

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### **The Compassionate Friends of Atlanta**

[www.tcfatlanta.org](http://www.tcfatlanta.org)

## MEETING INFORMATION

### **Atlanta (Tucker) Chapter**

7:30 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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., 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays (Ages 12 and up)  
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## **Atlanta "Phone Friend" Contacts**

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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, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays  
Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church  
148 Church Street, Marietta  
Kathy Kelcourse 770-579-3512

### **Sandy Springs Chapter**

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

### **Ben Hill Chapter**

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

### **Lawrenceville Chapter**

7:30 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

"The mission of The Compassionate Friends 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."

### **Atlanta Area Website**

[www.tcfatlanta.org](http://www.tcfatlanta.org)

### **TCF National**

Oakbrook, IL  
Toll Free – 1-877-969-0010  
[www.compassionatefriends.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.