

APRIL



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

Local Chapter Notes



- ❖ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- ❖ New Member Facilitator
- ❖ Event Coordinator

This is a non-profit group run by bereaved parents. The only way for it to run smoothly is by having volunteers. Call or email if interested. Also, please consider joining us for our quarterly Steering Committee Meeting. Next Meeting will be held at Panera June 15, 2015 at 7:00pm.

❖ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Susan and Craig Goldfond
Joe Fadule & Mary Lonzetta
Gabriel and Barbara Baffuto
Jennifer and Michael Abate

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!

SAVE THE DATE
WALK TO REMEMBER
7/12/2015 at 11:00am

(New Location) West Windsor Community Park
Princeton-Hightstown Rd.

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!

MEETING INFORMATION



When:

April 7, 2015
The first Tuesday in April
at 7:00pm

Meeting Topic:

“Seasons of Grief”

Facilitator

Shannon Pope

Where:

Capitol Health Systems in
Hamilton



Newsletter Mailings

Thanks to **Yvonne LaEzza** for mailing out the **April's** 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.

April Birthdays

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| Michael Archie | Son of Gracie |
| Donna M. Archie | Daughter of Gracie |
| Andrew Alston | Son of Lois |
| Anthony Alston | Son of Lois |
| Spencer Barnett | Son of Penny and Stepson of John F.Parkin |
| Matthew James Blanchard | Son of Nancy |
| Adam Ross Gilinsky | Son of Diane and Scott |
| Barry William Hill | Son of Michelle |
| Taylor Nicole Novatkoski | Daughter of tiffany and Luis |
| Robert A. Smith | Son of Gracie |
| Gregory A. Solomacha | Son of Marija |
| Justin Paul Weckel | Son of Shannon and Leonard |
| Laura Leigh Wilson | Daughter of Kari and Tim |
| Justin Paul Weckel | Grandson of Yvonne and Ted |
| Henry Yang | Son of Binhua and Wenrui |
| Quran Brittingham | Son of Angelica and Johnnie |
| Nancy A. Umberger | Daughter of Anne |
| Skylar Rose Evert | Granddaughter of Charlotte and Edward |



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!

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| Emily Carmen Aguirre | Daughter of Luis |
| Glenn J. Archie | Son of Gracie |
| Donna M. Archie | Daughter of Gracie |
| Atahan Atay | Son of Iclal and Erhan |
| Kimberly Bernath | Daughter of Susan |
| Cornelius Llyod Yahah Boakai | Son of Morris and Selina |
| Ernest S. Leves, Jr. | Son of Barbara and stepson of Merrill |
| Kevin Michael McCormick | Son of Ken and Mary |
| Rachel Crane Mollis | Daughter of John and Cindy |
| Adam Lawrence Rosenfeld | Brother of Elana |
| Emily Rachel Silverstein | Son of Michelle and Amantia |
| Robert A. Smith | Son of Gracie |
| Dominic "DJ" Tallone | Son of David and Stepson of MaryAnn |
| Henry Yang | Son of Binhua and Wenrul |
| Addie Rebecca | Daughter of Susan, sister to Craig |
| Skylar Rose Evert | Granddaughter of Charlotte Edward |
| Erica Fallyn Paul | Daughter of Donna and Larry |
| Eric Whiteman | Son of Betty and Steve |
| Andrew Jarzyk | Son of Beverly and Steve |

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

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:	Shannon Pope	Since June 2014
Meeting Facilitators:	Various	
Remembrance Card Coordinator:	Gwendolyn Karro	Since April 2013
Correspondence Secretary	Toni Nowalinski	Since April 2012
Newsletter Editor:	Regina Thompson-Jenkins	Since March 2014
Treasurer:	Yvonne LaEzza	Since May 2013
Event Coordinator	Shannon Pope	Since February 2012
Librarian:	Michael Stathis	Since January 2013
New Member Coordinator	Linda Silverstein	Since October 2012
Chapter Delegate:	Rich Narcini	Since March 2014
SCM Minutes:	Rich Narcini	Since February 2008
Web Master/Editor	Len Pope	Since September 2014
Media Coordinator	Toni Nowalinski	Since December 2012

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

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

Happy Birthday to my precious grandson. I can't believe it's been 25 years since you were born. I think about you and miss you everyday.

Love,
Grandmom Von!!!

"There are no problems on the lake"
Steven "Sonny" Bleicher



You were golden, Sonny!
Love, Mom

Carole asks that anyone wishing to help children in honor of her son, make a donation to C.A.S.T. They take special needs children fishing. (Catch A Special Thrill)



REGISTRATION FOR TWO MILE WALK – 7/12/15

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 6/2/15				
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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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

5/5 Tue, 6/1, 7/6, 8/3
Meetings start at 7pm!