



THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

Supporting Family After a Child Dies

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Newsletter of the Atlanta Chapter

"The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive."

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The Atlanta Chapter of The Compassionate Friends meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the:

**First Christian Church of Atlanta
4532 LaVista Road, Tucker, GA 30084**

Upcoming Chapter Meetings:

July 14, Aug. 11 and Sept. 8

The Atlanta Chapter also offers a Sibling Group at the same time as our regular monthly meeting.

The Compassionate Friends, Inc. is a mutual assistance, self-help organization offering friendship, understanding, and hope to bereaved families. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child of any age, from any cause is welcome. Our meetings give parents an opportunity to talk about their child and about their feelings as they go through the grieving process. There is no religious affiliation. There are no membership dues. The purpose of this support group is not to focus on the cause of death or the age of the child, as it is to focus on being a bereaved parent, along with the feelings and issues that evolve around the death experience of a child.

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!"



Deadline to add names: July 15

Atlanta Walks For Our Children and Siblings Gone Too Soon

The Compassionate Friends National Walk to Remember will be held at 8 a.m. Sunday morning, Aug. 9, in Portland, Oregon, the National Conference host city, prior to the closing ceremony.

First held in conjunction with the national conference in 2000, this Remembrance Walk has quickly become a highlight for conference-goers with more than 1,000 people joining together hand-in-hand, arm-in-arm to cover the two-mile course arranged for the event.

This is our way to honor the memories of children and siblings who we will never forget.

Families who have had a child die, but are unable to attend the conference or walk, are invited to include their child's name on our "**Atlanta Walks**" banner carried by members of our local Atlanta TCF Chapter attending the Portland conference.

If you would like to have your child, sibling or grandchild's name included, please complete the following form and return it to us as soon as possible. The deadline is July 15.

Atlanta Walks – 2009 in Memory of our Children and Siblings

Yes, I would like to have my child/sibling/grandchild included on the Atlanta Walks banner.

Child's Name _____
(Please print clearly)

Yes, I would like to help with the Walk to Remember expenses and support the work of The Compassionate Friends Atlanta Chapter by making a donation in the amount of:

\$ _____ (\$10, \$25, \$50.....)

Please mail your check payable to "The Compassionate Friends" to:

The Compassionate Friends
c/o Jayne Newton
808 Brentway Court
Lilburn, GA 30047

Thank you for your support. (Deadline July 15)



*Sample Banner from 2008 Walk at the Nashville Conference
"Atlanta Walks...
In Memory of Our Children and Siblings"*

Oct. 13

Special Workshop: Into the Valley and Out Again

Kathy and Patrick Malone will present a special workshop for TCF members during our Oct. 13 chapter meeting. The program is titled **“Into the Valley and Out Again.”**

For many bereaved parents, the utter devastation and tragedy of the death of their child is like a dark valley.

“As much as we would rather not, this valley must be traveled,” Kathy said. “This journey often provides us with unique treasures and gifts that allow us to emerge from the darkness with a new sense of purpose.”

Kathy and Pat will share their journey with TCF members in the hope that it will help each of us find understanding, compassion and perhaps even hope as we make our individual journeys.

In addition to being designed for bereaved parents, many family members and friends will find it helpful in understanding what bereaved parents are experiencing. Invite your family and friends to come with you to this workshop.

The workshop will begin at 7:45 p.m. and run until 9:15. Plenty of time will be included for questions and discussion.

In advance of the workshop, we will hold our sharing sessions – from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Members of nearby TCF chapters will be invited to join us for the workshop at 7:45 p.m.

About our Workshop Presenters

Patrick and Kathy's third born son, Scott, died less than 24 hours after his birth in 1971. A daughter, Erin, was lost in miscarriage in 1974. Their second son, Lance, was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1995 at age 25.

Kathy is the past co-leader of the Gwinnett County, Georgia Chapter and the past regional coordinator for Georgia and the current leader of the North Georgia Mountains TCF Chapter.



Patrick has served on the TCF National Board as treasurer and president, and is a former trustee of the TCF Foundation. Patrick is a co-author of the new book, *“Cracking the Code to Leadership.”*

Kathy and Patrick served as co-chairs of the 2003 National TCF Conference in Atlanta. They may be contacted at malonepk@bellsouth.net.

Candlelight Service Set for Dec. 5

Be sure your calendars are marked for our chapter's annual Candlelight Service, to be held Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m.

Patrick Malone, who has served on the TCF National Board as treasurer and president, and is a former trustee of the TCF Foundation, will be our parent speaker.



Jessica Handler, author of a new book *“Invisible Sisters,”* will be the sibling speaker.

Cathy Spraez, a former Atlanta Chapter leader and mother of Evan Sheffield, will sing at this year's Candlelight Service.

Patrick's talk will be titled *“You have a Choice.”* He says, *“When our children died, if we were given a choice, we surely would have chosen any other course of action. But we weren't offered a choice. We can't change the past and while we can plan for the future, we have only a limited effect. The only thing that we can impact is the here and now – the present.”*

Patrick will share his thoughts on how each of us can best positively impact the present in memory of our children.

In preparation for his talk, he is requesting the assistance of chapter members. He would like to include some personal information about a few chapter members who will be in attendance at the Candlelight Service. You are invited to e-mail him with your name, your child's name and your favorite memory about your child. E-mail Pat at Patrick.malone@thepargroup.com

Patrick's involvement started in the Atlanta Chapter, then Gwinnett and now the North Georgia Mountains Chapter in Blairsville.

A frequent speaker at management and industry conferences as well as grief-related national and regional conferences, Patrick is also a frequent contributor to

OpentoHope.com, a grief recovery Web site, and “Healing the Grieving Heart” radio show. Patrick is also a co-author of “*Cracking the Code to Leadership*” and an internationally recognized leadership expert.

More information about the Candlelight Service will be included in the Fall newsletter, which will be published the first week of October.

Two Scholarships Awarded in Memory of Clinton Ron Walker

Two young women have been awarded \$500 book scholarships through The Clinton Ron Walker Scholarship fund.



Candace Walker said scholarships were presented to Nancy Nguyen (pictured below) and Johnna Woolbright (pictured above with Candace Walker), who each wrote wonderful poems on friendship and sent in excellent autobiographies. Johnna and Nancy will soon enroll at Georgia State University and the University of Georgia, respectively.

Candace said, “We are now working on the 2009 Youth 4 Healthy Hearts Gospel Concert featuring Jamie Jones, Chris Lewis, Patrick Leong and Wanda Trent Phillips, to name a few. We need your help! Please donate whatever you can (\$5, \$10, \$15, \$20...) at the link below and help us to educate youth by providing money for their college education. Help us educate the public on how to keep a healthy heart and finally help us to possibly save another child from Clinton's fate.”



More information about the scholarship fund honoring Clinton's memory can be found at: www.crwsf.org.

David's Song

I rocked your cradle when you were born
And in winter we kept you warm
I wanted to pad the ground
When you took your first steps
But instead I just held my breath.

Your first words were pretty and fish
You started school when you were six
I taught you to play drums when you were nine
In time, you broke your cute nose and your thumb
I worried, and just took a deep breath.

You learned to drive in your senior year
And when you moved out, I was full of fear
But I knew you had a life of your own
And eventually I realized I had to let you move on.
I worried; deep breath and my heart skipped a beat.

One day I got that dreaded call
That day the sun didn't shine at all
The days were dark for months on end
You died for reasons I will never comprehend
And my heart really skipped some beats.

We both still live but the steps we take
Seem harder on our hearts these days
The ache and pain we feel inside
Is hard and hurt and doesn't subside
Oh, how our hearts skip beats when we think of you.

People, cherish your children each day of your life
Every husband and each and every wife
Our hearts are broken and his tomorrows are gone
Missing his smile, his laugh and Ma this is your son.
I guess I won't know why he had to die
Until I have taken my last breath
And my heart just stops.

Written by Lydia R. Burns in memory of David on his fifth angel date (July 2). Lydia says, “When David died, I was working in Atlanta and that Friday I was at the airport when I found out. This year, I will be leaving Nashville to come home after working there for almost two weeks on that date. It just shatters my whole being to have to be on the road thinking of that horrible day.”

July, August and September Birthdays

(On the advice of the TCF national office, we are only including the month and date
– not year – of birthdays and angel dates.)

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Angel Date</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Family</u>
Amber Gilstrap	July 3	Nov. 7	daughter	Kathleen Cornog
Me'chelle A. Murphy	July 3	Aug. 7	daughter	Brenda J. Murphy
Tommy Boyert	July 5	Aug. 18	son	Tom and Mary Boyert
Kay Cee Herring	July 7	Dec. 1	daughter	David and Ginny Herring
Christopher Kuzela	July 7	April 24	son	Ed and Pat Kuzela
Jenny Moriarty	July 12	June 16	daughter	Larry Moriarty
Mervyn Lanier 'Corky' Twyman	July 16	Nov. 14	son	Carol McNeal
Vernon Philipe Battle	July 17	Oct. 18	son	Barbara Knox
Vernon Philipe Battle	July 17	Oct. 18	brother	Glorqua Tarantine
Nicholas Ryan Gardner	July 25	Jan. 9	son	Michelle and Dewey Gardner
Paul Perry	July 25	July 13	son	Mary L. Perry
Nicholas Ryan Gardner	July 25	Jan. 9	grandson	Pilar Turk
Matthew Thomas Crowell	July 27	May 24	son	Barry and Doris Crowell
Arnessa Darlene Royster	July 31	Dec. 3	daughter	Carolyn Gordon
Genna Watson	July 31	July 12	daughter	Gene and Mari Watson
Amanda Irene Smith	Aug. 1	May 29	daughter	Earl and Paulette Cagle
Julian Oliver Carter	Aug. 12	May 7	son	Bryan and Julie Carter
Paul Abraham	Aug. 13	June 5	son	Alan and Deborah Abraham
Mashanda Nicole Taylor	Aug. 13	Dec. 7	daughter	Michelle Taylor-Scott
Margie Ann Lind	Aug. 21	June 10	daughter	Bette and Bob Lind
Christopher Lee Simpson	Aug. 22	May 9	grandson	Elizabeth Luke
Christopher Lee Simpson	Aug. 22	May 9	son	Tricia and Kenny Simpson
Brayden Michael Eanes	Aug. 27	Nov. 3	grandson	Al and Jan Pittman
Brayden Michael Eanes	Aug. 27	Nov. 3	son	Kelly Eanes
Brittany Ann Hopkins	Aug. 28	Sept. 27	daughter	Denise Hopkins
Brandon Marquis Williams	Aug. 28	March 5	son	Selena Randolph
Joshua Todd Davis	Aug. 30	Sept. 8	son	Judy Davis
Demetrius O'Neal Span, Jr.	Sept. 2	March 24	son	Calvin and Tammie Washington
Bradley James Peerson	Sept. 5	May 15	grandson	Jackie Fuller
Bradley James Peerson	Sept. 5	May 15	son	Pam and Jon Peerson
Bradley James Peerson	Sept. 5	May 15	brother	Blake Peerson
Anthony Chad Willis	Sept. 6	April 11	son	Mark and Ginger Willis
Xavier Khamani Ray	Sept. 7	April 24	son	Stephanie Ray
David W. Burns	Sept. 11	July 2	son	Lydia Burns
Raymond Ira Buckner	Sept. 15	April 27	son	Vera R. Morison
Anita Marepally	Sept. 15	April 20	sister	Archana Vemulapalli-Marepally
Dane Tolson	Sept. 21	Sept. 16	son	Jeanie Lovelady
Mark East	Sept. 22	Jan. 25	son	Jeff East
Jessica Dodge	Sept. 25	Jan. 14	daughter	Dan and Tamie Dodge
Hadiyah Rasheedah Evans	Sept. 25	June 21	daughter	Patricia Evans
Sherry Engel	Sept. 25	Jan. 12	sister	Andrea Huskey
Sherry Engel	Sept. 25	Jan. 12	daughter	Lou Ellen Huskey
Georgia Wimberly Pierce	Sept. 29	June 30	daughter	Michael and Anna Pierce
Kawasiki S. Ricks	Sept. 29	June 19	son	Beverly Ricks

July, August and September Angel Dates

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<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Angel Date</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Family</u>
David W. Burns	July 2	Sept. 11	son	Lydia Burns
Meleia Warren Willis-Starbuck	July 7	Oct. 10	daughter	John and Kimberly Starbuck
Genna Watson	July 12	July 31	daughter	Gene and Mari Watson
Paul Perry	July 13	July 25	son	Mary L. Perry
Padraic Dirr	July 15	April 20	son	Jim Dirr
Zekia M Rhodes	July 17	Nov. 15	granddaughter	Beverly Ricks
Autumn DuBose	July 19	Nov. 5	daughter	John DuBose
James Anthony Durham	July 22	Dec. 3	son	Cindy Durham
James Anthony Durham	July 22	Dec. 3	brother	Katie Durham
Allen Palmer Shugart	July 23	March 4	son	Kelli and Henry Shugart
Shemariah Tafari Downer	July 25	March 26	son	Barbara H. Forbes
Dr. Thomas Brown IV	July 27	April 8	son	Lillie Brown
Michael Btembke	Aug. 3	April 1	son	Ghakarhi Btembke
J'Muar Taylor	Aug. 4	Dec. 30	son	Cheryl A. Taylor
Me'chelle A. Murphy	Aug. 7	July 3	daughter	Brenda J. Murphy
Donald Wesley Carithers	Aug. 8	June 10	son	Susan and John Carithers
Donald Wesley Carithers	Aug. 8	June 10	brother	Brooke Carithers and Jennifer Carithers Sanders
Reezin N. 'Chip' Swilley, Jr.	Aug. 9	March 18	son	Reezin and Elsie Swilley
Ronnie Keith Batchelor	Aug. 14	Oct. 30	son	Ron Batchelor
Mandi Lynn Mast	Aug. 15	June 29	daughter	Diane and Daniel Mast
Amanda Kay Rose	Aug. 15	Dec. 17	daughter	Barbara Rose and Jim Sinke
Jason Maham	Aug. 17	April 28	son	Trish Maham
Tommy Boyert	Aug. 18	July 5	son	Tom and Mary Boyert
Clarissa Cuningham	Aug. 20	Dec. 8	daughter	Winston and Judy Cunningham
Brian Patrick Devine	Aug. 21	June 26	son	Eileen and Patrick Devine
Jennifer Gryzinski	Aug. 21	April 7	daughter	Lisa Mary Katz
Carrie Ann Plumley	Aug. 21	Oct. 22	daughter	Deborah Plumley
Annie Hope Shlevin	Aug. 21	March 15	daughter	Barbara Shlevin
James Daniel Smith	Aug. 26	Nov. 6	son	Judith Smith
Anita Alford	Sept. 2	June 29	daughter	Selma Calaman
Chad Gordon	Sept. 3	May 21	son	Jayne and Wayne Newton
Chad Gordon	Sept. 3	May 21	brother	Lisa Gordon Remshik
Joshua Todd Davis	Sept. 8	Aug. 30	son	Judy Davis
Spencer McCrea Oedel	Sept. 11	June 10	son	Amy Lighthill
Carter Martin	Sept. 12	Nov. 20	son	Scott and Leigh Ann Martin
Mark Cozine	Sept. 14	Nov. 6	son	Anne Franzen
Dane Tolson	Sept. 16	Sept. 21	son	Jeanie Lovelady
Sharon Elizabeth Zick	Sept. 25	Jan. 12	daughter	Paul and Rebecca Zick
Marcellus Montez Richardson	Sept. 26	Oct. 29	son	Paulette Perry
Michelle Reeves	Sept. 26	Oct. 28	daughter	Jim and BJ Reeves
Ashley Craig	Sept. 27	Dec. 2	son	La Tangie Craig
Billy Hawley	Sept. 27	March 15	son	Bill and Carol Hawley
Billy Hawley	Sept. 27	March 15	brother	Alan Hawley

September Angel Dates -- Continued

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Angel Date</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Family</u>
Brittany Ann Hopkins	Sept. 27	Aug. 28	daughter	Denise Hopkins
Henry Robinson Cart	Sept. 30	May 27	son	Roberta and Rob Cart
Matthew Meehan	Sept. 30	Feb. 26	son	Michael Meehan
Matthew Meehan	Sept. 30	Feb. 26	son	Vicki Webb

The Unwanted Gift of Grief:

Four-Part Series Begins Aug. 12

TCF members are invited to take part in a four-part series of grief programs that will take place over four Wednesdays, beginning Aug. 12. The programs will be held at the First Baptist Church in Roswell.

This series on grief will address the physical, mental, relational and spiritual dimensions of grief and mourning. The natural human tendency is to resist the pain; however, growth can happen when one walks through the wilderness of grief.

Using Dr. Tim VanDuivendyk's book, "The Unwanted Gift of Grief: A Ministry Approach," this program will pay particular attention to the variety of faith aspects of loss.

Topics for the four Wednesdays will be:

- August 12: The Uniqueness of Your Particular Grief
- August 19: Factors which Impact Your Experience of Loss
- August 26: Walking by Faith in the Midst of Frustration and Anger
- September 2: Soul Care While Depressed and Sad

There is no cost to take part in the programs, which will run from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The programs will be held at:

First Baptist Church
Counseling Center
717 Mimosa Boulevard
Roswell, GA 30075

They will be facilitated by Doyle R. Hamilton III, a pastoral counselor.

In Memory of Bradley Peerson

Bradley (Brad) James Peerson was killed in a motorcycle accident May 15, 2007. He was 21 years old and we loved him so very much. Each day we miss him; however, we have found that our faith has given us much comfort and peace. The following poem was written by Brad's aunt Teresa and is on his tombstone.

In Memory of Our Brad

You were a gift from God above;
You filled our lives with so much love.

The angels came to take you Home
Leaving our hearts feeling all alone.

The memories of all the happy days
We will not let them fade away.

In our hearts you'll always be
Until we join you in eternity!

Rest in Peace, Sweet Bradley.
We Love You.

9/5/1985-5/15/2007

Compassionate Friends has been a wonderful support to our family and we are so grateful for this organization and the leaders in the Tucker Chapter.

We love you, Brad, and hope you feel our love, especially on your birthday.

Pam, Jon and Blake Peerson
Jackie Fuller
Teresa, David, Lindsey Tidwell and Danny Evans
Stan, Matthew, Daniel and Andrew Fuller
Jim Peerson

Raffle Items Sought for TCF's National Conference in Portland

I am still looking for items for our raffle at the national TCF Conference in August. Please let me know if you have something to contribute. I need all info by July 15. Information needed includes: item name, name in memory of, your name and whether the value is over or under \$100.

If you need to ship it, it goes to:
Melody VonRuden
503 NE Laurelhurst Place
Portland, OR 97232

Thanks for your help!

Raffle Chair - Kathy Malone
Mom to Angels Lance, Scott & Erin

Tony's 5th Angel Date

On July 22 of this year, our family will be facing the fifth anniversary of Tony's death.

Our lives have changed so much in the last five years. And, there are so many things that we wish Tony could have been here to experience with us – just the day-to-day aspects of living that we wish he could have taken part in with us.

My daughter and I share a beautiful faith in God. We know Tony is in sacred hands and that nothing can hurt him ever again.

We just miss him. It really is that simple. What I wouldn't give to talk with him again and to hug his neck again!

What would I like you to know about Tony? He was just 17 when he died in a car accident. That's what brought us to TCF, but that's not who he was.

Tony was a smart, wonderful guy with a great sense of humor. He was a pitcher for his high school baseball team and he wanted to study architecture in college.

He loved to draw and build things. And, I would have loved to see him realize all of his dreams. But, he was so much more than just that. He was a caring person. His family and friends mattered to him. And, he had such good values.

Tony: We just want you to know how much we love you .. and how proud of you we always were. You continue to be an inspiration.

Angel dates are still hard and they probably always will be. But, I credit TCF in large part for helping me get to a place where I can look back and celebrate Tony's life – and not simply focus on his death.

And, I want to take this time to say thank you to everyone from our TCF Atlanta Chapter who has been there for us. It's good to have friends to talk with who really do understand.

To those of you who are new to our chapter, you've already taken a big step – just in reaching out to come to chapter meetings. I'm grateful to those who were there for me in those early days ... and to those who continue to be there for us. And, we want to be there for you, too.

Have a gentle July...
Cindy Durham (Tony's mom)

Facebook Group for TCF Atlanta

Did you know that The Compassionate Friends of Atlanta now has a Facebook Group? You are invited to join the group. For more information, go to:
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=43057397614>



® 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. We need not walk alone. We are The Compassionate Friends. ©2007

Gifts of Love

A love gift is a gift of money to The Compassionate Friends of Atlanta. It is usually in honor of a child who has died, but it can also be from individuals who want to honor a relative or friend who has died, a gift of thanksgiving that their own children are alive and well, or simply a gift from someone who wants to help in the work of our chapters.



The following donations are in support of the Atlanta Chapter newsletter, candlelight service, Web site and other outreach.

All chapters within TCF are totally dependent on funds from our families. We DO NOT receive funds from our National Office. Everything we need to operate our local chapters are paid directly from our local resources and our local family contributions. Thank you to all who contribute and support your local chapters. Some people contribute in memory of other's children.....this is a wonderful way for others to say "I am remembering your child." Other "Gifts of Love" are evident by all the compassionate and giving volunteers we have within our TCF Atlanta organization.

Love gifts to the Atlanta Chapter of TCF should be made payable to The Compassionate Friends and mailed to our treasurer: Jayne Newton, 808 Brentway Court, Lilburn, GA 30047.

Love Gifts

In Loving Memory of James Daniel Smith, from his mother Judith M. Smith, Tucker, GA
In Loving Memory of Joey Capron on his 46th Birthday, from his mother Carmen Capron, Atlanta, GA
In Loving Memory of Michael Btembke, from his father Ghakarhi Btembke, Norcross, GA

In Loving Memory of Keith L. Perry, from his mother Oveta O. Perry, Conyers, GA
In Loving Memory of Derrick M. Kelly, from his mother Deborah Kelly, Decatur, GA
In Loving Memory of Derek L. Brown, from his parents Denice and Gerald Brown, Radcliff, KY

In Loving Memory of Christopher Simpson, from his grandmother Elizabeth Luke, Auburn, GA
In Loving Memory of Heide Hilburn, from her sister Millie Hilburn, Atlanta, GA
In Loving Memory of Christopher Simpson, from his parents Dan and Patricia Simpson, Auburn, GA

In Loving Memory of Shana Rosenwald, from her mother Ellie Rosenwald, Decatur, GA
In Loving Memory of Todd Kirk Stien, from his mother Lorann M. Stien, Eau Claire, WI
In Loving Memory of Ronald Gene Taus, from his mother Dena Hubbard, Lilburn, GA

In Loving Memory of Ashley Craig, from her mother LaTangie Craig, Hampton, GA
In Loving Memory of Candi Gaye Marshall, from her mother Gena Ivester, Tucker, GA
In Loving Memory of Mathew Scott Marshall, from his mother Gena Ivester, Tucker, GA

In Loving Memory of Matthew Hinson, from his father Mark S. Hinson, Lawrenceville, GA
In Loving Memory of Jason Maham, from his mother Patricia Maham, Buford, GA
In Loving Memory of Kay Cee Herring, from her parents Ginny and David Herring, Buford, GA

This list does not include donations for the Walk to Remember.

To view names to be listed on this year's Walk banner, click on the link below.

The Web site is updated daily with additional names.

July 15 is the deadline to add names to the 2009 banner.

<http://www.tcfatlanta.org/AtlantaWalks2009.html>

NEW SUBSCRIPTION - RENEWAL - CHANGE FORM - DONATIONS

If you are receiving our newsletter for the first time...everyone within The Compassionate Friends Organization wants to say We are sorry you have the need for this publication but we are glad you found us and we hope our newsletter will be helpful on your journey. Someone may have lovingly sent you the newsletter...and if so and you find it helpful, please complete the data sheet enclosed and return it so that we may add you to our newsletter database for future mailings. This is to insure that all the information we have is correct and complete. *This is for internal use only.*

Please print, filling in all applicable blanks/boxes:

Your Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone (including area code) _____ E-mail: _____

Do you prefer to receive the newsletter by (check one): Mail E-mail (provide e-mail address above)

Child's Full Name: _____ Male Female

Child's Birth Date: _____ Child's Death Date: _____

Cause of Child's Death (optional): _____

Child's relationship to you (e.g. son, daughter, brother, sister, grandchild) _____

Names and ages of all surviving siblings living with you:

- How did you find out about The Compassionate Friends? Please circle one: (1) Friends (2) Family (3) Hospital (4) Church (5) School (6) Funeral Homes (7) Internet (8) Newspaper (9) Employers (Human Resources) (10) Other _____

Note: **The information you have given above will be confidential (used for internal purposes only) unless you answer "yes" to one or more of the following questions:**

1. Do you want your child's name to appear in the newsletter's "**We Remember You**" section of birth and death dates? Yes ___ No ___
2. Do you want to receive the daily e-newsletter from TCF Atlanta? If so, please include your email _____
2. Do you wish to have your child's name included on the Wall of Memory on our TCF Atlanta Web Site? Yes ___ No ___
3. May we include the above information in the TCF Atlanta Chapter directory? Yes _____ No _____

Voluntary donations are TCF Atlanta's only source of income. The Compassionate Friends needs to be here for the families who do not know today that they will need us tomorrow.

Yes, I want to help with TCF outreach...a donation is enclosed in Memory of _____

- I would like to apply my donation toward the following outreach: (1) _____ newsletter (2) _____ birthday/angel date cards
- (3) _____ newly-bereaved packets (4) _____ annual candlelight remembrance service (5) _____ TCF Atlanta Web site
- (6) _____ library (7) _____ general expenses

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