



The Compassionate Friends Brevard Chapter

A self-help organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents

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If you have never been to a TCF meeting, you could be missing a gift that can help sustain you through the worst time of your life. Each member is part of a whole, fitting into a new space in a new existence. As much as you may not want to admit it, your life has changed and it will never be the same. It is difficult to find a place for the new you, or what is left of you. What better place to be than with other parents going through the same thing. No one can understand your pain like a TCF parent.

Meetings are once a month and for some, that is not enough. That is why it is important for members to communicate with each other, befriend one another and help one another. During the quiet days and nights, when the sorrow feels overwhelming, just talking to someone that is willing to listen and understand, can help. If you come to a meeting and you don't want to share, that is ok. You share about your child when you are ready. If you need to cry, we have plenty of tissues handy. If you need a hug, there are arms to wrap around you. You are not alone.

Monthly Meeting

Always the 2nd Monday
of the month

September 12, 2011

7:00 PM at the

**The Lutheran Church of
the Good Shepherd**
22 Fisher Rd. Brevard

This Month's Topic

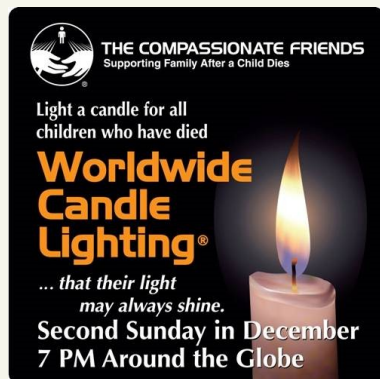
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It is never too early to mark your calendar for the Compassionate Friends Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting scheduled for December 11, 2011. The event will take place at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd at 22 Fisher Rd. Brevard. Come... share in an event that will allow you to honor your child with illumination that will be shared around the world.

3rd ANNUAL DANIEL FURR MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT *at Conneestee Falls*

For more information and to register on-line visit:

www.danielfurrmemorialgolf.com

Saturday, October 22, 2011 9 AM Start

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:

- 18 Holes of Golf w/Cart
- Range Balls
- Goodie Bag
- Raffle Ticket
- Awards BBQ Picnic

PRIZES:

- Hole in One
- Longest Drive
- Closest to Pin
- Winning Team
- Runner Up Team
- 10 Raffle Prizes

ENTRY FEE:

Adult Golfers \$55

Students (under 23) \$40

TOURNAMENT GOALS:

Proceeds will go to the J. Daniel Furr Memorial Scholarship Fund providing educational scholarships to Brevard area college students.



"The Game Daniel Loved"

ATAGAHY PARK BBQ PICNIC @ 1:30 FOR GOLFERS, SUPPORTERS and FRIENDS OF DANIEL

Player #1 _____ Fee _____ e-mail _____

Player #2 _____ Fee _____ e-mail _____

Player #3 _____ Fee _____ e-mail _____

Player #4 _____ Fee _____ e-mail _____

Please mail all registration forms with checks payable to : J.Daniel Furr Memorial Scholarship Fund

PO Box 190, Penrose, NC 28766 **PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 2011.**

Questions? Contact Joe or Sandra Furr @ 828-553-7166 or jdanielfurrfund@citcom.net

Joe and Sandra Furr invite you join them during the 3rd Annual Daniel Furr Memorial Golf Tournament

If you can not attend the tournament come out for a great BBQ picnic at 1:30.

**Compassionate friends
A safe place to talk**



"The object of good grief is to remember, not relive."
author unknown.

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.

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!"



DONATIONS

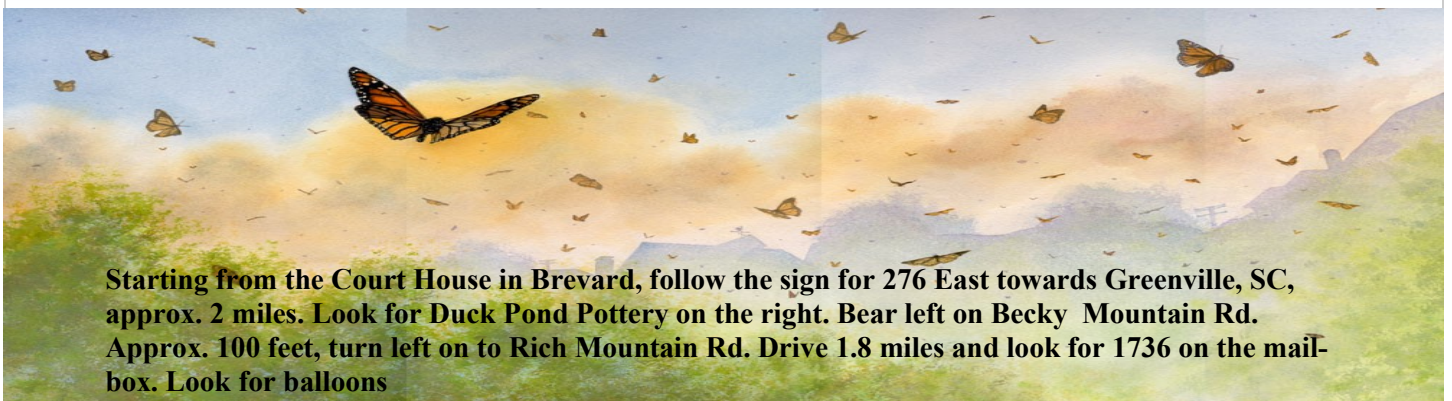
JD Bolt– in honor of his daughter Lea Lisa Bolt

**Caroline Smith in honor of her son Stephen Smith
Two books by Carol Kearns, PhD
Sugar Cookies and Nightmare**

Synopsis– When her 7-year old daughter was swept out to sea by a rogue wave in 1976, Carol Kearns thought she would lose her sanity. Trying to be strong for her 9-year old son, she met with the late Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, who taught Carol a new concept called "grief therapy", and encouraged her to become a psychologist in her own right. In this uplifting memoir, Carol recalls her 24 years as a grief specialist, corrects a misguided radio host she calls "Dr. Expert", and reveals her own battle with post traumatic stress disorder after her son, a flight surgeon, was deployed to Iraq.

Thank you to Tom and Joanne Snyder for sharing Tommy's Pizza (his favorite) to celebrate his birthday at our August meeting.

Butterfly Release Directions



Starting from the Court House in Brevard, follow the sign for 276 East towards Greenville, SC, approx. 2 miles. Look for Duck Pond Pottery on the right. Bear left on Becky Mountain Rd. Approx. 100 feet, turn left on to Rich Mountain Rd. Drive 1.8 miles and look for 1736 on the mailbox. Look for balloons



OUR CHILDREN Sunrise and Sunset Dates



*Love that can not be quenched
Our beautiful children forever remembered*

Children	Sunrise	Sunset
Amy Beth Nye Harris	9/27	
Brien Patrick McCall		9/08
Catherine Good Jolley		9/27
Daniel Harrington	9/30	
Dawn Renee Barnhisel	9/14	
Donna Sheehan		9/17
Douglas Lynch	9/05	
Joseph Adam Dempsey	9/05	
Lawrence Daniel Gabcik	9/12	
Stephanie Dawn Hoyle		9/10
Sullivan Clarke Rich	9/22	9/30
Will Atwell		9/20



Birthday Table

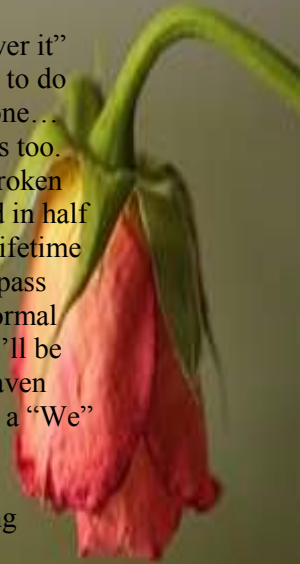
Every month at our chapter meeting, we provide a Birthday Table. In the month of your child's birthday, if you are ready to do so, please bring pictures and small mementos of your child to place on the table. You may also bring a favorite cake, cookies, or other snacks, flowers, candles or balloons for 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.

If you would like your child's picture to appear on this remembrance page or if you have a memorial you want printed, please send me an email at emp2001@yahoo.com with their picture as an attachment in a jpeg or bmp. format.

A Broken Heart

I will never "get over it"
 Don't tell me what to do
 My little one is gone...
 And a part of me is too.
 My heart is ever broken
 My soul has snapped in half
 My pain will last a lifetime
 Until my turn to pass
 This is my new normal
 And forever now I'll be
 Until I get to Heaven
 And the "I" becomes a "We"

Denise M. King



I spent his whole life loving him, I will spend the
 rest of mine missing him

Excerpt The Aftermath

A year is numbered with the past.
 Where once we roamed alone I stand.
 The barren fields of stubble lie,
 Rain-sodden, drear, on either hand.
 As severed flower your head lies low;
 Alike in vain my grief, my prayer.
 Ah, love, your youth and beauty bright,
 Death, the grim gleaner, would not spare!

J. Torrey Conner

The mention of my child's name
 May bring tears to my eyes,
 But it never fails to bring
 ...Music to my ears.
 If you are really my friend,
 Let me hear the beautiful music of his
 name.
 It soothes my broken heart
 And sings to my soul.
 Author Unknown

2011 National Ovarian Cancer's Coalition

Run to Break the Silence September 17th

In honor of
 Dawn Barnhisel
 daughter of
 Linda and Bill Muir

"Team Dawn" will participate
 in the event in
 Sacramento, California.

Donations can be made in
 honor of Dawn at

<http://www.active.com/donate/ovari->



Upcoming Events and Helpful Resources

Arden Chapter of Compassionate Friends Balloon Release

Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00 pm

Arden Presbyterian Church

2215 Hendersonville Rd

R.S.V.P 693-4061

Marisol and Vickie will be leaving Brevard at 6:10 pm if anyone wants to
 join them or follow. Please bring a snack to share.

Mountain Gathering at the Smith Home

Every year Steve and Caroline Smith hosted a huge gathering of family and
 friends at their mountain cabin. The event stopped in light of the sudden
 death of Steve a couple of years ago. With the construction complete on the
 new house, Caroline has decided to open it up and continue the tradition
 that Steve so loved.

Please join her and StephanieAnne
 on October 15th.

Directions are on page 3

Love Gifts – A Way to Remember

There are no dues to belong to the Compassionate Friends, because we have already paid the ultimate price; the loss of our loved one(s). A **Love Gift** is a gift of money given in Honor of a child who has died from their family members or as a Memorial from friends. Your gifts are tax deductible and are used to reach out to other bereaved parents, grandparents, and siblings. Your gifts support this newsletter, our TCF Library, Brochures and other Chapter Expenses.

In Memory of:

From:

**TCF of Brevard
PO Box 304
Brevard, NC 28712**



*You are not forgotten my child.
I see you in the creases of my mind and I
feel you in the chambers of my heart.*

VVA



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Our Credo...

We need not walk alone. We are The Compassionate Friends. We reach out to each other with love, with understanding, and with hope.

The children we mourn have died at all ages and from many different causes, but our love for them unites us. Your pain becomes my pain, just as your hope becomes my hope.

We come together from all walks of life, from many different circumstances. We are a unique family because we represent many races, creeds, and relationships. We are young, and we are old. Some of us are far along in our grief, but others still feel a grief so fresh and so intensely painful that they feel helpless and see no hope.

Some of us have found our faith to be a source of strength, while some of us are struggling to find answers. Some of us are angry, filled with guilt or in deep depression, while others radiate an inner peace. But whatever pain we bring to this gathering of The Compassionate Friends, it is pain we will share, just as we share with each other our love for the children who have died.

We are all seeking and struggling to build a future for ourselves, but we are committed to building a future together. We reach out to each other in love to share the pain as well as the joy, share the anger as well as the peace, share the faith as well as the doubts, and help each other to grieve as well as to grow.

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