



**THE
COMPASSIONATE
FRIENDS**
PIKES PEAK CHAPTER
Supporting Family After a Child Dies



December, 2019

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Welcome

Our support group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to the parents, grandparents and older siblings of your loved one. We meet at the First Baptist Church downtown at 317 E. Kiowa. We understand your pain; won't you let us help you through your grief?

The death of your child is probably the most traumatic, life-changing event that you will ever experience. The Compassionate Friends is an organization of parents who have also lost a child to death. Each of us has experienced the deep, searing pain that you are feeling now. Each of us has turned to other parents who were farther into their grief journey for guidance, support and understanding. This is done through our monthly meetings, our newsletter, our website, our Telephone Friend program, our library and our e-mail program. Each month parents find our meeting to be a safe place where they can talk about their pain and problems with others who are uniquely qualified to understand; bereaved parents offer gentle suggestions or often simply listen. We invite you to bring a friend to your first few meetings until you feel a level of comfort with the group. Do not be surprised if we talk about the happy times with our children, the wonderful memories and the various methods we have created to keep our children close to us. It is here that many bereaved parents find hope as those who are more seasoned in their grief shine the light of experience to help illuminate each grief path. We have no dues. We are self-sustaining through donations and the generosity of so many in our community.

Our next meeting will be held on Dec. 19, 2019



*Steering Committee



LOVE GIFT DONATION

Costs are rising. We need your *Love Gift* to support our chapter & newsletter! If you can, please help.

I would like to make a donation: in Memory of a Chapter Gift

In loving memory of: _____

Love Gift Donation: \$ _____ Please make check payable to: The Compassionate Friends

Cut and mail this form with your Love Gift to: Ruby Doyle – 6552 Lange Dr. – Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Contributor Name & Address: _____

Relationship: Son Daughter Grandson Granddaughter Friend Other

Photo Enclosed: Yes No **Photo To Be Returned:** Yes No

Love Gift Donations

A "Love Gift" is a wonderful way to remember your child, while also helping our TCF chapter "reach out" to bereaved families. There is no charge to attend meetings, use the library, or receive the newsletter. We depend solely upon these gifts, monetary or gifts-in-kind, to support our chapter. You may choose to donate a tax deductible "Love Gift" at any time. Let us be here for the families who do not know today that they will need us tomorrow.

Our chapter exists entirely through your donations which are tax deductible. A Love Gift is money donated to the chapter in memory of your child who has died. If you feel a Love Gift is an appropriate way to honor the memory of your child, please consider a donation, large or small. Please fill out the form located in this newsletter and mail it to the address listed. All pictures submitted will be electronically scanned and added to our electronic Child Remembered "Picture Frame" displayed at monthly meetings and then returned to you.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

\$50 or more - Newsletter Sponsor. May include a full page for printing. Please remember to send your page "Copy Ready" as you would like to see it printed in the newsletter.

\$25 up to \$50 - A picture, if available, and dedication to be listed in the newsletter.

\$0 up to \$25 - A Love Gift acknowledgement. All Love Gift donations should be sent directly to our treasurer, Ruby Doyle whose address is listed on the Love Gift Donation Form. Wouldn't you like to make a dedication to your child and help our chapter?

⇒ Send Love Gifts to Ruby Doyle, 6552 Lange Drive Colorado Springs, Co 80918 ⇒

Thank you for contributing and supporting the work of our local chapter!



Chaplain Eugene Steinkirchner
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Sheila Slade
In Memory of Jean Slade

Michaela Christianson
in memory of Damon Vincent Christianson

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Our Christmas Gift to You

They often sing of Silent Night
Come this time of year
Of "All is calm" and "All is bright"
But now that you're not here
The Christmas lights and festive sounds
Seem so dim to me
There are no presents I can give
For you beneath the tree.

Our special breakfast of fresh baked rolls
Of cinnamon and frosting
Cocoa for you and coffee for me
Is something I am longing.
The excitement on your little face
As you tear into each gift
Are only memories of you I have
As every day I miss.

So now another year has passed
Without you by our side
To make this holiday a special day
For your mom and I.
We miss you now, we missed you then,
And every day it's true
Our forever love is the only gift
We now can give to you.

Stew Levett - Pikes Peak TCF

The Magic Light of Day

Often, when I think of you
it's in the morning light.
Or other times, I find that it is in the soft twilight.
Somehow in those early hours
or in the dusk of day –
I feel our connection soundly,
from your place so far away.
There's something very special
about soft and dim sunlight
that lets me know you're by my side
and everything's alright.
Not many would believe it's true,
for heaven is far away.
But all I know is – there you are,
with me every day.
You walk with me and comfort me,
and somehow let me know.
You'll guide the way along my life
and meet me when I go.

Kathie Winkler - TCF Middleburg Heights, OH



Letter to Santa

Snowflakes softly falling
upon your window they play
Your blankets snug around you,
into sleep you drift away.
I bend to gently kiss you,
when I see that on the floor
There's a letter, neatly written
I wonder who it's for.
I quietly unfold it making
sure you're still asleep,
It's a Christmas list for Santa
one my heart will always keep.
It started just as always
with the toys seen on TV,
A new watch for your father
and a winter coat for me.
But as my eyes read on
I could see deep inside
There were many things you wished for
that your loving heart would hide.
You asked if your friend Molly
could have another Dad;
It seems her father hits her
and it makes you very sad.
Then you asked dear Santa
if the neighbors down the street
Could find a job, that they might have some food,
and clothes, and heat.
You saw a family on the news
whose house had blown away,
"Dear Santa, send then just one thing,
a place where they can stay."
"And Santa, those four cookies
that I left you for a treat.
Could you take them to the children
who have nothing else to eat."
"Do you know that little bear
I have, the one I love so dear?
I'm leaving it for you to take
to Africa this year."
And as you fly your reindeer
on this night of Jesus' birth,
Could your magic bring to everyone
Goodwill and Peace on Earth."
"There's one last thing before you go,
so grateful I would be,
If you'd smile at Baby Jesus
in the manger by our tree."
I pulled the letter close to me'
I felt it melt my heart.
Those tiny hands had written
what no other could impart.
"And a little child shall lead them,"
was whispered in my ear
As I watched you sleep on Christmas Eve
while Santa Claus was here.

Author Unknown
Posted in TCF, Atlanta, GA



Remembering Our Children On Their Birthdays

Child's Name	Birthday	Compassionate Friend
Robbie Rickman	Dec 1	Jean Rickman Place
Joshua Aaron Munkirs	Dec 1	Dana & Laura Munkirs
Abraham Daniel Boukhari	Dec 2	David & Deborah Woodrow
Anthony Crisp	Dec 3	Trudy Crisp
John Doggett	Dec 7	Sandra Searles
John Walther	Dec 8	Joseph Walther
Zachary Nathaniel McClary	Dec 9	Gloria & James Olsen
Daniel Mopper	Dec 9	Pia Schalin
Daniel J. Whisler	Dec 11	JoAnn Mowdy
Trinity Sumlin	Dec 11	Sheryl Sumlin
Kirsten Amanda Teran	Dec 12	Donna Loughridge
Rachael Samulenck	Dec 12	Megan Samulenck
Kristopher Lohrmeyer	Dec 13	Dan and Lori Lohrmeyer
Christopher Clark	Dec 13	Dona Sanders
Marcus Richards	Dec 14	Martha Williams
Shawn McClelland	Dec 14	Kathy McClelland
Gavin Perez	Dec 14	Shannon Paolini
Jayden Pierce	Dec 15	Dawn Hendricks
Noelle Pearl	Dec 15	Michelle Fleming
Chris Reiter	Dec 18	Sharon Reiter
Nathaniel Hughes	Dec 19	Jim Hughes
Timothy Patrick Shea	Dec 22	Joe & Paula Shea
Katie Kennedy	Dec 23	Van & Kathy Kennedy
Nicolas Jay Broughton	Dec 23	Rose Broughton
Trevor "T.J." Franks	Dec 24	Penny Franks
Joey Urbanowicz	Dec 25	Joe Urbanowicz
Robert (Robby) George, Jr.	Dec 25	Robert & Margaret George
Rachel Rafferty	Dec 27	Gary & Kris Rafferty
Sheri Cavin	Dec 27	Alan Cavin
Noah Christian Wilder	Dec 27	Nicole Wilder
Megan Lane	Dec 28	Sandra Gail Lane
Andrew Aguilar	Dec 28	Delecia (Dee) Brooks
Joshua Samuel Shelton	Dec 28	Cherie Berglund-Hensley
Kyle Curtis Hill	Dec 28	Ursula Hill
Anthony Anselmo	Dec 28	Vicki & Frank Anselmo
Chelsey Ann Kear	Dec 29	Tami Kear
Lindsay Jean Morris	Dec 30	Linda Morris
Melody Agee	Dec 31	Ron Agee



Remembering Our Children On Their Anniversaries

Child's Name	Age	Anniversary	Compassionate Friend
Ian Izzeh	34 years	Dec 2	Tammy Haynes
Mia Allyson Gardiner	16 years	Dec 4	Peri Gardiner
Eric Sutton Skinner	19 years	Dec 4	David & Gail Skinner
Lisa Marie O'Briant	22 years	Dec 5	Gary & Mary O'Briant
Renee Lee Seiberlich	1 year	Dec 5	Joe & Leda Seiberlich
Landon Spangler	11 years	Dec 6	Emma Spangler
Ian Vincent	31 years	Dec 8	Vicky Campbell
Bryan Sasz	46 years	Dec 10	Bill, Donna & Stephanie Sash
Logan Jude Swearingen	6 years	Dec 11	Stephanie & Landon Swearing
Jackson Ahrold	9 years	Dec 12	Doug, Tina & Gretchen Blenkarn
Marc Darby	12 years	Dec 12	Lori & Steve Darby
Christopher Clark	50 years	Dec 12	Dona Sanders
Joseph Gentry Richardson	1 year	Dec 13	Miriam Gentry
Mallory Jane Hooper	5 years	Dec 13	Bill & Beth Hooper
Isaac Sartain	12 years	Dec 14	Gregory Sartain
Logan Riley		Dec 17	Heather Claypool
Ember Maria Arthur	30 years	Dec 17	Jeanette Newville
Samuel Hesselberg	17 years	Dec 18	Steve & Leanne Hesselberg
Audrina Elyse Escano	18 years	Dec 20	Chris & Christina Pearson
Anthony Anselmo	22 years	Dec 21	Vicki & Frank Anselmo
Tyler Glicken	19 years	Dec 22	Ginger Jones
Patrick Niedringhaus	18 years	Dec 22	Leah & Dave Niedringhaus
Douglas Michael Gratton	23 years	Dec 23	Luci Abrahamson
Tiffany Michele Geisbert	33 years	Dec 23	Kimberly Hougaard
Kiana Meade	14 years	Dec 23	Monica Meade
Nathan Pulham	33 years	Dec 24	Elliot Pulham
Robbie Rickman	21 years	Dec 25	Jean Rickman Place
Everly Jacobs	3 years	Dec 26	Raelyn Jacobs
Henry Rael	37 years	Dec 26	Maria Rael
Chris Reiter	28 years	Dec 27	Sharon Reiter
Kirsten Amanda Teran	23 years	Dec 28	Donna Loughridge
Ariel Allen	3 years	Dec 29	Judy Allen
Rebekah Cano Moore	20 years	Dec 29	Janis Cano
Chris Gettle	51 years	Dec 29	Kathlene Gettle
Mary Hope Burton	7 years	Dec 30	Jim & Betty Burton
Steven Bondurant	33 years	Dec 31	Karen Bondurant
Julian King	21 years	Dec 31	Carl Reese & Leonie Cramer
Matthew Flint	26 years	Dec 31	Cathy Flint
Michael Zwirlein	25 years	Dec 31	Chris Zwirlein

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