

# JANUARY



**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.

**LOVE GIFTS ARE DUE BY 12<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH**

### ❖ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome all of our new members for the month of December

- **Graham Fletcher and his sister Rae Fletcher**
- **Evelyn and Jeff Fannel**
- **Gail Mizsur**

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.

### Meeting information

#### When:

January 4, 2016  
The first Monday of each



#### Meeting Topic:

Gender Break Out

Facilitators  
Shannon Pope

#### Where:

Capitol Health Systems in  
Hamilton



### Newsletter Mailings

Thanks to **Yvonne LaEzza** for mailing out the **January** 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.

# January Birthdays

- |                              |                                       |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Brittany Berrios             | Sister of Merlynda                    |
| Daryl Tariq Jamison          | Son of Bettina                        |
| Joseph A. Ellman             | Son of Fran Rauch                     |
| Joseph Malik Fannell         | Son of Evelyn and Jeff                |
| Colin James Turton           | Son of Carol Turton and Stephen Kurtz |
|                              | Grandson of Sandy and Pastor Bob      |
| James L. Vandewater IV       | Son of Vickie                         |
| Cornelius Lloyd Yayah Boakai | Son of Morris and Selina              |
| Mathew James Cleary          | Son of Theresa and Dave               |
| Gail Michelle Herman         | Daughter of Marleen and Arnold        |



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



# January 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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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Michael T. Callighan         | Son of Gloria                |
| Tommy "Tomcat" Carroll       | Son of Roger                 |
| Ilesha L. Clark              | Daughter of Berlinda         |
| Russell Joseph Antonio Colon | Son of Edwin and Anna        |
| Michael James Doolan         | Son of Cathe and Peter       |
| Jason Mark Engelman          | Son of Joann and Jacob       |
| George Charles Garman        | Son of Nicole and Hugh       |
| Mark Grignon                 | Son of Denise and Charlie    |
| Alicia Griffin               | Daughter of Toni and Michael |
| Frank Jannotti               | Son of Marcia and Jim        |
| Patrick Ryan Mosner          | Son of Mary and Phillip      |
| Nancy A. Umberger            | Daughter of Anne             |

*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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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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:	Regina Thompson-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 January**

***In Loving Memory of***

***Cornelius Lloyd Yayah Boakai***

***January 12, 1992 to April 11, 2013***



You have gone ahead of us, but you are not forgotten. You are the center of discussion in every family gathering; You are in every family member's heart and your memories will live on.

***Mommy & Daddy***

**Love Gift for January**

**In Loving Memory of**

**Michael Wheeler**

**October 30- August 23**

In memory of our son Michael, we pray for peace and acceptance for all who have suffered our pain.

**Love  
Mom & Dad**

# The New Year

By Sascha Wagner

The New Year comes  
When all the world is ready  
For changes, resolutions—great beginnings.

For us, to whom  
That stroke of midnight means  
A missing one remembered,  
For us, the new year comes  
More like another darkness.

But let us not forget  
That this may be the year  
When love and hope and courage  
Find each other somewhere  
In the darkness  
To lift their voices and speak  
Let there be light.

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## About the Author

Sascha Wagner is the surviving mother of Nino who drowned when he was three years old and Eve who died by suicide on the 15th anniversary of his death. After spending thirty years in various areas of mental health work, Sascha initiated a professional support service for persons with panic disorders or agoraphobia. In 1998, she was honored with the award for The Compassionate Friends Professional of the Year.

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

1/4 2/1 3/7 4/4 5/2  
Meetings start at 7pm!