

AUGUST



**THE
COMPASSIONATE
FRIENDS**
Supporting Family After a Child Dies

Local Chapter Notes

❖ **IMPORTANT CHAPTER NEWS**
Due to new building hours all meetings will start promptly at 7pm and end at 9pm.

❖ **SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Please note that due to the Labor Day holiday our meeting will be held on 9/10 not 9/3.

❖ **WALK TO REMEMBER**

The walk was a fantastic success! Special thanks to all of the members and family/friends and their hard work especially:

- Shannon Pope for running this event
- Everyone who helped to set up for the walk
- Everyone who helped to clean up after the walk
- Everyone who brought personal items for the walk
- Everyone who attended to honor our children

❖ **Candlelight Vigil**

Please see page 2 for an important form that is due September 15th. This form has to be filled out if you want your child/grandchild included.

❖ **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

- Mary and William Marchalewicz
- Miriam Breton and JP Ramirez
- Karen Hertzman
- Rachel and David Piccinetti
- Norman Lecomte

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!

MEETING INFORMATION

WHEN:

August 6, 2012
The first Monday of each month at 7:00pm



MEETING TOPIC:

DVD Portrait of Hope

FACILITATOR:

Shannon Pope

WHERE:

Capitol Health Systems in Hamilton



Congratulations

Marie and Tom Krosnick are proud grandparents of Avery Elaina who was born on June 19th to Michele and Edison Lee.

Newsletter Mailings

Thanks to **Toni Nowalinski** for mailing out the **August** newsletters.

Sympathy

Our belated condolences to Gracie Archie who lost her youngest daughter, Donna M. Archie, on April 9, 2012..

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FORM 2012

The Candle Vigil will be held on December 9th. We would like to once again honor our children with a slideshow. However, we must follow strict deadlines in order to guarantee completion. Please complete the form below as clearly as possible and send it to PO Box 3203, Mercerville, NJ 08619 or via email at info@tcfmercer.org. You do not need to attend the vigil if you want your child included in the slideshow. **DEADLINE IS 9/15/12.**
IF YOU DO NOT SEND BACK THIS FORM YOUR CHILD/GRANDCHILD WILL NOT INCLUDED BE INCLUDED IN THE SLIDESHOW. Thank you for your understanding and prompt return of this form.

Your Name:

Email Address:

Daytime Phone:

Evening Phone:

Name of child or grandchild as you would like it shown:

THERE ARE NO CHANGES PLEASE KEEP THE SAME AS LAST YEAR AND INCLUDE IN THE SLIDESHOW (select one box)

YES

NO; see changes below

SONG: We will do our best to obtain all music for you. If it is a personal recording or the music is not mainstream you will need to supply a copy on a CD which will not be returned.

Name of song:

Name of artist:

Preferred Section of song for the vigil (for example second verse or chorus):

IMAGES: You may send (2) images per child. These high-resolution images must be provided on a CD, flash drive or sent via email. No original photos will be accepted. All copy centers will scan your photo for a reasonable fee and place it on a flash drive or CD. The CD or flash drive will not be returned.

QUOTE:

You can include a quote with your image. Total length is a maximum of 100 characters (which includes spaces and punctuation).

Quote:

Author if known:

DEADLINE: 9/15/12 Must include all forms, images, quotes, & song requests

	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Image 1			
Image 2			
Song Request			
Preferred Song Section			
Quote			
KEEP EVERYTHING THE SAME AS LAST YEAR			

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

August Birthdays

Eugene Anderson Newkirk	Son of Barbara
Tommy "Tomcat" Carroll	Son of Roger
Sarah Ashley Ferguson	Daughter of Cathy and Charlie
Ian Parker Allen	Son of Karen
Matthias Raymond Dixon	Son of Cassandra
Tristan Tyler Lancaster	Son of Marcia
Christine Connolly	Daughter of Diane and Andrew
	Daughter of Roger and Stepdaughter to Jeanne
Sara Elizabeth Weakly	Granddaughter of Jean and Donald
Richard W. Jauss, Jr.	Son of Patti
Sergio A. Bunda Shevlyakov	Son of Olga and Sergio
Carlos Sandra Villalobos	Son of Sandra and Carlos

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

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!



August Anniversaries

Edward John Anderson	Son of Irene
David Jordan Bachner	Son of Rhonda and Steve
Brittany Berrios	Sister of Melynda
Peter Raymond Chiste	Son of Barbara & Ray
Matthias Raymond Dixon	Son of Cassandra
Devon Lucas	Son of Kim and William
Sarah Nowalinski	Daughter of Toni & Paul
Craig Robinson	Son of Marjorie & Ronald
Francis William Chaney Turton	Son of Sandy & Pastor Bob
Michael E. Wheeler	Son of Betty and Ray

We thank all of the area businesses and individuals that helped to make the Walk to Remember a wonderful success.

We apologize for any omissions – if your name is not mentioned please know that we greatly appreciate all of your help and dedication to the group.

Walk Pledges/Donations

Edward Anderson Friends and Family
Eugene Newkirk Friends and Family
Russell Colon Friends and Family
Anthony Stathis Friends and Family
Sarah Ferguson Friends and Family

Ernie Leves Friends and Family
Mason Piccinetti Friends and Family
Kristin Narcini Friends and Family
Gary M. Riley Family
Stacie Stockton Petrone Family
Justin Weckel Friends and Family

Roger Carroll who received numerous pledges and receives a match through his company Bank of America - Merrill Lynch in memory of his son Tommy.

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

Irene Anderson
Edward J. Anderson, son - Anniversary August 20
My beloved son, Ed - It has been 3 years since you left us, but in my heart it still feels like yesterday. All I can hope for is that you have finally found the peace that eluded you here. Rest in peace my son.
I love you and miss you forever, Mom

Marjorie and Ron Robinson
In memory of Craig Ronald Robinson - Anniversary - August 9
Step softly when you pass me by, for though we are apart, in sunshine or in shadow, we'll be there inside your heart. Love you to the moon and back.
Love, Mom and Dad

Doris and John Holcombe
In memory of our son, Scott 10/1 - 5/31
In memory of all the children that have found Scott in heaven.
Love, Mom and Dad

NATIONAL CHAPTER INFORMATION
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LOVE GIFT DONATION FORM

A **LOVE GIFT** is a donation given in memory of a child who has died. It can also be in honor of a happy event that you would like to acknowledge. Your contributions can be in any amount, are tax deductible and are a source of income for our non-profit chapter. **Checks can be made out to TCF Mercer and sent to: The Compassionate Friends, PO Box 3203, Mercerville, NJ 08619.**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Child's Name _____ Relationship to child _____

Birthdate _____ Anniversary Date _____

Amount \$ _____ Dedicate the newsletter in the month of _____

If you would like a picture of your child in the newsletter please email it to info@tcfmercer.org

Please fill out the following for a two-line message that will be printed in the newsletter:

Every effort will be made to include your dedication in the month that you specify - please be sure to mail your information before the newsletter mailing. The newsletter is typically mailed one week prior to the monthly meeting.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS		
Chapter Leader:	Lisa Linkowsky	Since January 2005
Meeting Facilitators:	Various	
Remembrance Card Coordinator:	Peggy Hegedus	Since February 2008
Correspondence Secretary	Toni Nowalinski	Since April 2012
Newsletter Editor:	Lisa Linkowsky	Since January 2005
Treasurer:	Barbara Howe	Since January 2010
Event Coordinator	Shannon Pope	February 2012
Librarian:	Toni Nowalinski	Since April 2012
Media Coordinator:	Rhonda Bachner	Since December 2010
Chapter Delegate:	Peggy Hegedus	Since January 2008
SCM Minutes:	Rich Narcini	Since February 2008
Web Master/Editor	Wil Hitchman	Since March 2009

TCF Mercer Chapter Address:
 PO Box 3203, Mercerville, NJ 08619 **609-516-8047** info@tcfmercer.org or visit us online at www.tcfmercer.org

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

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.

The mission of The Compassionate Friends 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.



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Meeting Dates...

8/6 9/10 10/1
Meetings now start at 7pm!