! Enjoy your new friends, but don't forget the old ones! Happy Birthday Justin!!!

Love you always,
Mom

Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.

Capital Health System of Hamilton, 1445 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619

From the North (New Brunswick and Princeton):

Follow Route 1 South to Quakerbridge Rd. Take the Quakerbridge Rd. Exit East. Go through approximately seven lights before you come to Route 33. Go through the intersection of Route 33 (Applebee's Restaurant will be on left corner). Street name changes to Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd. Go through three lights. CHS in Hamilton is on the left, immediately following third light.

From South Jersey:

Take Route 295 North to Exit 61 (Arena Drive). At the third light, make a left onto Whitehorse Avenue. Whitehorse Avenue changes to Whitehorse-Mercerville Road. Proceed on road for three lights. CHS in Hamilton is located on the right after the fourth light (#1445).

From the East (Freehold/Jackson):

Take Route 195 West towards Trenton. Exit at Hamilton Square. At the traffic light, make a left onto Kuser Rd. Follow Kuser Rd. for approximately two miles. The K-Mart Shopping Center will be on your left. Make a right onto Whitehorse-Mercerville Road. Proceed on Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd. through one more traffic light. CHS in Hamilton is on the right.

From the West (Ewing/Trenton):

Follow Olden Ave. East to Whitehorse Ave. Make a left onto Whitehorse Ave. Proceed on Whitehorse Ave. to Kuser Rd. (K-Mart Shopping Center). Go through the intersection of Whitehorse Ave. and Kuser Rd. The name of the road will change to Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd. Proceed on Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd. through one more traffic light. CHS in Hamilton is on the right.

From Pennsylvania (Route 95):

Take Route 95 North to Route 295 South to Route 33 East (Mercerville Exit). Follow to traffic light. Make a left onto Nottingham Way. You will need to be in right lane on Nottingham Way Make a right onto Quakerbridge Rd. Go through traffic light at Route 33 (Applebee's Restaurant will be on left corner). Street name changes to Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd. Go through three lights. CHS in Hamilton is on the left, immediately following third light.

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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Upcoming Meeting Dates

4/7 5/6 6/2 7/7
Meetings start at 7pm!