CONTACT INFORMATION

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> Atlanta Area General Info 770-474-6243

MEETING INFORMATION

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

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Atlanta Chapter Sibling Group

7:30 p.m., 2nd Tuesdays (Ages 12 and up)

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Marietta Chapter

7:00 pm, 1st Tuesdays Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church 148 Church Street, Marietta, GA Karen Chambers 770-565-8360 Kathy Kelcourse 770-579-3512

Sandy Springs Chapter 7:15 pm, 4th Wednesdays Link Counseling Center 348 Mt. Vernon Hwy, Sandy Springs, GA Mary Natelli 404-563-1047 **Ben Hill Chapter** 7:30 pm, 1st Thursdays Ben Hill United Methodist Church 2099 Fairburn Road, SW, Atlanta, GA Jackie McLoyd 404-346-4217

Lawrenceville Chapter 7:30 pm, ^{3rd} Thursdays

First Baptist Church 165 Clayton St., Lawrenceville, GA June Cooper 770-995-5268

McDonough Chapter

7:30 pm, 2nd Tuesdays First Baptist Church 1724 Hwy 155 N. McDonough, GA Freddie Saye 770-957-6610

Dalton Chapter 7:00 p.m., 3rd Thursdays – 706-264-4458

> Jasper Chapter Anne Morrow 706-692-5656

Walton County

7:00 p.m., 4th Thursdays Walnut Grove United Methodist Church 915 Church Way, Loganville, GA Genie Lissemore 770-464-9385

Rome Chapter 2nd Thursdays 7:00 p.m. - 706-235-6108

Athens Chapter 2nd Mondays 7:30 p.m. - 706-769-6256

Flowery Branch BP USA Group 3rd Thursdays 7:00 p.m. 770-402-5294

Conyers Parent Support Group

7:30 pm, 1st Tuesdays First Baptist Church, 2100 Hwy 138, Conyers, GA Rachel Woodridge 770-483-3925

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THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

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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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 Web Site

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

www.tcfatlanta.org

<u>National Children's Memorial Day</u> <u>World Wide Candle lighting</u>

2nd Sunday of December at 7:00 p.m. world wide

Lending Libraries

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

<u>TCF Atlanta E-Newsletter and</u> <u>Online Sharing</u>

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

To join, go to the following link: www.tcfatlanta.org/SharingSubscription.html

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.

Newsletters are mailed free of charge to TCF members and other interested individuals.

Online issues 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.

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.

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. Toward these goals, the Atlanta Chapters maintain a Speakers' Bureau, providing committed speakers to civic community organizations. In addition, TCF distributes informational materials to professionals in hospitals, hospices, funeral homes and churches, as well as to other concerned individuals.