

OCTOBER



**The
Compassionate
Friends**

Mercer Area Chapter

Supporting Family After a Child Dies

Local Chapter Notes

❖ Candlelight Vigil 12/8/13

Consider joining us for this international event at the RWJ Wellness Center from 6-9pm. Please RSVP by December 1st by calling 609-516-8047 or info@tcfmercer.org. **Seating is limited to ten people per family.** Complete details will be noted in the November newsletter.

❖ ***If your child was part of the photo montage last year and you do not send in a form they will not be automatically included this year. We have to hear from you. Please send back the form stating that there are no changes and you would like to still be included.***

❖ Candlelight Vigil Slideshow

Please see page 2 for an important form that is due October 15th. This form has to be filled out if you want your child/grandchild included.

The 5 Year Anniversary Memorial Walk for Sarah Nowalinski will be held on Sunday, October 13th at Veterans Park at 1:00 p.m. If interested, please contact me at 609-937-9799 or email Toni822@optonline.net.

❖ NEWSLETTER EDITOR UPDATE

Two months left for someone to take over this critical position. Just a reminder that the newsletter will turn into a one page formatted letter with details for the upcoming meeting starting in January. Please email info@tcfmercer.org if you are interested. It is important to be an active member and attend meetings. Thanks!!

MEETING INFORMATION

WHEN:

September 9, 2013
The first Monday of each



MEETING TOPIC:

Stress Reduction

FACILITATORS

Shannon Pope /
Rich Narcini

WHERE:

Capitol Health Systems in
Hamilton



Newsletter Mailings

Thanks to **Barbara Chiste** for mailing out the **October** newsletters.

Refreshments

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

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FORM 2013

The Candle Vigil will be held on December 8th. We would like to once again honor our children with a slideshow. However, we must follow strict deadlines in order to guarantee completion. Please complete the form below as clearly as possible and send it to PO Box 3203, Mercerville, NJ 08619 or via email at info@tcfmercer.org. You do not need to attend the vigil if you want your child included in the slideshow. **DEADLINE IS 10/15/13.**
IF YOU DO NOT SEND BACK THIS FORM YOUR CHILD/GRANDCHILD WILL NOT INCLUDED BE INCLUDED IN THE SLIDESHOW. Thank you for your understanding and prompt return of this form.

Your Name:

Email Address:

Daytime Phone:

Evening Phone:

Name of child or grandchild as you would like it shown:

THERE ARE NO CHANGES PLEASE KEEP THE SAME AS LAST YEAR AND INCLUDE IN THE SLIDESHOW (select one box)

YES

NO; see changes below

THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE **NOT** BE A SPECIFIC SONG FOR EACH CHILD
 A few appropriate songs will be played throughout the slideshow

IMAGES: You may send (2) images per child. These high-resolution images must be provided on a CD, flash drive or sent via email. No original photos will be accepted. All copy centers will scan your photo for a reasonable fee and place it on a flash drive or CD. The CD or flash drive will not be returned.

QUOTE (Print clearly):

You can include a quote with your image. Total length is a maximum of 100 characters (which includes spaces and punctuation).

Quote:

Author if known:

DEADLINE: 10/15/13 Must include all forms, images, quotes, & song requests

	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Image 1			
Image 2			
Quote			
KEEP EVERYTHING THE SAME AS LAST YEAR			

The best way to help make this an easier process is to scan this completed form and email it as well as any images to info@tcfmercer.org.
 Thanks for your help!

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

Ray and Betty Wheeler
This gift is in loving memory of our son,
Michael, a good and kind person.
October 30 - August 23
Love,
Mom and Dad

Cecilia Black
Happy Birthday Lisa!
October 3rd
It has been 10 years and you are
missed more than ever. Thank you for
our beautiful years together.
Happy Birthday in Heaven.
Love you,
Mommy

Melinda Gallo
Nov 19 – Oct 14
In memory of my precious daughter
Aliscia "Lissie" Renae Ball
Heaven and earth may separate us
today but nothing will ever change
the fact that you made me a mom.
Happy 5th Angelversary Lissie.
Love - Mom

Doris and John Holcombe
In memory of our son Scott
Oct 1 – May 31
Happy Birthday to our precious son in heaven.
All our love,
Mom and Dad

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

October Birthdays

Kimberly Bernath	Daughter of Susan
Lisa Black-Sokolowski	Daughter of Cecilia
Rachel Ann Bungarden	Daughter of Lisa and Rich
Michael T. Callighan	Son of Gloria
Peter Raymond Chiste	Son of Barbara & Ray
Iesha L. Clark	Daughter of Berlinda
Helene Cody	Daughter of Linda and Winn
Russell Joseph Antonio Colon	Son of Edwin and Anna
Nicholas Federovitch	Son of Mayda & Barry
Jasper Bede Haggist	Son of Douglas and Melissa
Bill Harkanson	Son of Linda and Ken
Scott Holcombe	Son of Doris & John
Carl Anthony Jamison	Son of Ophelia
Amy Kopka	Daughter of Carol
Rhett Colin Krobatsch	Son of Doris and Vincent
Devon Lucas	Son of Kim and William
Dennis Reed	Son of Denise
Michael E. Wheeler	Son of Betty and Ray



October Anniversaries

Daniel Alig	Son of Marcia & Roger
C. Jordan Babayan	Son of Kate
George Bogado	Sister of Mechelle and son of Eloise
Helene Cody	Daughter of Linda and Winn
Nicholas Federovitch	Son of Mayda & Barry
Michael A. Festa	Son of Donna and Joe
Aliscia Renae Ball	Daughter of Melinda and Jim
Carl Anthony Jamison	Son of Ophelia
Douglas Edward Lane	Son of Freda and Peter
Vincent Mecca	Son of Rose and Nicholas
Bobby Mickschutz	Son of MaryLou & Robert
Stella Rosina Paduano	Daughter of Jonathan and Debbie
Spencer Barnett	Son of Penny and Stepson of John F. Parkin
Joseph A. Ellman	Son of Fran Rauch
Benjamin Davila	Son of Glenda and Lovelace
Jill Sisenwine-Berger	Daughter of Phyliss and Samual
Sara Spingler	Daughter of Betsy
Peter Bruce Warren	Son of Elizabeth & Perry
Sara Elizabeth Weakly	Daughter of Roger and Stepdaughter to Jeanne

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



LOVE GIFT DONATION FORM

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. If your poem or message is lengthy please email to info@tcfmercer.org.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS		
Chapter Leader:	OPEN	
Meeting Facilitators:	Various	
Remembrance CardCoordinator:	Gwendolyn Karro	Since April 2013
Correspondence Secretary	Toni Nowalinski	Since April 2012
Newsletter Editor:	OPEN	
Treasurer:	Shannon Pope	Since May 2013
Event Coordinator	Shannon Pope	Since February 2012
Librarian:	Michael Stathis	Since January 2013
New Member Coordinator	Linda Silverstein	Since October 2012
Chapter Delegate:	Toni Nowalinski	Since January 2013
SCM Minutes:	Rich Narcini	Since February 2008
Web Master/Editor	Wil Hitchman	Since March 2009
Media Coordinator	Toni Nowalinski	Since December 2012

TCF Mercer Chapter Address:
 PO Box 3203, Mercerville, NJ 08619 **609-516-8047** info@tcfmercer.org or visit us online at www.tcfmercer.org

Capital Health System of Hamilton, 1445 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Hamilton, NJ

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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2013 Meeting Dates

10/7

11/4

12/2

Meetings start at 7pm!