



The Compassionate Friends Pikes Peak Chapter

June 2008

TCF Pikes Peak Chapter

Upcoming Meetings and Topics

Support group meetings are at **First Baptist Church, 317 E. Kiowa**, on the third Thursday of the month, at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming meetings:

Thursday, June 19, 7:00 p.m.: **general meeting**

Thursday, July 17, 7:00 p.m.: **general meeting**

Saturday, July 19, time and location TBA: bench dedication, balloon launch



*At times our own light goes out
and is rekindled by a spark from
another person.*

*Each of us has cause to think with
deep gratitude of those who have
lighted the flame within us.*

Albert Schweitzer

If you are receiving our newsletter for the first time, it is because someone has told us that you might find it helpful. We cordially invite you to attend any of our meetings. Nothing is required of you! There are no dues or fees. You need not speak one word. Attending your first meeting does require courage, but our parents who attend find a comforting network of support, friendship, and understanding that only people who have "been there" can give.

Telephone Friends

Chapter Co-Leader.....	Laraine Anderson.	351-7653
Chapter Co-Leader.....	Stew & Leta Levett.....	531-5488
Infant Loss.....	Colleen & Art Mannon.....	535-9868
Toddler/Young Child Loss.....	Bob & Yvette Thompson.....	573-2743
Leukemia.....	Jane & Steve Gabriel.....	282-1924
Teen/Young Adult Loss.....	Barb Reynolds.....	599-0772
Suicide.....	LaRita Archibald.....	596-2575
Skateboard/Auto Accident.....	Raye Wilson.....	303-814-9478
Single Parent Grief.....	Florence Wyatt.....	328-1687



Thank you to First Baptist Church of Colorado Springs for continuing to provide the printing of our newsletters, and for their ongoing support of our group by providing our meeting space each month.



Chapter Notes

We would like to celebrate your child's birthday with you. If your child was born in the current month, we invite you to join us at our monthly meeting. Please bring a photo and/or items of your child's and share with us a story so we may honor them. Feel free to bring a birthday cake or cookies and let us celebrate the life of your child with you. Remembering our children is important to us so let us share in your memories. We had our first birthday celebration in May honoring the 17th birthday of Patty Smathers' son Jake and Patty shared her ideas of spreading "random acts of kindness." Just let us know ahead of time so we can schedule accordingly. Contact Stew or Leta at 531-5488.

The Pikes Peak Chapter of The Compassionate Friends has purchased from the city of Colorado Springs a memorial bench to be placed in Monument Valley Park and will be located near the children's playground. Though we don't have a completion date as yet, we are hoping to do an official dedication at the time of our Memorial Balloon Launch on July 19th. There will be more information at a later time.

On Saturday, May 17th, Steve McCallister and Leta Levett cleaned and re-planted our memorial garden located at Evergreen Cemetery. The garden is quite beautiful when all the roses are in bloom. You are invited to take time and visit our garden.

Stew Levett is working on a new website for our chapter that should give us some added visibility. David Derby our regional TCF coordinator and webmaster is allowing us to expand our presence on the TCF Colorado website. We are very excited about the new changes and hope to have the site functioning soon.



LOVE GIFTS



Arlene and Charles Burroughs, in loving memory of their son
James Michael Burroughs
September 29, 1951 - June 24, 1995



Remembering Our Children On Their Birthdays

The light of life never goes out, so we remember them on their birthdays....



<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of</u>			<u>Compassionate Friend</u>
	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>Cause</u>	
Madalynn Ann Bergevin	6/2005	6/3/2005	Unknown	Mollie Bergevin
Robert Beynon	6/1964	9/18/1992	Cancer	Bill & Donna Beynon
James Bishara	6/1983	4/27/2003	Lymphoma	Phebe Bishara
Patrick Clabeau	6/1982	1/4/2003	Car accident	Vince & Lori Clabeau
Kirsten Evelyn Cornell	6/1997	2/23/2007	Catastrophic cardiac event	Will & Marion Cornell
John Doles	6/1976	9/30/2005	Sniper	James & Susan Appleman
Benjamin Stewart Easton	6/1980	7/28/2002	Car accident	Susan Stewart
Jim Eley	6/1960	1/19/2004	Flu symptoms	Judy Eley
Matthew Flint	6/1978	12/31/2004	Suicide	Cathy Flint
Dennis Lynn Gerringer	6/1966	4/16/1983	Car crash - drunk driver	Kim Gerringer
Yancy Hufford	6/1976	2/11/2003		Patty & Larry Hufford
Jason Nathaniel Lurch	6/1975	5/15/1999	Murder	Kathleen & John Lurch
Andrea Mischel	6/1974	6/25/2004	Cancer	Gary & Jerri Zimmerman
Jason Bradford Pfeif	6/1980	8/1/1998	Drowning	Chris and Brad Pfeif
Jessica Robison	6/1985	3/3/2003	Car accident	Terri Robison
Jimmy Schmidt	6/1992	7/30/2005	Leukemia	Jim & Laurie Schmidt
Renee Lee Seiberlich	6/1979	12/5/1980	Reyes Syndrome	Joe & Leda Seiberlich
Sandra Steckiel	6/2005	6/13/2005	Premature	Beth Steckiel
Scott David Stiegelmeyer	6/1953	11/7/1974	Cystic fibrosis	Betty Stiegelmeyer
Jeanne Burroughs Widmar	6/1950	7/18/1983	Cancer	Arlene & Charles Burroughs





Remembering Our Children On Their Anniversaries

*That their lives will always shine, our children are remembered. Our special
its go to you on the anniversary of your child's death....*



<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Compassionate Friend</u>
Evan Carara	6/2/2002	Car accident	Cindy & J.D. Carara
Billy E. Hendrickson	6/3/1981	Cancer	Grace & Delbert Hendrickson
Madalynn Ann Bergevin	6/3/2005	Unknown	Mollie Bergevin
Konrad Ferrar	6/4/1982		Maria Hymes
Matthew Sperry	6/5/2003	Bike / car accident	Harriet Sperry
Sean O'Connor	6/5/2005	Car accident	Dennis & Tracy O'Connor
Anton "Andy" George Horn	6/6/1987	Ped / auto accident	Levi & Emma Horn
Sandra Steckiel	6/13/2005	Premature	Beth Steckiel
Arthur Lipphardt Jr	6/15/1992	Motorbike Accident	Art & Chris Lipphardt
Ryan Sayers	6/16/2003	Lightning strike	Tom & Kate Sayers
Vinnie Franz	6/17/2002	Accidental drug overdose	Barb Franz
Andrew Evan Neely	6/18/2004	Spinal Muscular Atrophy	Tamara Noble
Kyle Joe Manning	6/19/1997	Hurlers Syndrome	Carol & Don Manning
Jackie Sanchez	6/21/2004	Lupus	Mary Sanchez
Tucker Ray Graef	6/21/2005	Drowning	Kathy Graef
Nicholle Guy	6/22/1993	Car accident	Lezlee Guy
James Michael Burroughs	6/24/1995	Cancer	Arlene & Charles Burroughs
Andrea Mischel	6/25/2004	Cancer	Gary & Jerri Zimmerman
Tyler Joseph Budfuloski	6/28/1994	Sudden Unexplained Death	Rob & Alice Budfuloski
Anthony James "Tony" Pisor	6/28/2000	Surgery complications	Cynthia Pisor-Zapel
Kimberly Ann Hayes	6/30/1991	Amniotic Fluid Embolism	Patty and Patrick Hayes





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SIDS bracelets are available by contacting info@coloradosids.org. They are white with a teal swirl with the words "Love and Remembrance" on them. You can call 303-320-7771. There is no charge but a donation to the Colorado SIDS program would be appreciated.

Even though the church is kind enough to lend us space for our meetings, The Compassionate Friends is not a religious organization. We meet to do our best to help each other as we try to adjust to this new life after the deaths of our children. Please join us for our monthly meeting on the third Thursday of the month at First Baptist Church, 317 E. Kiowa, at 7:00 p.m.

We welcome your contributions to the newsletter, whether original or something you have read that you'd like to share.

Please address any submissions to:

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 Colorado Springs, CO
 80908
 Or send to
 CoraWD@aol.com

Submissions need to be received by the 10th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.

Submissions to the Newsletter and Love Gifts

LOVE GIFT DONATION

Your Name _____
Child's Name _____
Date of Birth _____
Anniversary Date _____
Dedication _____

Picture Enclosed: Yes No

Mail to:

Frank Schager
 2235 McArthur Ave.
 Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Our chapter exists entirely through donations which are tax deductible. Our largest expense is the printing and mailing of our chapter newsletter, which is distributed to over 325 readers. Love gifts enable us to continue our outreach to bereaved parents through many chapter activities. A love gift is money donated to the chapter in memory of a child who has died. If you feel a love gift is an appropriate way to honor the memory of your child, and to support the Pikes Peak Chapter, please consider a donation to the chapter in any amount, small or large. Just fill out the form on this page and mail it to the address listed. If every chapter member sent in only \$10, we could raise \$3000 for the chapter. All pictures will be returned unless you specify for us to keep them and place them on the Child Remembered board displayed at monthly meetings. Thank you for your support!

Submission Guidelines:

Under \$50 -- Picture, if available, and dedication to be listed in the newsletter.

\$50 or more -- Newsletter sponsor. May include a full page for printing. Please remember to send it in "ready to copy" form, exactly as you would like it printed in the newsletter. Thanks.

These items must be received by the 10th of the month preceding the issue in which you would like them to appear. Please send Love Gift donations directly to the chapter's treasurer, Frank Schager, at the address above.

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We hope to see you at the 31st TCF National Conference July 18-20 in Nashville-Volunteers for Healing, Friends for the Future (www.compassionatefriends.org)

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If you are thinking about attending The Compassionate Friends National Conference in Nashville, July 18-20, here are a few things to consider:

1) If you have never attended a TCF National Conference, you won't be alone-on average about 30 percent who register are first time attendees. All who have never attended a TCF conference, after registering, will receive a conference packet that includes a special welcoming brochure that will cover such things as: hotel information; parking; check-in; name badges; volunteer desk; etiquette at workshops; memory boards; sharing sessions; conference dress; and banquets. There is also a first-timers orientation Friday morning to answer additional questions you may have.

2) Nearly 25 percent who attend TCF conferences have been bereaved less than two years. This means that when the National Office and the Conference Committee started working on this event, 1 out of every 4 attending will not have been aware that they were even eligible to attend.

3) Conference keynote speakers have been carefully selected to be able to share experiences with which you can relate.

4) With more than 100 workshops, you will have a wide range of choices for all seven of the conference workshop time slots.

5) There will be a complete sibling program.

6) A workshop track has been created for all persons with no living/surviving children.

7) Many other appropriate activities are planned.