

MARCH



**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 February:
- ❖ Marisol Perez
 - ❖ Jay Schmidt
 - ❖ Lisa Schmidt
 - ❖ Pam Schmidt
- 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.

NATIONAL CHAPTER INFORMATION
 The Compassionate Friends, Inc.
 P. O. Box 3696
 Oak Brook, IL 60522-3696
 TEL: 877-969-0010
 FAX: 630-990-0246
 Regional Coordinator Cindy Cutcliff will be taking over the duties of the Regional Coordinator for NJ. You can reach her at ccutcliff@optonline.net or 908-872-7293.

MEETING INFORMATION

When:
 March 7, 2016
 The first Monday of each



Meeting Topic:
 Happy Memories and Stories!
 Tell your favorite funny story about your child.

Facilitators
 Shannon Pope
 Rich Narcini

Where:
 Capitol Health Systems in Hamilton



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

March Birthdays

David Lewis, III
 Ian Valverde
 Julie Greener
 Ernest S. Leves, Jr.
 Frank Jannotti
 Andrew Jarzyk
 Frank Kopp
 Charles William & Sadie Ann McGowan
 Chad Flavin
 Anthony Michael Stathis
 Jennifer Van Hise
 Megan Van Hise-Burgess
 Todd Marrone
 Steven "Sonny" Bleicher
 John P.LaBriola
 Michele Durborow
 Addie Rebecca Goldfond-Crawley
 George Norman Redner III

Son of Ellen and David
 Son of Carolina and Brian
 Daughter of Sandy and Howard
 Son of Barbara and Stepson of Merrill
 Son of Marcia and Jim
 Son of Beverly and Steve
 Son of Maryann and Frank
 Children of Faith and Charles
 Son of Dee; brother of Chelsea
 Son of Dawn and Anthony; sister to Barbara
 Daughter of Joann and Carl
 Daughter of Joann and Carl
 Son of Cindy and Mike
 Son of Carole
 Son of Flora
 Daughter of Joan
 Daughter of Susan, Sister to Craig
 Son of Jacqui and George



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



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!

March Annversaries

Michael Archie	Son of Gracie
Erin Melissa Christian	Daughter of Susan and Robert
Theodore Ellerbe	Son of Debra
Frank Geraci, III	Son Susie and Frank
Phillip D. Haun	Son of Glenn and Darci
Christopher George Kimble	Son of Sharon and Christopher
Charles William & Sadie Ann McGowan	Children of Faith and Charles
Michael Miner	Son of Sally and John
Amber Marian Gardener	Daughter of Marian
Barry William Hill	Son of Michelle and Amantia
Christian Lewis	Son of Kerry and Jason
Ra'Kel S. Priester	Daughter of Carmen
Andrew Gottfried	Grandson of Angela
Brian Matthew Wood	Son of Barry

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: Meeting Facilitators: Remembrance CardCoordinator: Correspondence Secretary Newsletter Editor: Treasurer: Event Coordinator Librarian: New Member Coordinator Chapter Delegate: SCM Minutes: Web Master/Editor Media Coordinator	Shannon Pope Various Gwendolyn Karro Toni Nowalinski ReginaThompson-Jenkins Yvonne LaEzza OPEN Michael Stathis Linda Silverstein Rich Narcini Rich Narcini Len Pope Toni Nowalinski	Since June 2014 Since April 2013 Since April 2012 Since March 2014 Since September 2014 Since January 2013 Since October 2012 Since March 2014 Since February 2008 Since September 2014 Since December 2012
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We want to thank and acknowledge the following for their generous support of our chapter and especially, our newsletter:

Love Gift for March

In Loving Memory of
Andrew Jarzyk

March 3 - April 28



Dearest Andrew,
“Those we love don’t go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near.
Still loved, still missed very dear.”
Love and Miss you everyday.

Love Gift for March

In Memory of
Julie Greener
March 19 - June 30
Dearest Julie,
Thinking of you everyday!
Miss you so much!!!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Love Gift for March

In Loving Memory of
Peter Bruce Warren
February 22-October 25

In our hearts always!!
Love Mom & Dad

Love Gift for March

In the Loving Memory of our Son
Michael Minar
June 22-March 21

The years have gone by and life
continues, but you live in our
hearts and memories forever.

Dad & Mom (In Spirit)

Love Gift for March

In Memory of
Addie Rebecca Goldfond-Crawley
March 13 - April 20

Our beautiful freckle face, red headed
Addie girl. You are missed so. So, so
hard without you!!
Love,
Mom

If I could wish upon a star
And make that wish come true
I'd make a wish for one more day
To spend my life with you

I'd hold you safely in my arms
And pray we'd never part
Swap stories we had never shared
Then just talk heart to heart

I'd make you laugh, tickle your sides
Drown in your smiling face
Snuggle, cuddle, with all my might
To feel your embrace

If only stars somehow could feel
And wishes could come true
I know all Stars would grant to me
To have that day with you

-Jeanne (Carlton) Walters

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

4/4 5/2 6/6
Meetings start at 7pm!