



# *The Compassionate Friends*

## Supporting Family After a Child Dies

FORT WORTH CHAPTER

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### STEERING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

If you would be willing to contribute your suggestions or time to help our chapter continue to function and provide meaningful programs and newsletters to our members, **please make plans to attend the next Steering Committee meeting on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10 AM**, at Mt. Olivet Chapel, 2301 N. Sylvania Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76111. Although there is much work that goes on behind the scenes, many hands make light work! New ideas and fresh perspectives on the grief journey we share will help our chapter remain a vital resource for all of us. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact us through the chapter phone or email address.

#### STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jerry & Sharon Austry, Charles & Genie Dean, Mark Deegear, Jeff & Marty Martin, Lydia Moore, Jaye Sanford, Donna Tusan

**Hospitality** -Annette Garcia-Gilmore, (817) 244-9102  
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**Newsletter Editor** - Position Open

**Secretary** - Becky Long

**Treasurer** - Steve Roberts, [Sjroberts1216@hotmail.com](mailto:Sjroberts1216@hotmail.com)

**Welcome Bags** - Janet DuPertuis

Chapter Website: [www.thecompassionatefriendsfw.com](http://www.thecompassionatefriendsfw.com)

### BIRTHDAY TABLE

January birthdays will be celebrated at this month's meeting.

If your loved one's birthday is in January, please feel free to bring a photo or memento to share with the group.

#### NATIONAL OFFICE

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[nationaloffice@compassionatefriends.org](mailto:nationaloffice@compassionatefriends.org)  
[www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)

The website contains links to TCF's national and regional conferences, brochures, e-newsletter, online support community, We Need Not Walk Alone magazine, "Healing the Grieving Heart" and "The Open to Hope Show" radio program archives, webinars, chapter websites, and other resources.

### NEED TO TALK?

Listed below are parents, grandparents and siblings who have walked where you are today. If you are having a difficult day and just want to talk, please call.

#### Addiction

Helen (817) 431-6964

#### Auto

Jeff & Marty (817) 475-9141

#### Grandchild/ Multiple Loss

Lydia (817) 829-3801

#### Drowning

Debi (817) 422-4018

#### Drowning (Young Child)

Stacy (817) 656-7540 or (817) 845-3433

#### Long Term Illness

Marty (817) 636-5645

#### Homicide (Only Child)

Steve (682) 583-0125

[sjroberts1216@hotmail.com](mailto:sjroberts1216@hotmail.com)

#### Suicide (Only Child)

Joy (817) 453-2227

#### Siblings

Jaye (817) 475-9363

#### Premature Infant(s)

Amy (817) 944-1710

[amyltor12@hotmail.com](mailto:amyltor12@hotmail.com)

#### Middle of the night calls

Liz (817) 726-3999

#### REGIONAL COORDINATOR

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*The mission of The Compassionate Friends:*

*When a child dies, at any age, the family suffers intense pain and may feel hopeless and isolated. The Compassionate Friends provides highly personal comfort, hope, and support to every family experiencing the death of a son or a daughter, a brother or a sister, or a grandchild, and helps others better assist the grieving family.*

## Fort Worth Chapter Meeting

January 10th, 7-9 P.M.

### This Month's Program

*Tear Soup: A Recipe for Healing After Loss*

20 minute DVD followed by small group discussion

*Please feel free to bring refreshments to share.*

*~Paper Goods and Drinks are always provided ~*

**Room 271**

**ARBORLAWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**5001 Briarhaven Rd., Fort Worth**

## A Special Message

To those of you who are newly bereaved and receiving our newsletter for the first time, we warmly welcome you to The Compassionate Friends. We are a self-help organization of parents, grandparents and adult siblings who have experienced the death of a loved one. We offer understanding and support through our monthly meetings, a lending library, support materials and loving telephone listeners. Please do not be afraid to come to a gathering. Every other person in the room has lost a child, grandchild or sibling. They come because they feel the need to be with someone else who understands. We know it takes courage to attend that first gathering, but those who do come find an atmosphere of understanding from others who have experienced the grief that you have now. Nothing is asked of you. There are no dues or fees and you do not have to speak. There is a special feeling at meetings of The Compassionate Friends.

*We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.*