



The Compassionate Friends

Southwest Florida Chapter Supporting Family After a Child, Sibling or Grandchild Dies

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29th Annual Candle Lighting

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Sunday, December 11th we gathered at St. John the Evangelist church and honored our Children, Siblings and Grandchildren by displaying their photos, reading their 121 names, (8 of those had 2016 "Sunsets") and lighting their candles. Personalized ornaments were given and there were over 210 people in attendance. TCF Chapters across the World participate in this event by lighting their chapter candle at 7:00 pm in their time zone.

So many people work countless hours to make this happen and I am proud to be a part of it. I would love to list the names of all that helped but I will miss someone and I just don't have the room here to do so. Please know that we appreciate every single person who has worked to make this event happen. It started in July with a group getting together to start the planning, deciding on the type of candle/ornaments, length and content of the program and other logistic items. Then we had work nights spearheaded by our Chairperson-Rylee & Xavier's mom-Janet and her steadfast assistant their Mimi-June. Those 2 spent countless hours painting and repainting the angel ornaments. Then came the candles-they were a challenge at times but at our 2 work nights so many showed up to help that we got a lot done. June & Janet still had to work many more hours to finish but in the end everyone had a candle.

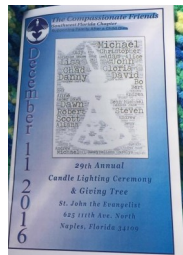
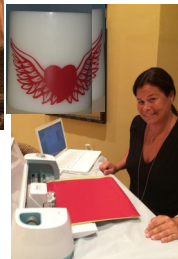
Mailing of the invitations was completed in an hour, the programs were created, printed and stapled with love. Many came and "Set Up" and then "Cleaned Up" on the big day. Families brought food representing their loved ones favorite dishes and gifts for our Giving Tree. Chris's mom-Alicia has sent out the many "Thank You's" for the many donations.



Centerpieces from Ethan & Lily's dad-George



Candle/Ornament Work Night



Our programs— created by David's mom-Anne & Jennifer's mom-Donna
Generously printed by Gloria, Mindy & Victoria's family-The Marzanos

Phone a Compassionate Friend

Need someone to talk to? We are not counselors but we do understand in a way others do not. These people have volunteered to be available to you. We have listed the ages of their children and the circumstances they have experienced. You can call any of them as they are all Compassionate Friends

Mark Hutchison, 239-825-0230 son Patrick, 19 years old, died from shot gun

Linda Merced, 239 848-2601, lost 2 sons, Christian J., 26 years old brain blood hemorrhage & James C. 2 1/2 years old, heart

Caren Plotkin 239-273-6106 daughter Shelli 26 years old died from brain tumor

Frank Daniher 239-287-1559, son Mark died at 47 as the result of medical errors made after heart surgery

Donna Goldstein 239-676-1825, son Mark died at 28 from alcoholism

Marissa Zapatka 978-551-0684, sister Amber died at 27 from a motorcycle accident

MONTHLY MEETINGS

2nd Monday of Each Month

YMCA Naples

5450 YMCA Rd, Naples, FL 34109

7:00-8:30 pm

Sunrises of our Chapter's children are read at this meeting.

4th Saturday of Each Month

Unity Church of Bonita Springs

28285 Imperial Pkwy,

Bonita Springs, FL 34135

9:00-10:30 am

Sunsets of our Chapter's children are read at this meeting.

We also have two

"Go Out to Eat Groups"

Girls Night Out is the 1st Tuesday of each month locations change check our Meetup or Facebook page @ 6:00 pm

Guys Night is the 2nd Thursday of the month at Ruby Tuesdays, 8777 Tamiami Trail N, Naples @ 6:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 5th—Steering Committee Mtg, 6:30
- Jan 3rd - Girls Night Out-6:00, Stir Crazy Coconut Point Mall
- Jan 9th Chptr Mtg YMCA, 7:00
- Jan 12th - Guys Night Out, 6:30 Ruby Tuesdays
- Jan 28th - Chptr Mtg Untiy 9:00
- Feb 7th - Girls Night Out-6:00, TBA
- Feb 9th - Guys Night Out, 6:30 Ruby Tuesdays
- Feb 13th - Chptr Mtg YMCA, 7:00
- Feb 25th - Chptr Mtg Unity 9:00
- Chapter Walk of Remembrance TBA
- July 28-30 National TCF Conference, Orlando, FL
- Be sure to check our website for more information about upcoming events!

OUR CHILDREN LOVED & REMEMBERED

SUNRISES

OCTOBER

- 1st - **Keala Howard** daughter of Robert Howard
- 2nd - **Ernest Robert Ferraro** son of Ernie & Beatrice Ferraro
- 3rd - **Tanner Cullen Browning** son of Thad Browning
- 4th - **Ashley Erin Kelly** daughter of Tom & Sherri Kelly
- 6th - **Kevin Edward Branning** son of Mary Ann Branning Johnson
- 9th - **Malissa Balcom** daughter of Pamela Balcom
- 9th - **Heidi Schmidt** daughter of Dick & Elda Schmidt
- 9th - **Frank Rahilly** brother of June Congero
- 10th - **Christopher Davis** son of Ron & Judy Davis
- 11th - **Jason Balcom** son of Pamela Balcom
- 13th - **Marc Charles Krantz** son of Byron & Joan Krantz
- 13th - **Tyler McKay Longoria** son of Shelly Pedersen
- 15th - **Debbie Couture** daughter of Julia Turesky
- 18th - **Remy Bumsted** son of Patti & Roy Bumsted
- 18th - **Mike Cummings** son of Mary Cummings
- 19th - **Jeffrey David Metcalfe** son of David & Janet Metcalfe
- 21st - **Disney Lynn Pfeiffer** daughter of Donna & John Pfeiffer
- 22nd - **Clint Beatty** son of Karen Lutgen Beatty
- 24th - **Melissa Carolyn Heinly** daughter of Sharon Matson
- 25th - **Kamyn Jodeci** son of Teresa Bright
- 29th - **Jonathan Guffey** son of Rebecca Guffey

NOVEMBER

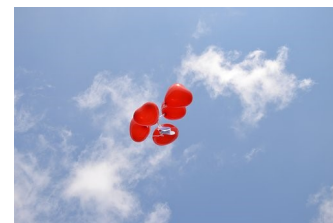
- 1st - **Dean** son of Ozzie & Marcia Santos
- 1st - **Marc David Magrone** son of Michael & Dianne Magrone
- 2nd - **Thomas "Tom" Stephen Lossia** son of Angela Lossia
- 3rd - **Joy Elizabeth Barley** daughter of Donna Barley
- 3rd - **Phil Santos** son of Ozzie & Marcia Santos
- 5th - **Lee Roberts** son of Leah Stirrat
- 5th - **Allana Norton** daughter of Donald Norton
- 7th - **Andrea Felton** daughter of Vivian & Bill Belchler
- 8th - **Charlie Boggio** son of Larry & Lucy Boggio
- 9th - **Maximillian Raymond Krumm** son of Laura & Terry Krumm
- 10th - **Greg B. Williams** son of Lloyd & Judy Williams
- 11th - **Corey Lee Lattimore** son of Jodee Banter, grandson of Marcia & Bill Martin
- 12th - **Vincent Lee Barbera** son of Vincent James Barbera
- 12th - **Evan Weeks** son of Robin & Jim Weeks
- 13th - **Barry Alan Belyea** son of Sue W. Bernier
- 13th - **Collin Michael Creed** son of Terese Walker
- 16th - **Michael Paul Potter** son of Art & Carolyn Potter
- 18th - **Priscila Pentead** daughter of Joana Pentead
- 20th - **Kalin Marie King** daughter of Edie & Tom King
- 20th - **Jonathan Richard Yurewitch** son of Margie & John Yurewitch
- 22nd - **Kira Chandler** daughter of Mike & Jamie Chandler

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- 23rd - **Rebekah Kosten** daughter of Dan & Holly Kosten
- 23rd - **Steven Eric Kurtz** brother of Susie Kurtz, son of Marge Kurtz
- 23rd - **Andrew Carr Howard** son of Mary Moran
- 23rd - **Thomas Joseph Lane** son of William & Elizabeth Lane
Brother of Emma, Christian, Kathleen, Billy, Chris, Devin & Brooklyn
- 25th - **Robert Eugene "Gene" Doyle, Jr.** son of Robin & Kris Doyle
- 27th - **Danny Costa** son of Nile Castro Costa

DECEMBER

- 1st - **Michael Lawrence Weinstein** son of Christine & Matthew Weinstein
- 1st - **Dawn Corzatt** daughter of Jan Lascola
- 5th - **Shea Juliet Maurer** daughter of DeAnna Testasecca
- 8th - **Greg Grappone** son of Bev & Bob Grappone
- 9th - **Daniel T. Giampa** son of Joel & Cathy Giampa
- 9th - **Michael Lawlor** son of Jean & Larry Lawlor
- 10th - **Jena J. Alstad** daughter of Joy & Edward Engstrom
- 10th - **Jennifer Mahar Jenkins** daughter of Sharon Mahar, sister of Melissa Ringer
- 10th - **Jessica Leigh Skelnik** daughter of Lisa A. Shanks
- 11th - **Daniella Alexander Pantoja** sister of Jennifer Pantoja
- 12th - **Nicholas P. Abounader** son of George Abounader & Joan Freyre
- 12th - **Roy "Bo" Austin Rogers, Jr.** son of Kay Howerton
- 12th - **Rebecca J. Moots** daughter of Patricia Trumps
- 13th - **Wesley Longfellow** son of John & Sarah Longfellow
- 14th - **Tara Heidi Simenauer Pond** daughter of Jackie Simenauer
- 14th - **Kristie Nicole Donlon** daughter of Jean Wilson
- 15th - **Linda Petrillo** daughter of Connie & John Petrillo
- 16th - **Noah Samuel Grindstaf Costa** son of Robin Hurdle
- 16th - **Doug Miller** son of Curt & Doreen Miller
- 18th - **Richard Waltermire** son of Harry & Jane Waltermire
- 22nd - **Adam German** son of Nancy German Crosby & Donald Crosby
- 22nd - **Marc Anthony Jacques** son of Alana & James Maloney
- 22nd - **Keith Sexton** son of Tim & Ginny Sexton
- 24th - **Juliana Alexandra Bery** daughter of Yuri & Luessa Bery
- 24th - **Scott Labuziensi** son of Joe & Sue Labuziensi
- 24th - **Ronnie Sauce, Jr.** son of Ron & Pat Sauce, brother of Shelly Olsen
- 27th - **Justin Stephen Baker** son of Nancy Mendell
- 30th - **Barbara Ellen Conti** daughter of Mary Ellen Conti



OUR CHILDREN REMEMBERED

SUNSETS

OCTOBER

- 2nd - **Carmen Suzanne Paszek** daughter of Denise Paszek
3rd - **Tyler A. Thompson** son of Robert & Jill Thompson
3rd - **Jesse James Watlington** son of Alda & Chuck Watlington
8th - **Shayne Murray** son of Patti Threlkeld
9th - **Lynne Faragher** daughter of Sheila Faragher
10th - **Daniel Rivera Carvajal** son of Roger & Beatriz Filipiak
12th - **Jena J. Alstad** daughter of Joy & Edward Engstrom
12th - **Gloria Marzano** daughter of Victor & Eleanor Marzano
15th - **Tanya Rane Mitchell** daughter of Teresa & Dennis Mitchell
17th - **Brandon Garner** son of Rod & Barbara Garner
17th - **James Guffey** son of Rebecca Guffey
17th - **Christian J. Santos-Merced** son of Linda Merced
17th - **Keagan Anthony-Wade Schweikle** son of Dominic Schweikle
25th - **Phillip** son of Lisa Harle
25th - **Caitlyn Landers** daughter of Don & Sandy Landers
27th - **Reggie Destin** son of Marcelle Raff
30th - **James L. Duffany** son of Marcia & Joe Dehnick
30th - **Brianna N. Dwyer** daughter of Karen N. Dwyer, Phd.
31st - **Richard Earl "Richie" Marquis** grandson of Sue W. Bernier, son of Linda Belyea Spurlock

NOVEMBER

- 1st - **Mark Stephen Cooledge** son of Shirley & John Cooledge
5th - **Mitchel Michael Hutter** son of Susan Hutter
6th - **Sean Michael Stewart** son of Ron Stewart
8th - **Troy Goode** son of Sally & Jimmy Jones
9th - **Maureen Lynne Blackburn** daughter of Lois & Mike Blackburn
10th - **Oliver Axer** son of Margarethe Neumann
12th - **Zoran Curic-Krulj** son of Silvana & Goran Krulj
13th - **Kyle D. Rand** son of Glen & Rosemarie Roberts
14th - **Scott Labuzienski** son of Joe & Sue Labuzienski
14th - **Jeffrey David Metcalfe** son of David & Janet Metcalfe
14th - **Perry Bracuti** son of Norman & Elayne Planer
16th - **Jimmy Vanhoy** brother of Kathy Coleman, son of Bob & Louise Vanhoy
17th - **Robert Eugene "Gene" Doyle, Jr.** son of Robin & Kris Doyle
19th - **Jeffrey Charles Basso** son of Joseph & Catherine Madigan
22nd - **Michael Danos** son of Harry & Kitty Danos
23rd - **Noah Costa** son of Robin Hurdle
23rd - **Michael Lawlor** son of Jean & Larry Lawlor
23rd - **Shea Juliet Maurer** daughter of DeAnna Testasecca

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- 24th - **Joy Elizabeth Barley** daughter of Donna Barley
24th - **Betsy Moran** daughter of Patti Moran
25th - **Doug Miller** son of Curt & Doreen Miller
27th - **Matheus Flor** son of Marcia & Bill Flor

DECEMBER

- 3rd - **Mindy Marzano** daughter of Eleanor & Victor Marzano
7th - **Hugo Castro** son of Nile Castro Costa
8th - **David Valentine Schultz III** son of Pam Schultz
8th - **Glenn Boggio** brother of Larry Boggio
9th - **Christopher Davis** son of Ron & Judy Davis
10th - **Heidi Schmidt** daughter of Dick & Elda Schmidt
11th - **Corey Lee Lattimore** son of Jodee Banter, grandson of Marcia & Bill Martin
11th - **Cory Gotti** grandson of Is Cloak
12th - **Stephanie Lorraine Billings Williams** daughter of Sharon H. Billings
12th - **Adrienne Renee Hernandez** daughter of Marcy & Jeff Sagorac, Granddaughter of Caridad & Mario Perez
16th - **Daniel Joseph Quinn** son of Mary Jo Landers
17th - **Isaiah Laguerre** son of Shinotte & Andre Laguerre
18th - **Tatha Carli** daughter of Nancy Lochner
19th - **Mellissa Vevalo** daughter of Kathy Parker
20th - **Christian John DeMarco** son of Gus DeMarco
21st - **Adam German** son of Nancy German Crosby & Donald J. Crosby
23rd - **Ryan Smith** son of Jennifer & Curtis Smith
24th - **Phillip J. Carulli** son of Annette Carulli
24th - **Christopher Daly** son of John & Naomi Daly
25th - **Andy Edds** son of Jeannie & Vance Hart
26th - **Dell Merryman** son of JoAnn Brown
27th - **Steven Eric Kurtz** son of Marge Kurtz, brother of Susie Kurtz
28th - **Marc Charles Krantz** son of Byron & Joan Krantz
30th - **Nicole Lorraine Chapman** daughter of Janet & Ron Chapman
30th - **Jennifer Mahar Jenkins** daughter of Sharon Mahar, sister of Melissa Ringer



If we have made any errors in your child's information we sincerely apologize or if you would prefer not to have your loved one's name listed here please contact us at our email or visit our Website under "Resource" fill out updated member form so we can honor all of our children

Siblings

Second Anniversary

Yes, I'm an adult over 40
And Tom, little brother, was 25
When he died returning from his bar exam.
So what? Does grief have an end age?
Does someone 40 plus not die too losing a
sweet small playmate?
I see him learning to roller skate
I'm running beside the bike;
First game of the Cardinals' season
And, scared, in the stands,
A "gorilla" running wild.
Sleepy, at a drive-in, running around the zoo.

All that, and as an adult, I knew him too.
At graduations,
Proud in his own pad
Pouring Spanish champagne.
Tireless breaking wood feeding a hungry
campfire
Cooking eggs for all, sharing dreams.
This sibling remembers and grieves.

Jeanne Brady, TCF Olathe, KS

Grandparents

Grief and the Family

Because each person's grief journey is unique, many bereaved grandparents find they are grieving much differently than their spouse and other family members. Grief can affect the family dynamic, as everyone processes their grief at different speeds and in different ways. Each grandparent had their own relationship with their grandchild and will likely have their own way of grieving as well, which may create added stress within the family relationships. There is no right or wrong way to grieve and there are no time tables. Communication, understanding and patience with one another are critical while on the grief journey.

The Grief of Grandparents TCF Brochure

Please consider submitting something for our SIBLING, GRANDPARENTS OR PARENTS articles. A story, poem or thoughts that you may feel will help others would be very much appreciated.

North Fort Myers Group

" Our new Fort Myers/Cape Coral chapter has been meeting the third Monday of the month since June at Messiah Lutheran Church on NE Pine Island Road. The church has allowed us use of their Family Center Bldg at no charge which we are sincerely grateful for.

We have been averaging 12 parents at our meetings which I think is a tremendous start. We have also formed a Steering Committee with 3 families taking on this leadership role.

A special shout out, of course, goes to your Naples chapter and the continued support and advice that has been given.

We enjoyed being a part of the Candlelighting Ceremony.

PARENTS: Candles in December

My sadness seems reflected in the music that I hear...
Every young one's glowing face reminds me you're not here.
Shoppers crowd the festive stores; emotions all run high
This world I was a part of once, before that sad July.

This season's meant for happy times; for love, warm hearts, and cheer.

But grieving families 'round the world remember those not here.
We struggle through the season, lighting candles to proclaim
Our children aren't forgotten, 'round the world our candles flame.
I slowly pass through gates thrown wide one clear, cold Christmas Day.

No toys or playthings do I bring - those gifts of yesterday.
I carry with me just a polished heart of granite made
And walk with grief to where she lies in a silent, silvered glade.

"Merry Christmas, love," I whisper — the quiet words seem so forlorn.
"I've brought my heart for you to keep, my gift this Christmas morn.
It is filled with all my love, though this one's carved of stone...
I'll place it here — it will be near — you'll never be alone."

We parents don't forget, my love; this month we will unite
To honor all we'll light a wall of candles through the night.
The world will know our memories glow with love that's deep and true
We'll stand as one, and 'fore it's done the Heavens will know, too.

Please keep my gift, beloved child, close to where you lie,
And know my love surrounds you 'til the day I too shall die.
On the tenth of December my candle's flame will light
I pray you'll see the love we'll free into the starry night.

Sally Migliaccio

Foundations & Donations

Each quarter we will give the detailed information the first time we are made aware of a foundation or cause in honor of your child, grandchild or sibling and then add to our running list.

"Blessings From Andy" is the book I have written about how my son Andy helped me along the early grief journey and let me know that he is still alive in spirit and aware of my life. Andy's signs and dreams convinced me that there is an afterlife, something I want to share with other bereaved parents. The book is available on Amazon, Createspace and from me, Mary Crook Moran.

If you have a foundation you have established in honor of your child, sibling or grandchild please share your foundations information with us at swflcf@live.com

Others we know of are: www.stevermmlerhopefoundation.org www.safehealthychildren.org
www.genedoyle.org www.lightningfoundation.org www.butterfliesofhope.com
www.safehealthychildren.org/category/water-safty/life-jacket-loaner-program

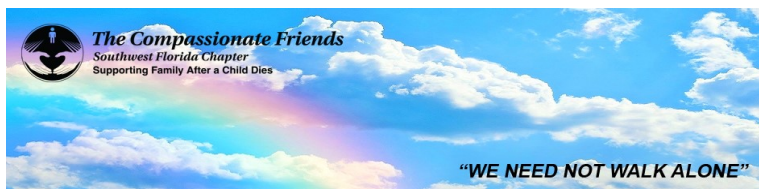
The Jonathan Yurewitch Memorial Fund is set up at the Fifth Third Bank under that name

The House of Hope CDC remarkable Music Room infor@thehouseofhopecdc.org

On FACEBOOK search for Ethan and Lily Foundation, Butterflies of Hope, The Mighty Mikey Foundation, Brook's Legacy Animal Rescue, Just Against Drowning

DONATIONS: Given in honor of: Rylee & Xavier Andersen from June & Joe Congero **Barry Belyea & Richie Marquis** from Sue Belyea, **Amanda Jane Bolten** "with love" from Brenda Baker/Alembia, **Wendy Murphy Burke** "The day our daughter died we became a part of this circle of love." from Nancy & Bill Murphy, **Luke Joseph Burns** "Luke is LOVED eternally by family & friends." from David & Ellen Burns, **Phillip Joseph Carulli** "The best things are not things. We love you Phil XO" from Annette Carulli, **Christian Vincent Castaldo** "Love, The Castaldo Family" from Lorraine Castaldo, **Nicole Lorraine Chapman** "You are always in our hearts - miss you so much. Love, Mom, Dad, Kevin & Faye" from Ron & Jan Chapman, **Mark Richard Daniher** "For our beautiful kids" from Frank & Kit, **Christopher A. Davis** "With all our love, Mom & Dad" from Ronald & Judy Davis, **Joshua Darrel Dziedzic** from Barbara & Paul Dziedzic **Matheus Flor** from Marcia Flor, **Jane Francis Fodale** "I loved Jane like there was no tomorrow. And then one day...there wasn't!" from Patricia Yasbeck Pike **Danny Giampa** "Love and issuing you everyday Danny always with us." from Joel & Cathy Giampa, **Mark David Broman Goldstein** "Loving, generous, compassionate, creative, beautiful free spirit." from Donna and Richard Goldstein, **Cory Gotti** "You left me, but you didn't tell my heart how to live without you. Grandma" from Is Cloak, **Carolyn Diann Gralewski** "Merry Christmas Carolyn, we love and miss you to the moon and back. Mom & Dad" from Richard & Phyllis Gralewski, **Vince Hanley** from Richard & Paula Hanley, **Ethan & Lil Herrera** from George Herrera, **Marc Anthony Jacques** from James & Alana Maloney, **Michael Joyce II** "For our beloved son who loved the Lord. How we miss you. John 14:1 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, Believe also in me" we love you." from Mike & Maureen Joyce, **Maximillan Raymond Krumm** from Laura and Terry Krumm, **Corey Lee Lattimore** from Jodee Banter, **Marc D. Magrone** from Michael & Dianne Magrone, **Gloria, Victoria & Mindy Marzano** "Love You & Miss You" from Eleanor Marzano, **Joseph Mark McCann** "In memory of Joe" from Lynne McCann, **Ian Stanley McFarlane** from Leslie Bruner, **Brian McWilliams** from John & Dianne McWilliams, **Christian J. & James C. Santos-Merced** "My Sons, be now Angels, in a place I'm not allowed to go. Come visit in my dreams, to let me know...You remember...Our Love TwiggysWorld/16 from Linda Merced, **Andrew G. Milne** "May all who need us find us and all who find us be helped. For All t"he Siblings around the world from Tracy & Acey Edgemon, **Rebecca Moots** from Patricia Trumps, **Molly & Betsy Moran** from Patti Moran, Disney Pfeiffer "In memory of our daughter Disney" from John & Donna Pfeiffer, **Michael Paul Potter** "Mikey" from Art & Carol Potter, **Bo Rogers** from Kay Howerton, **Stephen Robert Rummeler (Steve)** from Judy and Bill Rummeler, **Keagan Anthony Wade Schweikle** from Tony Schweikle & Phyllis Alden, **Michelle Lynn Smith** "You have helped many people, including us" from Carole & Bill Kerr, **Evan C. Weeks** "Thank you SWFLTCF for your emotional support." from The Weeks Family, **Jonathan Richard Yurewitch** "you are always loved and missed, an never, ever forgotten." from John & Margie Yurewitch, **Jeffrey Basso** from Kate & Joe Madigan, **Tatha Carli** "Thank you for sharing his memory." from Nanci Lochner, **Maureen Lynne Blackburn** "Thank you for all your help" from Lois & Mike Blackburn, **Michael H. Eaton** from Jean & Fred Eaton, **John C. Eckhold, III** "As long as I breathe, you will be remembered." from John & Peggy Eckhold, **Rachel Ann Helton** "Thank you for your support during difficult times, and always saying her name to recognize her Sunrise & Sunset." from Jackie Starkloff, **Tracey Henault Kleinpell** "Beloved daughter-Awesome sister to Tina, Amazing Aunt to jaen & Jeremy" from Donna & George Henault, **Charles D. Kuntz, MD** from Dr. Charles & Marilyn Kuntz, **Christopher Mobley** from Bob & Alicia Mobley, **Marcy, Dean & Phil Santos** from Marcia and Ozzie Santos, **Jessica Leigh Skelnik** "Thank you for all you do." from Lisa A. Shanks, **Adrienne Hernandez** from Mario & Caridad Perez, **Griffin Daniel Shaw** from Dennis & Susan Shaw, **Adam German** from Donald & Nancy Crosby, **Corey Lee Lattimore** from Bill & Marcia Martin, **Mike Cummings** from Mary Cummings, **Kristie Nicole Donlon** from Jean Wilson, **Daniel Joseph Quinn** from Mary Jo Landers, **Nany Searle Cavanaugh** from Derek Cavanaugh

**THANK YOU ALL- Your donations make it possible for us to continue to be with grieving families so
"WE NEED NOT WALK ALONE"**



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PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Our Mission

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.

Note from the Editor: This is YOUR newsletter! We want to make this more personal by sharing our stories, our pain, and our successes. If you have things to share or suggestions please send us an email.

Hugs-Benjamin & Michael's mom-Linda

STEERING COMMITTEE - COME BE A PART Thursday, January 5th

6:30 pm @ Sovran Management Company, 5692 Strand Ct, Naples, FL 34110

We have a wonderful group of committed people, parents and a grandparent that are currently on our Steering Committee but we would love to have more. Your input in what is happening is so appreciated and wanted. All chapter members are welcome. Without a Steering Committee the Co-Leaders couldn't do this alone. Our chapter is very active providing social events in addition to our two regular meetings every month. As a chapter we are chairing the Hospitality Room at the 2017 National Conference next summer and are hoping to help offset costs for our members to attend the conference.

Our Chapter Co-Leader's, Patrick's parents-Chrissy & Mark's term is ending this December and Benjamin & Michael's mom-Linda has 1 more year to serve. We will need new people to take over in this area. With all that has been done and the support of the Steering Committee it is not a huge job.

If you have any questions send us an email at swflcf@live.com or call our chapter phone 239-690-7801



The Compassionate Friends is pleased to announce that Orlando, Florida, will be the site of the 40th TCF National Conference on July 28-30, 2017. "Rays of Sunshine, Oceans of Hope" is the theme of next year's event, which promises more of this year's great National Conference experience. The 2017 Conference will be held at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek. We'll keep you updated with details on the national website as well as on our TCF/USA Facebook Page and elsewhere as they become available. Plan to come and be a part of this heartwarming experience.

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SIBLINGS: There are resources for you. TCF is committed to reaching out to Siblings so you do NOT feel like the forgotten grievers. The upcoming National Conference in Orlando is promising to have very special things for siblings. Start planning now to attend. Reach out to other siblings on the closed Facebook page "Sounds of Siblings" or other resources on the internet. We love you!!!