

# APRIL



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

## Local Chapter Notes



### ❖ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 at 7:00pm on

### ❖ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

#### ❖ Alan Agree

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  
6/26/2016 at 11:00am  
( New Location) West Windsor Community Park  
Princeton-Hightstown Rd.**

**MEMORIAL EVENTS**  
Tre' Devon Lane Foundation  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Luncheon  
May 14, 2016 at 1:00pm  
Tickets are \$45.00  
For tickets please contact Regina 609-209-2500

Andrew Jarzyk Memorial Foundation  
Trenton Thunder Baseball Game  
Monday, May 23, 2016 7pm  
Tickets are \$11.00

For more information email: [ajmemorialfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:ajmemorialfoundation@gmail.com)

### Memory Quilts

Hedding United Methodist Church Quilts and Crafts  
Contact Lori Nixon 609-902-7095 or email at [lpnix10@comcast.net](mailto:lpnix10@comcast.net)

## MEETING INFORMATION



### When:

April 4, 2016  
The first Monday of each

### Meeting Topic:

"Spring Events"

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](http://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<br>Grandson of Yvonne and Ted |
| <br>                     | <br>   |
| Laura Leigh Wilson       | Daughter of Kari and Tim                                 |
| 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                    |
| Gwyneth Rivells          | Daughter of Susan and Joe                                |
| Harvey Richard Walker    | Grandson of Debbie                                       |



**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 Wenrui              |
| 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              |
| John P. LaBriola             | Son of Flora                          |
| Harvey Richard Walker        | Grandson of Debbie                    |

*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](mailto: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** [info@tcfmercer.org](mailto:info@tcfmercer.org) or visit us  
 online at [www.tcfmercer.org](http://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



On Angels Wings you were taken but in our hearts you will stay until we meet again someday.

Love,  
Grandmom and Pop-pop

**APRIL'S LOVE GIFT**

In Memory of  
**Ernest Leves, Jr**  
March 21 – April 28

A golden heart stopped beating,  
your tender hands at rest.  
God took you home prove to us,  
he only takes the best.

Love you and miss you  
Mom and Merrill,



**APRIL'S LOVE GIFT**

*In Memory of*  
**Gwyneth Rivells**  
April 4 –June 27

**Broken Chain**

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly; in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you; you did not go alone; for part of us went with you the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories; your love is still our guide, and through we cannot see you, you are always by our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Ron Tranmer

Love and miss you everyday!  
Mema and Pepa

**APRIL'S LOVE GIFT**

In Memory of  
**Michael E. Wheeler**  
October 30 – August 23

You are forever in  
our hearts!

Love,  
Mom and Dad



# REGISTRATION FOR TWO MILE WALK – 6/26/16

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**

<b>\$20 EARLY REGISTRATION IS DUE BY 5/9/16</b>				
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?
		\$		
		\$		
		\$		
		\$		
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:</b>			<b>TOTAL SHIRTS ORDERED:</b>	

(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**

5/9 6/6  
*Meetings start at 7pm!*