

CONTACT INFORMATION

The Compassionate Friends of Atlanta

www.tcfatlanta.org

MEETING INFORMATION

Atlanta (Tucker) Chapter

7:30 pm, 2nd Tuesdays
First Christian Church of Atlanta
4532 LaVista Road, Tucker, GA

Chapter Co-Leaders

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Atlanta Chapter Sibling Group Co-Leaders

7:30 p.m., 2nd Tuesdays (Ages 12 and up)
<http://www.tcfatlanta.org/sibling.html>

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Joseph Hobbs – Auto Accident – 770-883-4027
Candace Walker – Heart Disease – 770-823-9818
Ghakarhi Btembke – Homicide – 678-591-0020
Abigail Chillman – Infant Death – 770-416-0374
Janet Mitchell – Long-term Illness - 678-598-2515
Selma Calaman – Seizure Disorder– 404-536-5395
Mary Ann Davis - Special Needs -770-380-3079
Tamie Dodge – Sudden Illness – 770-982-2251
Meg Avery – Suicide – 770-932-5862
June Cooper – Suicide – 770-995-5268
Nina Florence - Sibling Loss – 404-322-7183
Rachel Woodruff – Sibling Loss - 404-216-4251
Denise Hoegler – Sibling Loss – 770-868-7107
Cindy Durham – General Calls – 770-938-6511

Other Atlanta Chapters

Marietta Chapter

7:00 pm, 1st Tuesdays
Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church
148 Church Street, Marietta
Kathy Kelcourse 770-579-3512

Sandy Springs Chapter

7:15 pm, 4th Wednesdays
Link Counseling Center
348 Mt. Vernon Hwy, Sandy Springs
Mary Natelli 404-563-1047

Ben Hill Chapter

7:30 pm, 1st Thursdays
Ben Hill United Methodist Church
2099 Fairburn Road, SW, Atlanta
Sharon Williams 404-768-5440

Lawrenceville Chapter

7:30 pm, 3rd Thursdays
Trinity Christian Fellowship
1985 Old Fountain Road, Bldg 100 Lawrenceville
June Cooper 770-995-5268

Atlanta Area Chapters



**THE
COMPASSIONATE
FRIENDS**
Supporting Family After a Child Dies

**A non-denominational self-help
support group for families who have
experienced the death of a child
at any age, from any cause**

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Atlanta Area Website

www.tcfatlanta.org

TCF National

Oakbrook, IL
Toll Free – 1-877-969-0010
www.compassionatefriends.org

**We need not walk alone
We are The Compassionate Friends**

About The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends is an international self-help, mutual assistance organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents and their families. Our two-fold mission is to assist families in the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child, and to provide information to help others be supportive.

The death of a child of any age, from any cause, is a shattering experience for a family. When a child dies, to whom does a family turn for the emotional support it will need during the grief journey that lies ahead? The Compassionate Friends understands that grief for a child lasts longer and is more intense than society commonly recognizes. Other grieving parents can offer empathy and understanding of this loss, while also recognizing that each person's grief is unique.

TCF Atlanta Website

TCF Atlanta has an extensive website full of resources, information, Children's Memorials, poems, articles, meeting information and support. We are very proud of our Atlanta Area Website. It is all designed and maintained by members of our TCF Atlanta group.

www.tcfatlanta.org

Candlelight Remembrance Service

The Atlanta Chapter hosts a Candlelight Service the first Saturday in December, 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church of Atlanta, 4532 LaVista Road, Tucker.

Contact cindy_durham@bellsouth.net or (770) 938-6511 for more information.

Lending Libraries

Most TCF chapters maintain a lending library of books, audio tapes and videos.

TCF Atlanta E-Newsletter and Online Sharing

TCF Atlanta E-Newsletter and Online Sharing is an online sharing group available to anyone with Internet access. The Online Sharing is a wonderful resource to remind everyone "They Need Not Walk Alone." We share articles, poems and messages from other bereaved families.

www.tcfatlanta.org/TCFOnline.html



The Compassionate Friends of Atlanta

The Compassionate Friends of Atlanta Siblings Group

both have a Facebook Group. If you have a Facebook account, we invite you to join.

Search groups:

Sibling Support Group Meeting

The Atlanta Chapter also offers a Sibling Group at the same time as our regular monthly meeting. Ages 12 and up.

Chapter Newsletters

Most chapters have a chapter newsletter that announces TCF activities and includes articles that are helpful to families following the death of a child, and also includes original writings by bereaved parents and siblings from throughout the world.

All newsletters are posted online:

www.tcfatlanta.org/news.html

Support Group Meetings

Monthly support group meetings are the heart of The Compassionate Friends. These gatherings provide a safe and caring environment in which bereaved parents and siblings can talk freely about the emotions and experiences they are enduring. Parents and siblings receive the understanding and support of others who have "been there."

Through the years, the hope for the future that is provided through these sharing sessions has been more helpful than anything else in resolving the grief of bereaved parents. Siblings, grandparents and other adult family members are also welcome at TCF meetings.

Information and Education

Part of our mission is to promote better understanding of parental and sibling grief, and to raise awareness of The Compassionate Friends.

In addition, TCF distributes informational materials to professionals in hospitals, hospices, funeral homes and churches, as well as to other concerned individuals.