

FEBRUARY



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

Local Chapter Notes



- ❖ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- ❖ Newsletter Editor
- ❖ New Member Facilitator
- ❖ 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.

LOVE GIFTS ARE DUE BY 12TH OF EACH MONTH

❖ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
 We welcome all of our new members for the month of January
 Jennifer Skolar & Adrew Mikosz
 Alayne and Joel Waxman

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
 If you doing something in memory of your loved one. Please share it with us so we can list it in the newsletter.

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE
 February 22, 2016
 Panera Bread
 Hamilton Market Place
 7:00pm

MEETING INFORMATION

When:
 February 1, 2016
 The first Monday of each



Meeting Topic:
 Keeping ourselves healthy while grieving.

Facilitator
 Shannon Pope

Where:
 Capitol Health Systems in Hamilton



Newsletter Mailings
 Thanks to **Yvonne LaEzza** for mailing out the **February** 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.

February Birthdays

Edward John Anderson
 Erin Melissa Christian
 Adrian Davis
 Christine DiFilippo
 Michael A. Festa
 Aaron LeComte
 Owen Michael O'Brien
 Aubrey Michelle (Fadule) Pappas
 Craig Robinson
 Sarah Townsend
 Peter Bruce Warren
 David Ian Waxman

Son of Irene
 Daughter of Susan and Robert
 Son of Carolyn
 Daughter of Linda
 Son of Donna and Joe
 Son of Norman
 Son of Carla and Jim
 Daughter of Joe and Mary
 Son of Marjorie and Ronald
 Daughter of Laurie and Roy
 Son of Elizabeth and Perry
 Son of Alayne and Joel



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



February 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!

Lisa Goldman	Daughter of Abby
Bill Harkanson	Son Linda and ken
Paul Kirsch	Son of Melissa and Paul
Aaron LeComte	Son of Norman
Richard J. Riley, Jr	Son of Helene Augustyn and Richard

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 CardCoordinator:	Gwendolyn Karro	Since April 2013
Correspondence Secretary	Toni Nowalinski	Since April 2012
Newsletter Editor:	ReginaThompson-Jenkins	Since March 2014
Treasurer:	Yvonne LaEzza	Since September 2014
Event Coordinator	OPEN	
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

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

Love Gift for February

*In Loving Memory of
Craig Ronald Robinson*

February 26-August 9

*Dearest Craig,
Our hearts still ache in
sadness and secret tears
still flow. What it meant
to lose you no one will
ever know.*

*Love you,
Mom & Dad*

*For every moment
You lose a little hope,
Your loved one is
Whispering...
I am with you.*

Unknown author



A Letter from Heaven

**When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me.**

**I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today;
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say.**

**I know how much you love me
As much as I love you;
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.**

**when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.**

Share if you miss someone in heave

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

3/7 4/4 5/2
Meetings start at 7pm!