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

Local Chapter Notes



Walk to Remember NEW LOCATION - West Windsor Community Park-Princeton-Hightstown Rd.

Mark your calendars and be sure to join us for The Compassionate Friends 13th Annual Walk to Remember on **Sunday, June, 26, 2016**. Early Registration is **May 9nd**. We hope to see you, your friends and family there! T-shirts will be a new color! See pages 3 and 4 for complete details.

❖ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Rosemary and Jim Stewart Nancy Carroll

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

Tre' Devon Lane Foundation

Will host its annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon on May 14, 2016
At the Hamilton Manor 1-4pm
To donate to the Scholarship
Please go www.tdlane.org or mail to
P.O. BOX 55617
Trenton, NJ 08638
For tickets to the luncheon, please call Regina@ 609-209-2500
Tickets \$45.00

Andrew Jarzyk Memorial Foundation

Trenton Thunder Baseball Game

Monday, May 23, 2016 7pm

Tickets are \$11.00

For more information email:

ajmemorialfoundation@gmail.com

MEMORY QUILTS

Hedding United Methodist Church Quilts and Crafts
Contact Lori Nixon 609-902-7095 or email at lpnix10@comcast.net

MEETING INFORMATION

When:

Tuesday, May 2, 2016
All Meetings are held on
The first Monday of each
month at 7:00pm



Meeting Topic:

“Mother’s Day/Father’s Day”

Facilitator

Gender Breakout

Where:

Capitol Health Systems in
Hamilton



Newsletter Mailings

Thanks to **Yvonne LaEzza**
for mailing out the **May**
newsletters.

Refreshments

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

With loving remembrance of our children not here but always in our hearts

May Birthdays

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| Alexander Michael Dodson | Son of Michelle and Daniel |
| Alicia Griffith | Daughter of Toni and Michael |
| James W. Hegedus | Son of Peggy and James |
| Brooke Ashley Meier | Daughter of Steven |
| Kristen Narcini | Daughter of Anne Marie and Rich |
| Amber Marian Gardener | Daughter of Marian |
| Dominic "DJ" Tallone | Son of David and Stepson of Mary Ann |
| Emily Christine Easter | Daughter of Janet and John |
| Troy Duane Syphax | Son of Nancy |
| Cheryl Marie Pullen | Daughter of Mary |
| Eric Whiteman | Son of Betty and Steve |



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

May Anniversaries

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| Charles Stephen Agree | Son of Alan and Nancy |
| Andrew "Drew" Apai | Son of Nancy and Gregory |
| Phillip "Pablo" Andrew Branham II | Son of Heather |
| Brian Steven Carroll | Son of Nancy and Gerald |
| Justin Falkowski | Son of Rob |
| Alexander Arcuri | Son of Grandson of Mary |
| James W. Hegedus | Son of Peggy and James |
| Jennifer Lynn Hentosh | Daughter of Barbara and David |
| Seth Harris Gouchman | Son of Todd and Samara |
| Amy Kopka | Daughter of Carol |
| Craig Phillip Krosnick | Son of Marie and Tom |
| Tristan Tyler Lancaster | Daughter of Marcia |
| Brooke Ashley Meier | Daughter of Steven |
| Sarah Townsend | Daughter of Laurie and Roy |
| Jennifer Van Hise | Daughter of JoAnn and Carl |
| Ira T. Charles, Jr. | Son of Carol and Ira |
| Troy Duane Syphax | Son of Nancy |
| Cheryl Marie Pullen | Daughter of Mary |
| Hale Alan Paul | Son of Donna and Larry |



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!

Join Us As We Walk to Remember All Children Gone Too Soon – 6/28/16

In the spirit of friendship and as a way of honoring the memories of our children, our chapter will be holding a memorial walk Sunday, July 12 at 10am, at Veteran’s Park – South Entrance (Kuser Road). We hope not only that you will join us, but that you will also invite your friends and family members to participate.

Early registration guarantees t-shirts. *Early registration of walkers is by Tuesday, June 2nd.* T-shirts cannot be guaranteed after the June 2nd registration. Late registration will be \$25 and will not include T-Shirts. Children 5 and under are free. T-shirts will list the names of all of our kids/grandchildren on the back of the shirt and will be a new color for 2015.

Please meet us at the walk site—(New Location) **West Windsor Community Park Princeton-Hightstown Rd.** at **11am.** Your Family Member Coordinator will check you in and distribute T-Shirts. The actual walk will begin promptly at 11:00am. Following the walk there will be a picnic lunch provided. This event will be held rain or shine – we have shelter, which will help us in the event of inclement weather.

In addition, to aid our chapter’s outreach to bereaved families, please use the registration form below to collect pledges in support of your walk. Donors may add names of other children they would like us to remember on the form. Pledges can be \$5, \$10, \$20 or any amount—it all helps our chapter to accomplish its mission. All donations are tax deductible.

2016 PLEDGE FORM

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) is a mutual assistance self-help organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved families. Its mission is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive.

Won’t you join us in helping TCF in its mission by asking friends, family, and businesses to back you with pledges for the local chapter? Whether you walk the two miles or a couple hundred feet is not important. What matters is that you have taken this time to join with family and friends—new and old—around the country who are walking the same journey with you. Be sure to collect funds at the time of pledging. Checks can be payable to: The Compassionate Friends.

PLEDGE NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	CHECK #	NAME OF CHILD TO BE REMEMBERED
	\$		
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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:	\$		

For extra copies of this form – please visit our website at www.tcfmercer.org or you can submit pledges via Paypal at http://tcfmercer.org/walk_registration_form.aspx

**Please mail pledges with check (made payable to The Compassionate Friends) to: TCF MERCER
 Compassionate Friends, PO BOX 3203, Mercerville, NJ 08619.**

REGISTRATION FOR TWO MILE WALK – 6/28/16

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**

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

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

MAY'S LOVE GIFT

FOR OUR SON

James W. Hegedus

Happy Birthday in Heaven
I know the stars will shine
brighter that night.
Always remember,
We'll love you forever,
We'll like you for always,
As long as we're living our
baby you'll be.

You are in every breath I take.
Happy Birthday our Precious
son.

Love,
Mom, Dad, shelly, Amy and
the rest of your family

MAY'S LOVE GIFT



**In Memory of
Brian Steven Carroll
"Hoodie"**

January 22 - May 2

We miss your smile and sense of
humor. You were our angel on earth
and will forever be in our hearts.

Love.
Mom and Dad



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

6/6 7/11 8/8
Meetings start at 7pm!