

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

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Monthly Meeting

Always the *second Monday* of the month.

April 14, 2008

Program: Celebrate the Children

Concert performed by Alan Pedersen

Meeting Time & Location:

7:00 PM

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

22 Fisher Road, Brevard, NC

**Compassionate Friends
A Safe Place to Talk**



There is a need to talk, without trying to give reasons. No reason is going to be acceptable when you hurt so much. A hug, the touch of a hand, expressions of concern, a willing listener was and still is the things that helped the most. The people who were the greatest help were not judgmental. It's most helpful when people understand that what is needed is to talk about it and that this is part of the grief process.

*In remembering our children,
In sharing with each other,
In supporting each other,
We ease our pain,
We share each step,
We help smooth the road,
And we serve as witnesses to
The fact that we can make it
Beyond grief...*

Roy F. Peterson
TCF/Lexington, KY

**We acknowledge the following Love Gifts
with sincere gratitude and deep
appreciation:**

**In Memory of Justin Blake Case
Nickname "Frog".
~ by Rose Riddle**

TCF OF BREVARD CHAPTER NEWS



Hello Everyone!

I pray and hope you all had a very Peaceful and Happy Easter holiday.

I can't believe that the time is here for all of us to finally hear the Celebrate The Children concert performed by Alan Pedersen. We are all looking forward to a wonderful evening. I hope you can all make it to the concert.

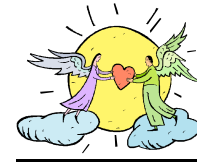
If you come, please remember to bring some finger foods to share as part of our refreshments for after the concert. I wish I could tell you how many will be in attendance, since we have opened this to the public. The chapter will provide the drinks and some additional goodies. I am sure we will have plenty.

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Coming to the first meeting is the hardest, but you have nothing to lose and everything to gain! Try not to judge your first meeting as to whether or not The Compassionate Friends will work for you. At the next meeting you may find just the right person or just the right words said that will help you in your grief work.

TO OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE FURTHER DOWN THE "GRIEF ROAD"

We need your encouragement and your support. Each meeting we have new parents. THINK BACK – what would it have been like for you at your first meeting if there had not been any TCF "veterans" to welcome you, share your grief, encourage you and tell you, "your pain will not always be this bad, it really does get better!"



Heaven

When the whispering winds blow through my window at night, I can hear your voice riding on them, drowning my ears with the sweet sound of your song. It's like a lullaby I remember from my childhood, innocent murmurs of love, faith and hope. My dreams are filled with visions of your beautiful smile and the glimmer in your eyes. The heavens must be even more perfect now that you're there. And I can't help but be jealous of the stars and the angels, for they are blessed with your unforgotten heart and soul every day for eternity. I can't tell you how I miss every second I spent with you. And I can't tell you how much I long to be with you again. I can't tell you how much I love you and how much you mean to me. Every night and every day, whenever I put my hands together and look to the heavens, when I talk to you in my prayers, I hope more than anything the you remember me, and that you watch over me and all the good and bad things that I do. I know that I can feel you inside me and I know that I always will.

**In Memory of
Justin Blake Case
1982 – 1999
From Mom (Rose Riddle)
and Cameron**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The **April** Newsletter is dedicated to the memory of all our children...gone too soon...but never forgotten.

We Remember their **Birthday** and their **Angel** Dates.



Our Children Remembered:

- Justine Blake Case** – 10/16/82 ~ **04/08/99**
- Jose Luis Santos** – 05/15/72 ~ **04/14/02**
- Brien Patrick McCall** – **04/24-78** ~ 09/08/07
- Denise L. Skogen** – **04/24-59** ~ 11/2004
- Erik Gollnick** – 12/05/77 ~ **04/25/97**
- Robert Jason Morgan** – **04/28/79** – 03/21/81

Every month at our chapter meeting, we provide a birthday table. In the month of your child's birthday, if you are ready to do so, please bring pictures and small mementos of your child to place on the table. You may also bring a favorite cake, cookies, or other snacks, flowers, candles or balloons for the table in memory of your child. We do this to celebrate our children's lives and to share their special day with others who understand. **Just let me know ahead of time.**

Love Gifts are a tax-deductible donation of money, library books or equipment made to the chapter in memory of a child, or as a memorial gift on the death of a friend or relative. Love Gifts are a 'living memorial' on anniversaries of birth or death, holidays, special occasions or 'just because'. All contributions go directly into continuing the work of The Compassionate Friends. Thank you for your generous support!

In Memory of:

From:

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EMPTY PLACES

I drove the old way yesterday.
It'd been a while, you see.
And there, without a warning,
the pain washed over me.
I drove the old way yesterday
and sadness came on strong,
taken back by so much feeling,
since you've been gone so long.
Places seem to lie in wait
to summon up the tears,
to say remember yesterday,
those days when you were here.
Places where you laughed and played
are places where I cry.
These places hold the memories
that will live as long as I.
by Genesse Gentry, TCF, Marin Cty CA



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