



***The Compassionate Friends***  
***Southwest Florida Chapter***  
**Supporting Family After a Child Dies**

Please join us

**35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CANDLE LIGHTING**

In Person or Virtually via Zoom Webinar

**Sunday December 11, 2022**

5:45 pm Lite Dinner & Dessert Sharing / 6:45 pm Candle Lighting

We come together in remembrance of our precious Children,  
Grandchildren and Siblings this time of year for the

**\*\*We will again be at\*\***

**St. John the Evangelist**

**625 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue N, Naples, FL 34108**

The Virtual option gives you the opportunity to invite those in your life that would not normally be able to attend the event with you. It is also for those who have moved away or would rather not attend in person. We will need you to indicate this on the RSVP form and include the email so we may send you the link for the Webinar. We will do a "PRACTICE" Zoom Saturday, December 10 to ensure everyone is able to join the Webinar on the day of the event.

**RSVP by November 30, 2022**

**"...because you need not walk alone..."**

# **EVENING DETAILS**

## **\*\*\*\*\*APPETIZER & DESSERT SHARING\*\*\*\*\***

The Chapter will provide pizzas and wraps.

Please consider bringing something, perhaps a favorite food of your loved ones to share before the candle lighting ceremony. For clean-up convenience, please bring your items in a **disposable container**.

## **\*\*\*The Candle Lighting Program will begin at 6:45 pm\*\*\***

### **\*\*\*\*\*VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE RSVP\*\*\*\*\***

Our candle lighting is a beautiful way to remember our children, grandchildren, and siblings. We want this to be a lovely experience for all. **PLEASE RSVP** if you are joining us in order to eliminate delays the night of the ceremony. We do not want one loved one to be missed and it is difficult to do last minute additions, so we ask for your cooperation in helping us to make this evening run as smoothly as possible.

**Virtual Option**-once you Register \*either by emailing us at [info@tcfswfl.org](mailto:info@tcfswfl.org) or mailing in your RSVP form\* you will be emailed a “Registration Link” to be an attendee. As an attendee you will be able to view, listen and send messages in the chat box. Unlike a Zoom meeting you will not be seen on the video or able to speak. **A “Practice” Zoom will be done on Saturday, December 10 time tbd to ensure everyone is able to join.**

### **\*\*\*\*\*SLIDE SHOW PICTURES\*\*\*\*\***

If you would like your loved one’s picture displayed in the slide show while their name is being read, please email their picture to [info@tcfswfl.org](mailto:info@tcfswfl.org) If you choose to mail your picture(s) with your RSVP, please ensure that your child’s name is printed legibly on the picture and that it arrives by **November 30, 2022**, so that we have time to include it in the presentation. If you have sent pictures in a previous year, you do not need to send them again.

### **\*\*\*\*\*GIFT CARD GIVING\*\*\*\*\***

We will again be donating gift cards to Valerie’s House. Valerie’s House is an organization that works with children who are grieving, and they have given us a place in Naples to hold our monthly meetings. Suggestions for cards would be Visa or Master-Card, Target, Walmart, Starbucks, Panera, Chick-fil-a, Chipotle, etc. But whatever kind of card you care to give, we are asking for you to attach your loved one’s name to it. It is purely discretionary, so please, participate only if you choose to. Any amount gift card is appreciated. The cards can be brought to the Candle Lighting or mailed directly to Valerie’s House. Their mailing address is 819 Myrtle Terrace, Naples, FL 34103

### **\*\*\*\*\*GALLERY OF REMEMBRANCE\*\*\*\*\***

Each year we set up a table for our “Gallery of Remembrance”.

We invite you to bring a picture of your loved one to display during the ceremony.

Please remember to pick it up on your way home.