

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
Wed-9-4 / 7:30 PM	Compassionate Friends	Collier YMCA
Sat-9-14 / 10 AM	Rainbows	Unity in Collier
Wed-9-18 / 7:30 PM	Compassionate Friends	Collier: YMCA Lee: YMCA
Sat-9-21 / 10 AM 8 AM	Rainbows and Leadership Training	Unity in Collier Boca Raton
Sat-9-28 9 AM 10 AM	Compassionate Friends & Rainbows	Unity in Collier
Wed-10-2 / 7:30 PM	Compassionate Friends	Collier YMCA
Sat-10-5 / 10 AM	Rainbows	Unity in Collier
Sat-10-12 / 10 AM	Rainbows	Unity in Collier
Wed-10-16 / 7:30 PM	Compassionate Friends	Collier: YMCA Lee: YMCA
Sat-10-19 9 AM 10 AM	Compassionate Friends & Rainbows	Unity in Collier
Sat-10-26 / 10 AM	Rainbows	Unity in Collier
Sat-11-2 / 10 AM	Rainbows	Unity in Collier
Wed-11-6 / 7:30 PM	Compassionate Friends	Collier YMCA
Sat-11-9 / 10 AM	Rainbows	Unity in Collier
Sat-11-16 / 9 AM 10 AM	Compassionate Friends & Rainbows	Unity in Collier
Wed-11-20 / 7:30 PM	Compassionate Friends	Collier: YMCA Lee: YMCA
Sat-11-23 / 10 AM	Rainbows	Unity in Collier
Wed-12-4 / 7:30 PM	Compassionate Friends	Collier YMCA
Sat-12-7 / 10 AM	Rainbows	Unity in Collier
Sun-12-8 / 5 PM 7 PM	Pot Luck Candle Lighting	St. John Catholic Church in Collier
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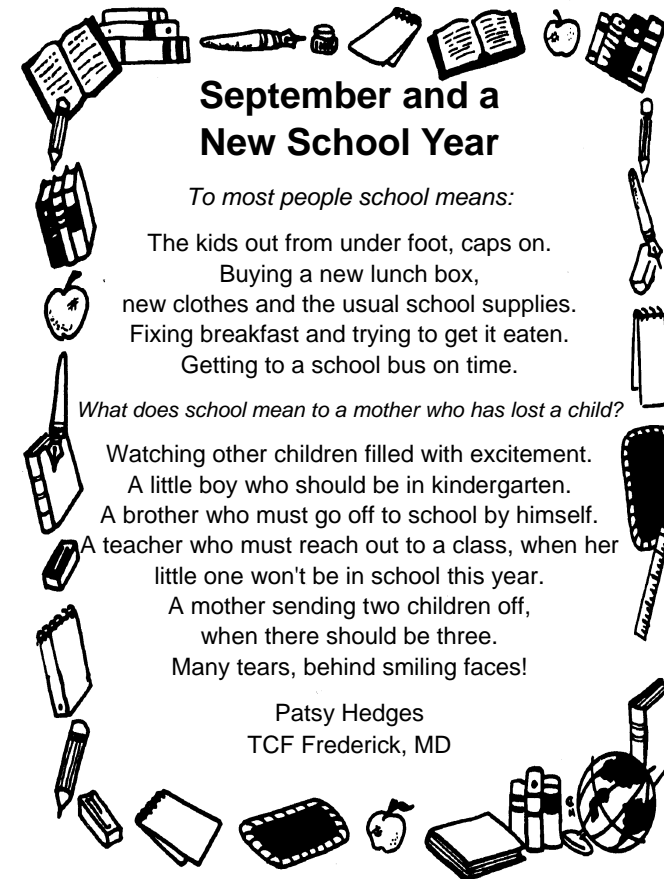
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The Compassionate Friends
Southwest Florida Chapter
Supporting Family After a Child Dies



September and a New School Year

To most people school means:

The kids out from under foot, caps on.
Buying a new lunch box,
new clothes and the usual school supplies.
Fixing breakfast and trying to get it eaten.
Getting to a school bus on time.

What does school mean to a mother who has lost a child?

Watching other children filled with excitement.
A little boy who should be in kindergarten.
A brother who must go off to school by himself.
A teacher who must reach out to a class, when her
little one won't be in school this year.
A mother sending two children off,
when there should be three.
Many tears, behind smiling faces!

Patsy Hedges
TCF Frederick, MD

TCF Mission Statement

The Mission of The Compassionate Friends:

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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