

SEPTEMBER



**The
Compassionate
Friends**

Mercer Area Chapter

Supporting Family After a Child Dies

Local Chapter Notes



Currently we have 51 members on our TCF Mercer Facebook page. Simply look up **The Compassionate Friends Mercer County** and our page will show up. It is a private group in that a member of TCF has to approve you in order for you to join and the outside public will not see our posts. This is a great way for our members to “talk” to one another or ask if someone wants to go for coffee etc. Please look us up and join today! It is a great resource.

❖ **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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS


- Dottie Bartoleno**
- Tammy Reimann**
- Iclal Atay**
- Kaulette Johnson**
- MaryAnn Opsuth**

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!

❖ **NEWSLETTER EDITOR UPDATE**
Three 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. 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:
Gender Breakout

FACILITATORS
Joann Van Hise and
Michael Stathis

WHERE:
Capitol Health Systems in
Hamilton



Newsletter Mailings
Thanks to **Toni Nowalinski** for mailing out the **September** 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:*

Irene Anderson
In memory of her beloved son

My beloved Eddie,

It has been four years now since you left us, and my heart still aches every day. I hope you have found the peace that eluded you here on earth. I love you with all of my heart and soul.

Mom

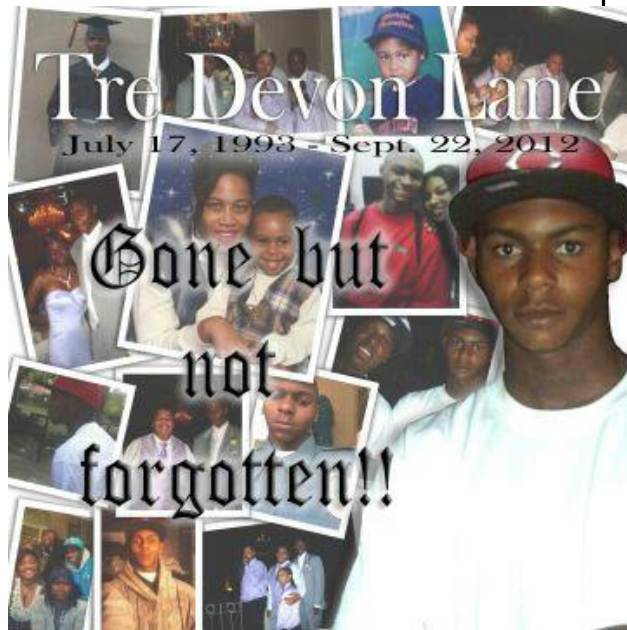
**Editors note - this was supposed to be in the August newsletter.
My apology for not including it last month.

Christopher and Sharon Kimble

In memory of their son,
Christopher George Kimble
Birthday 9/5

Happy Birthday!
Gone from this earth. Living in our hearts until we meet again.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Regina Jenkins

In memory of her beloved son, Tre' Lane

On July 17, 1993 at 3:32pm was the best day of my life. You were born Tre'. You were the love of my life; my everything, that bright light that shined in our family. On September 22, 2012 you were taken from us by gun violence. Our family will never be the same without you, but we promise you, your legacy will live on through your foundation

www.tdlane.org

You are our "Hero!" We love you and miss you everyday, Tre!

Forever in our hearts,
Mom, Mr. John, Dad and Family

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

Glenn J. Archie	Son of Gracie
Richard J. Riley Jr.	Son of Helen Augustyn and Richard Riley Sr.
Adam Lawrence Rosenfeld	Brother of Elana
Joseph Jayden Dismukes	Son of Brian
Theodore Ellerbe	Son of Debra
George Charles Garman	Son of Nicole and Hugh
Frank Geraci, III	Son of Susie and Frank
Cory Carleton Golis	Son of Jim and Jerri
Lovely M. James	Daughter of Lovely and Anthony
Christopher George Kimble	Son of Sharon and Christopher
Paul Austin Kirsch	Son of Melissa and Paul
Anthony Michael Marchalewicz	Son of Dawn and Grandson of Mary and William
Kevin Michael McCormick	Son of Ken and Mary
Sarah Nowalinski	Daughter of Toni & Paul
Patrick Honsinger	Son of Ellen
Menina Smith	Daughter of Julie and Philip

September Birthdays



September Anniversaries

Eugene Anderson Newkirk	Son of Barbara
Robert "Bobby" DeLoach	Son of Trisha
Robert A. Lewis	Son of Sandy
Ian Valverde	Son of Carolina and Brian
Jasper Bede Haggist	Son of Douglas and Melissa
Lovely M. James	Daughter of Lovely and Anthony
Tre' Lane	Son of Regina and John
Kenneth G. Keim, Jr.	Son of Roberta and Ken
Rhett Colin Krobatsch	Son of Doris and Vincent
Kristopher Klaus Muench	Son of Carol
Alexis Antonio Rodriguez	Son of Maria
Richard W. Jauss, Jr.	Son of Patti
Menina Smith	Daughter of Julie and Philip
Anthony Vocolo	Son of Barbara

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

9/9 10/7

11/4 12/2

Meetings start at 7pm!