

# Jan & Feb 2017



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

## Local Chapter Notes



Open positions:  
News Letter Editor  
New Member Coordinator  
Meeting Facilitators  
(Various Months)  
Event Coordinator

Please advise of interest,  
without help we need to stop  
some of our activities.

### ❖ WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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!

### 2017 Meeting Schedule

Monday January 9<sup>th</sup> (Second Monday)

Monday February 6<sup>th</sup>

Monday March 6<sup>th</sup>

Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Monday May 1<sup>st</sup>

Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>

Monday July 10<sup>th</sup> (Second Monday)

Monday August 7<sup>th</sup>

Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>

Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>

Monday December 4<sup>th</sup>

Start promptly at 7pm – Ending by 9pm

## Meeting information



### When:

January 9, 2017

February 6, 2017

The first Monday of each month

### Meeting Topic:

January:  
Winter Blues

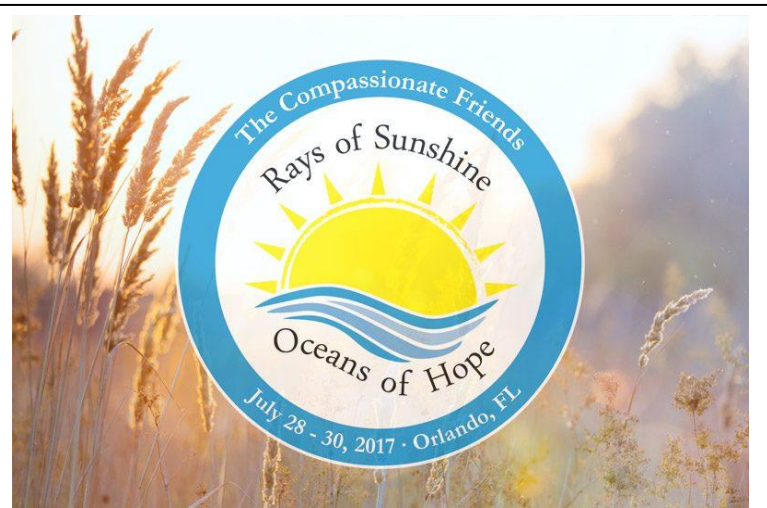
February:  
Happy Memories  
Bring a happy memory or photo

Capitol Health Systems in  
Hamilton



### Refreshments

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



The Compassionate Friends is pleased to announce that Orlando, Florida, will be the site of the 40th TCF National Conference on July 28-30, 2017. "Rays of Sunshine, Oceans of Hope" is the theme of next year's event, which promises more of this year's great National Conference experience. The 2017 Conference will be held at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek. We'll keep you updated with details here, on the national website as well as on our TCF/USA Facebook Page and elsewhere as they become available. Plan to come and be a part of this heartwarming experience.

Mercer County Edition  
**January Birthdays**

|                              |                                      |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Cornelius Lloyd Yayah Boakai | Son of Morris and Selina             |
| Daryl Tariq Jamison          | Son of Bettina                       |
| Joseph Malik Fannell         | Son of Evelyn and Jeff               |
| Brittany Berrios             | Sister of Melynda                    |
| Matthew James Cleary         | Son of Theresa and Dave              |
| Brian Steven Carroll         | Son of Nancy and Gerald              |
| Ashley Rosa                  | Daughter of Mary Ann and Robert      |
| Andrew Douglas Schmidt       | Son of Jay and Pam                   |
| Colin J. Turton              | Grandson of Sandy and Pastor Bob     |
|                              | Son of Carol Meier and Stephen Kurtz |
| Colin James Turton           | Son of Vickie                        |
| James L. Vandewater IV       | Son of Fran Rauch                    |
| Joseph A. Ellman             | Daughter of Marleen & Arnold         |
| Gail Michelle Herman         | Daughter of Karen                    |
| Angel Elise Carter           |                                      |

**January Anniversaries**

|                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tommy "Tomcat" Carroll       | Son of Roger                    |
| Russell Joseph Antonio Colon | Son of Edwin and Anna           |
| Nancy A. Umberger            | Daughter of Anne                |
| Mark Grignon                 | Son of Denise and Charlie       |
| Frank Jannotti               | Son of Marcia and Jim           |
| Patrick Ryan Mosner          | Son of Mary and Philip          |
| Alicia Griffith              | Daughter of Toni & Michael      |
| Ilesha L. Clark              | Daughter of Berlinda            |
| Michael James Doolan         | Son of Cathe and Peter          |
| George Charles Garman        | Son of Nicole and Hugh          |
| Jason Mark Engelman          | Son of Joann & Jacob            |
| Ashley Rosa                  | Daughter of Mary Ann and Robert |



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

**February Birthdays**

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aubrey Michelle (Fadule) Pappas | Daughter of Joe and Mary     |
| Sarah Townsend                  | Daughter of Laurie and Roy   |
| Owen Michael O'Brien            | Son of Carla and Jim         |
| David Ian Waxman                | Son of Alayne and Joel       |
| Edward John Anderson            | Son of Irene                 |
| Christine DiFilippo             | Daughter of Linda            |
| Michael A. Festa                | Son of Donna and Joe         |
| Peter Bruce Warren              | Son of Elizabeth & Perry     |
| Craig Robinson                  | Son of Marjorie & Ronald     |
| Adrian Davis                    | Son of Carolyn               |
| Aaron LeComte                   | Son of Norman                |
| Erin Melissa Christian          | Daughter of Susan and Robert |

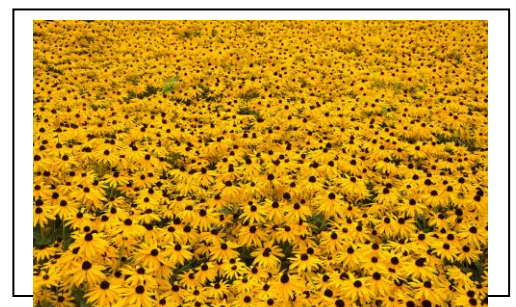
**February Anniversaries**

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Bill Harkanson       | Son of Linda and Ken                        |
| Lisa                 | Daughter of Abby                            |
| Aaron LeComte        | Son of Norman                               |
| Paul Austin Kirsch   | Son of Melissa and Paul                     |
| Richard J. Riley Jr. | Son of Helen Augustyn and Richard Riley Sr. |

**Author unknown**

One day, a son asked his father, "Why is it always the best people who die?"  
 The father answered, "Son, if you are in a meadow, which flowers do you pick?"

The worst ones or the best?"



*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 10119, Hamilton, NJ 08650.

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:

**TCF Mercer Chapter Address:**

PO Box 10119, Hamilton, NJ 08650 609-516-8047

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

[www.tcfmercer.org](http://www.tcfmercer.org)



**December Love Gift**

- In Memoriam  
 David A. Hunt  
 12/09/1982 – 11/11/2005

Happy "34<sup>th</sup>" Birthday

"Our Beloved Son, Brother,  
 Grandson, Nephew,  
 Cousin and Friend"

May angels hold you closely  
 and sing you a happy song  
 And we'll be sending wishes  
 Today and all year long.

Always Loved, Forever Missed



*Just when the caterpillar  
 thought the world was over,  
 it became a butterfly*

~ anon



**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**

1/9, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3  
Meetings start at 7pm!

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Chapter Leader: Meeting  
Facilitators: Remembrance Card  
Coordinator: Correspondence  
Newsletter Coordinator  
Treasurer:  
Event Coordinator  
Librarian:  
New Member Coordinator  
Chapter Delegate:  
SCM Minutes:  
Web Master/Editor

Shannon Pope  
Various  
Gwendolyn Karro  
Shannon Pope  
Yvonne LaEzza  
Shannon Pope  
Michael Stathis  
Linda Silverstein  
Rich Narcini  
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Since June 2014  
  
Since April 2013  
Since July 2016  
Since January 2015  
Since February 2012  
Since January 2013  
Since October 2012  
Since March 2014  
Since February 2008  
Since January 2015