

JUNE



THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS
Supporting Family After a Child Dies

Local Chapter Notes

❖ Email Communication

An email was sent out to the group on May 8th. If you did not receive it we do not have your email address. Please send it to us at info@tcfmercer.org. Email communication is important in case we have to cancel an event or send you information quickly.

❖ Walk to Remember 7/21/13

The early registration deadline is June 3rd. Pledges can be accepted via our website at <http://tcfmercer.org/online-donation-walk-2013.php> You can also download registration forms at http://tcfmercer.org/doc/2013_Registration.pdf. Thank you for supporting this important event.

JUNE LOVE GIFTS

Wendy and Eric Baxter

in loving memory of our son Brody
5/28 – 6/25

Dearest Brody,

Not a day goes by that we don't think of you little angel. You are always in our thoughts, on our minds and in our hearts! We love you always and forever.

Love, your family!

Maryann and Frank Kopp

in memory of our son Frank
6/14 anniversary

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

**PLEASE SEE PAGES 2-5
FOR AN IMPORTANT
SURVEY**



MEETING INFORMATION

WHEN:

June 3, 2013
The first Monday of each month at 7:00pm



MEETING TOPIC:

What your chapter needs from you right now!

FACILITATOR:

Rich and Shannon

WHERE:

Capitol Health Systems in Hamilton



Newsletter Mailings

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lois James
Nancy Syphax
Morris and Selina Boakai

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!

2013 TCF CHAPTER SURVEY

The June meeting will be dedicated to talking about how our Chapter works and what is needed to keep it running smoothly. It has been our tradition not to have newly bereaved members (less than one year on grief journey) help in any way since just getting to the meetings is the most critical area. However, we still want your input where possible and we can note your interests for the future.

NAME (please print): _____

We also respect your wish to remain anonymous.

COMPLETED SURVEYS CAN BE TURNED IN AT THE JUNE 3RD MEETING. OR YOU CAN SEND THEM VIA MAIL TO THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS PO BOX 3203, MERCERVILLE, NJ 08619 OR YOU CAN SEND A SCANNED COPY TO INFO@TCFMERCER.ORG.

Do you have ideas for a meeting topic or a guest speaker?

Do you read the monthly newsletter? _____

Would you prefer email or postal mail? _____

Do you have any suggestions for what you would like to see in the newsletter?

What is the single most important thing that this Chapter has helped you with on your grief journey?

What is the single least important thing that our Chapter provides and has not helped you on your grief journey?

We are trying to understand what is most helpful and least helpful to our members. Please mark only one choice. If it is not applicable (you never attended the Candle Vigil for example you can put N/A).

	Very helpful	Helpful	Somewhat helpful	Not helpful at all
Library				
Candle Vigil				
Walk to Remember				
Website				
Memorial Visitation				
Monthly Meetings				
Confidential Membership Directory				
Facebook Page				
New Member Breakout				
Email communication				
Gender Breakouts				
Guest Speakers				
Snacks at meetings				
Other				
Other				
Other _____				

Our chapter is 100% volunteer. It is comprised of bereaved members that work together in order to keep this chapter thriving. We recognize that many bereaved members suffer from PTSD so juggling one more thing on top of family and work responsibilities may be difficult. However, volunteers are critical to the success of this chapter. Please take a few moments to look at the next page and consider how you may help others in their grief journey. Think back to when you first joined and how important this chapter has been to you and to your life.

	Interested in helping	Would help once in a while	
Monthly Meetings			
❖ Greeter (rotate)			
❖ Facilitating a meeting (rotate)			
❖ Meet with new members (rotate)			
❖ Provide snacks (rotate) (you can be reimbursed if you provide a receipt)			
❖ Library (could rotate)			
NEWSLETTER			
❖ Create monthly newsletters			
❖ Mail monthly newsletters (rotate)			
❖ Provide content for newsletters			
EVENTS (multiple volunteers needed)			
❖ Candle Vigil			
❖ Walk to Remember			
❖ Memorial Visitation			
WEBSITE			
❖ Developing/Maintaining			
❖ Proofing			
❖ Facebook Page (posting)			
STEERING COMMITTEE			
❖ Attending quarterly meetings			
❖ Hold a position			
❖ Maintain member database			
❖ Attend local leadership training			
❖ Attend a webinar about facilitating a meeting such as ours			

The Treasurer is responsible for the chapter’s finances. Collecting money from the Walk once a year, noting any income or expenses each month and completing the year-end financial review with the help of the President.

Would you consider helping with this position? Y/N

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

June Birthdays

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| Emily Carmen Aguirre | Daughter of Luis |
| George Bogado | Sister of Mechelle and son of Eloise |
| Robert J. Jancewicz | Son of Bob and Joyce |
| Michael Minar | Son of Sally & John |
| Rachel Crane Mollis | Daughter of John and Cindy |
| Mason David Piccinetti | Son of Rachel and David |
| Gary M. Riley | Son of Sharon and Barry |
| Alexis Antonio Rodriguez | Son of Maria |
| Benjamin Davila | Son of Glenda and Lovelace |
| Emily Rachel Silverstein | Daughter of Linda and Robert |
| Sara Spingler | Daughter of Betsy |
| Stacie Stockton Petrone | Daughter of Doris and Gene |



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

June 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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| Brody Baxter | Son of Wendy & Eric |
| Lisa Black-Sokolowski | Daughter of Cecilia |
| Joseph Jayden Dismukes | Son of Brian |
| Julie Greener | Daughter of Sandy and Howard |
| Scott Holcombe | Son of Doris & John |
| Frank Kopp | Son of Maryann & Frank |
| Anthony Michael Marchalewicz | Son of Dawn and Grandson of Mary and William |
| Adrian Davis | Son of Carolyn |
| Mason David Piccinetti | Son of Rachel and David |
| Chad Flavin | Son of Dee; brother of Chelsea |
| Colin James Turton | Son of Carol Turton and Stephen Kurtz; Grandson of Sandy and Pastor Bob |
| Megan Van Hise-Burgess | Daughter of Joann and Carl |
| Carlos Sandra Villalobos | Son of Sandra and Carlos |
| Franklin W. Wilson, Jr. | Son of Stevonne Wilson |



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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Mercer Area Chapter

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2013 Meeting Dates

6/3 7/1 8/5 9/9
Meetings start at 7pm!