



**THE  
COMPASSIONATE  
FRIENDS  
of Green Bay**  
Supporting Family After a Child Dies

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter  
by and for Bereaved Parents  
July/August 2011

**Our Mission  
Statement:**

The Compassionate Friends is a mutual assistance, self-help organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved families who have experienced the death of a child. The primary purpose is to assist them in the positive resolution of the grief experience upon the death of a child and to support their efforts to achieve physical and emotional health. The secondary purpose is to provide information and education about bereaved families. The object is to help those in their communities to be supportive, including family, friends, employers, co-workers and professionals.

**The Compassionate Friends Newsletter  
Donna Wilkinson, chapter leader**

As I write this, we are at a church conference in Wisconsin Dells. We are working hard and spending long hours every day in meetings. But I love to see the many families here enjoying the waterparks and activities. There is always a sadness in my heart, however, as I realize every day that there is someone very special missing from our family circle. As we all travel this summer and spend time with family and friends, I hope we will think of our children with loving memories, mention their names often and take opportunities to talk about them and share our stories with others. Here is an interesting viewpoint from another TCF member Nancy Snider.....

I just attended a memorial service for a friend's husband and it struck me. When one of our parents dies, and the family gets together over the years, grandma and grandpa are always spoken of. When an uncle or aunt dies, they are brought up over the years with no discomfort to anyone. Friends and neighbors speak about our parents or relatives or even other friends who have died. But when it comes to a child that has died, the parents are made to feel uncomfortable whenever they speak of the child or say their name. Some relatives and friends even become angry when we speak about our child. Why can we speak about an older person that has died for years and years after their death, but not a child? Why is it when a child dies they must be forgotten?

Our 26 year old daughter recently told us about a college friend of hers whose 6 month old son died this spring. My heart breaks for this young mother and her family. She shared this poem which is very meaningful to all of us who know the pain and loss she feels.

The mention of my child's name  
May bring tears to my eyes,  
But it never fails to bring  
Music to my ears.  
If you are really my friend,  
Let me hear the beautiful music of his name.  
It soothes my broken heart  
And sings to my soul.

I hope to see you at a chapter meeting in Green Bay this summer and at the national conference in Minneapolis in July. We want to hear all about your precious children. We need not walk alone.

Donna Wilkinson, Dustin's mom



**The Green Bay Chapter of The Compassionate Friends**

meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.  
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**Monthly Support Group**

Thursday, July 21, 2011, 7 p.m.

Rev. David Plier, Priest at St. Bernard's church and St. Phillips the Apostle church, Green Bay. He will talk on "Lord, Reign on my Parade".

Thursday, August 18, 2011 7 p.m.

Jenny Boeckman, grief counselor at Unity Hospice, She will talk on "The Myth of Closure".

## The Pit of Grief

*Cindy Early, November 1999*

The day my child died, I fell into the pit of grief. My friends watched me struggle through daily life, waiting for the person I once was to arise from the pit, not realizing she is gone forever. The pit is full of darkness, heartache and despair; it paralyzes your thoughts, movements and ability to think. The pit leaves you forever changed, unable to surface the person you once were.

Some of my pre-grief friends gather around the top of the pit, waiting for the old me to appear before their eyes, not understanding what's taking me so long to emerge. After all...in their eyes, I've been in the pit for quite some time. Yet, in my eyes, it seems as if I fell in only yesterday.

Not all of my pre-grief friends gathered at the top of the pit. Some are helping me with the climb out of the darkness. They climb side by side with me from time to time, but mostly, they climb ahead of me, waiting patiently at each plateau. Even with these friends I sometimes wonder if they are also waiting for the pre-grief me to magically appear before their eyes. Then there are the casual acquaintances (or maybe even family members), you know, the ones who say, "Hi, how are you?" when they really don't care or really don't want to know. These people are the people who sighed in relief that it was my child who died and not theirs. You know, the "better you, not me" attitude.

My post-grief friends are the ones who climb with me, side by side, inch by inch, out of the pit of grief. They have no way of comparing the pit climber to the pre-grief person I once was. You see, they started at the bottom of the pit with me. They are able to reassure me when I need strength. They have no expectations, no memories, and no recollections of how I "should" be. They want me to heal, to smile more often and find joy in life. But they've also accepted the person I've become: the "Person" who is emerging from the pit.

*From the "old" web page MISS (Mothers in Sympathy and Support)  
Lovingly borrowed from the newsletter of  
The Compassionate Friends,  
Seattle-King County, WA, July 2001*



## MEN DO CRY

*Ken Falk*

*TCF NW Connecticut Chapter*

I heard quite often "men don't cry"  
Though no one ever told me why  
So when I fell and skinned a knee  
No one came to comfort me.

And when some bully boy at school  
Would pull a prank so mean or cruel  
I'd quickly learn to turn and quip  
"It doesn't hurt" and bite my lip.

So as I grew to reasoned years  
I learned to stifle any tears.  
Though "Be a big boy" it began  
Quite soon I learned to "Be a man."

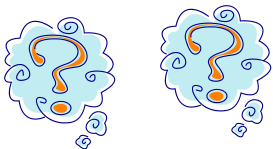
And I could play that stoic role  
While storm and tempest wracked my soul.  
No pain nor setback could there be  
Could wrest one single tear from me.

Then one long night I stood nearby  
And helplessly watched my son die  
And quickly found to my surprise  
That all that tearless talk was lies.

And still I cry and have no shame  
I cannot play that "big boy" game.  
And openly without remorse  
I let my sorrow take its course.

So those of you who can't abide  
A man you've seen who's often cried  
Reach out to him with all your heart  
As one whose life's been torn apart.

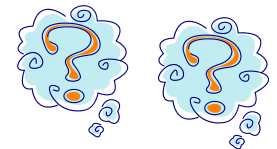
For men do cry when they can see  
Their loss of immortality.  
And tears will come in endless streams  
When mindless fate destroys their dreams.



## How Many Children Do You Have?

*Pat Loder*

*Lakes Area TCF Chapter Commerce Twp., Michigan*



How many children do you have? A simple, innocent question, but one a bereaved parent struggles with.

If we don't include our children who died when we answer the question, we feel as if we are denying their existence. One mother told me that she cried for hours because she told someone she had no children (her two children had been killed earlier that year).

If we do include our deceased children when we answer, somehow we fear the response or discomfort that is felt by the person hearing the news.

For the bereaved parent, there is really no "right" answer to this question. We must respond the way our heart and the situation dictates. We should not fear how the person we are talking to feels about the truth. We should only be concerned with how we feel at the moment we are telling it. We need to be considerate of our own feelings and, if the situation is such that we do not include our children who have died in the answer, that's okay, too . . . because we may be at a point in our grief that doing so may be painful.

We are the only ones who need to be pleased with our response!!

## COURAGE

Patricia Kelley  
TCF ~ Richmond VA

*In loving memory of my brother, Sean 8/24/76 - 8/28/93*

My brother died three years ago when he was seventeen years old. It was an accident when he fell while hiking in the mountains. I was fifteen and my brother was my hero. I would do anything to make him proud. When I lost him, I could have just given up. I have the courage to love people even though I know that I could lose them. I had many opportunities to just forget everyone else and lose myself. My brother was my best friend and when he died I could have too.

I decided that he would not have wanted me to throw my life away. I try my hardest to work hard in school and live up to what his expectations would have been. I am not living just for him. I am living for myself. A lot of people like to escape their problems by drinking or doing drugs. Alcohol and drugs only make problems worse because escaping a problem is not solving the problem. Self-respect means knowing who you are and treating yourself with dignity. I want people to look at me and to respect me. Staying in school and working to my potential is essential for respect. People cannot respect those who do not respect themselves. As Shakespeare said, "This above all else, to thine own self be true."

I do not make choices based on what the popular decision is. I base my thoughts and ideas on what I believe is right and important. I know that my brother would have been proud of me, because I made it through the most difficult time in my life, without him. I kept living when I lost the most important person in the world to me.

Courage is to keep fighting even though it looks like you are going to lose. When he died, I felt the world crash down on me.

## TO MY SISTER

By Cindy Keltz ~Arlington Heights IL

You touched us all, you loved us all,  
Forever giving, forever caring,  
Forever forgiving.  
Never wanting in return.  
Blessed are those who shared your life  
Rich are those who carry your memories.  
Please rest now; your chores we will finish.  
'Til we meet again . . .

Everything I ever hoped for just seemed empty. Even now sometimes it will just hit me that my brother is gone. I have to keep on living and facing the world because that is what life is all about. Sometimes things happen that seem impossible to face. If I do not face my problems, who will?

Life is not supposed to be easy but it is not devastating either. There are so many wonderful things that happen and I have to have the courage to realize it. Life is not just a long line of problems. It is also a long line of answers. I need courage and self-respect to find these answers. I have to trust myself and my future that everything will work out. It always does. The answers to life's problems can only be found through hard work and belief in yourself. My belief in myself comes from a big brother who always had faith in me.

## GRIEF POINTS

-- from *All in the End is Harvest: An anthology for those who grieve*, edited by Agnes Whitake

Recognize many of the tumultuous feelings that come in the first weeks [of grief].

After eerie, non-feeling numbness comes a constant yearning, and there are sharp, aching pangs of grief.

There is the wish to honor and to idealize the person who has gone.

There is a sense of amputation, and a void that shows itself in every detail of life, especially the chair, the table-setting and the bed.

There are 'if onlys', the feeling that the world has gone upside-down, and a determination never to forget.

There can be a rage and bitterness you never expected, and a strong feeling of guilt, both of which sour the purer aspects of your grief.

There are tentative efforts to find meaning, and perhaps a longing to hide yourself away.

There is some cynicism, and there are isolated points of hope.

There is dreadful turmoil of mind, and quiet appreciation.

There is the feeling that you no longer want to live beyond tomorrow.

There is also the firm determination that the grief shall itself be a tribute.





## A Survivor's Alphabet: Empathy

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"Where were you when I needed you?" Ever find yourself saying words like that? Ever look for comfort at a point of greatest need and wonder why it doesn't come or help? Family and friends try their best to let us know they care. It never seems enough for just what we need at the critical moment.

What's going on? Family and friends, in expressing their sincere words of comfort and love, are relieving their own anxiety. In their attempts they often bypass our more critical need. It's like two trains passing each other in the night. They meet but quickly go their separate ways.

What we have received is sympathy which, by itself, gives temporary comfort and relief but has little long lasting effect. It may or may not touch the point of hurting with enough impact to relieve. What is better is a sensitivity to hurt where it is and a response to that hurt that mirrors the crisis itself. What is needed is not sympathy but **empathy**.

Empathy is made up of the following:

**Listening.** What do you hear when you hear? Isn't it amazing how often we hear but we do not listen. You and I hear the concert while the violinist listens for pitch and tone. We tell a mechanic the engine runs "rough" while he listens and notes that something is wrong with the valves. Devel-

oping the skill of listening enables us to be more sensitive to actual need where it occurs. A cry for help may be more, or less, than what we think we hear. Someone is hurting and needs relief, now. Being with that person we listen and are given clues of what to say and do that will bring the greatest relief. It's not for us to set the agenda; the other person in their hurt and pain does.

**Understanding.** By careful listening it's amazing what we can learn that we only surmised before. We learn that our agenda can be put "on hold" while the hurting person is considered as top priority. We learn that words do not always have the weight we give to them; a touch will do far more. Maybe just being there without thinking that we have to do something helps. Whatever it is, we are there for the other person and they know it; they are given just what they need at that given moment.

**Value.** This tacit understanding gives strength for building trust. A bond is created whose value will be noted long after the crisis is over. Friendships are developed that are long lasting. New understanding between family members creates a climate of love. Personal self esteem is given a boost which has a value of its own. We understand others and they understand us and a network is established of support and caring.

Empathy is "LUV" actively supporting and sustaining to develop strength for times of crisis. It goes beyond in creating long lasting relationships that give personal vitality to each of us.

*Jesse Baker is a retired minister of The United Methodist Church. He and his wife Fay live in Port Orange, FL. They became bereaved parents when their daughter Vera was murdered in November, 1984.*

*Reprinted from the Heart of Florida Chapter newsletter, May 1999.*



### *A Note from Your Editor:*

As I put together this newsletter, a few things come to mind that I would like to share. First I would like to apologize for not having it ready closer to the beginning of July. As I review the birthdays and anniversaries, I see that quite a few have passed already. Oh, I've got a million excuses to justify my delay. Once I have exhausted the excuses to myself, I find it comes down to one thing only. I became stuck. It was as if I hit an invisible wall that, essentially, prevented me from moving forward

Our oldest child, Dylan, would be 7. He lived for 12 days before we rushed him to the emergency room, only to leave with empty arms. I guess part of me pictured that 7 years later, I would be lighter, freer.

Yet here I sit, trying desperately to finish the newsletter. I find the road of grief, at times, exhilarating, uplifting, sad, and down right frustrating. This grief journey is clearly not living up to my expectations! I'm glad to know that a soul I held in my arms for no longer than 12 days is still as much a part of me as he was back in 2004. I find much hope and love in his support that drifts through me daily. Dylan is a strong presence in myself, as well as our entire family. Our family is more loving and wonderful because of him. We make sure of it. On the flip side, I get frustrated because of the road blocks. This little baby boy can have me falling to my knees, all breath removed from my lungs, without a moments notice. I never expected to be so raw so many years later. I also never expected to be able to love with such passion, in this life, again.

So this summer, I am once again learning from my son, Dylan. I've learned to start the newsletter sooner! I have also learned I need to be patient and honest with myself. I have times when I need gentle, internal coaxing versus impatient scolding. Openly, that is something I have never been good at. But I know all will be okay. I have my biggest supporter next to me, always, lovely pushing me in the right direction.

So, to those who have patiently been waiting for the newsletter, I thank you! I know how important it is to receive this. I used to hug mine, feeling I would be closer to Dylan. For those of you who's anniversaries and birthdays have passed since the distribution of the newsletter, I sincerely apologize. For those dates, seeing them in print, with your child's name, can be such a cherished item. For we never forget...

## *Remembering our Children*

During the two months that each newsletter covers, we include your child's birthday and the anniversary of your child's death — if we know those dates. Based upon TCF National policy, we will not print the year of your child's birth or death.

## BIRTHDAYS

<b>Kristin Metsa</b> (daughter of Bethany Metsa)	7/1	<b>Stephen Charneski</b> (son of James & Roberta Charneski)	8/6
<b>Brett Jon Wery</b> (son of Steve & Lonni Wery)	7/2	<b>C. Lynn Calder</b> (daughter of Phyllis & John Calder)	8/9
<b>Megan Dillon</b> (daughter of Mike Dillon & step daughter of Tina Baker)	7/2	<b>Ken Johnson</b> (son of Kathy Johnson)	8/11
<b>Cameron James</b> (son of Linne Baenen)	7/4	<b>Sarah Schmitt</b> (daughter of Claire Faville)	8/11
<b>Patrick Wilkinson</b> (son of Alfred & Isabelle Wilkinson)	7/5	<b>Grant Lardo</b> (son of Jenny & Tim Cornell)	8/15
<b>Kristin Lund</b> (daughter of Debbie Gossen)	7/6	<b>Lola Doepke</b> (daughter of Jean Kolstad)	8/16
<b>Megan Short</b> (daughter of Norb & Mary Short)	7/6	<b>Bruce Funmake</b> (son of Cheryl Skenadore)	8/17
<b>Riviera Konen</b> (daughter of Jennifer Konen)	7/9	<b>Doug Cole</b> (son of Don & Karol Cole)	8/19
<b>Eric Schalow</b> (son of Lorrie Shafer)	7/12	<b>Wendy Jacques</b> (daughter of Sally Martin)	8/19
<b>Chad Zimmerman</b> (son of Dale & Linda Zimmerman)	7/12	<b>Cooper Schroeder</b> (son of Mark & Georgia Schroeder)	8/20
<b>Austin Reeck</b> (son of Ann Rieckmann)	7/13	<b>Dalon Calkins</b> (son of Kate Calkins)	8/21
<b>Joseph Adams</b> (son of Cheryl Skenadore)	7/18	<b>Lily Froelich</b> (daughter of Tony & Stephanie Froelich)	8/23
<b>Gary Glebke</b> (son of Joyce Glebke)	7/19	<b>Eric Garson</b> (son of Barb Peterson)	8/24
<b>Bryan VanderKelen</b> (son of Bob & Debi Lepak)	7/19	<b>Bruce T Blaser Jr</b> (son of Bruce & Paige Blaser)	8/24
<b>Shane Lardinois Malliet</b> (son of Debbie Lardinois)	7/19	<b>Robby Rohr</b> (son of Carol Wautlet)	8/25
<b>Heather Sigl</b> (daughter of Greg & Joyce Sigl)	7/25	<b>Jessica Bouillion</b> (daughter of Lisa & John Bouillion)	8/26
<b>Eric Rasmussen</b> (son of Karen Rasmussen)	7/26	<b>Kymerly Koskiniem</b> (daughter of Trudie Koskiniem)	8/26
<b>Justice Delveaux</b> (daughter of Sarah Wirtz)	8/2	<b>Nicholas Resch</b> (son of Lynn & Steve Marcks)	8/30
<b>Barbara VanBoxtel</b> (daughter of Angeline Bocker)	8/3	<b>Laura Greiling</b> (daughter of Bob & Lynn Greiling)	8/30
<b>Jeff Skenadore</b> (son of Jude Skenadore)	8/4	<b>Timothy Metoxen</b> (son of Florence Petri)	8/30
<b>Jeremiah Rosenberg</b> (son of JoAnn & Alan Rosenberg)	8/4	<b>Chad Schaefer</b> (son of David & Miriam Schaefer)	8/31
<b>Kayla Lego</b> (niece of Christine Newtols)	8/5		

**Love gifts were recently given by:**

Lynn & Steve Marcks in memory of Nicolas Resch

# ANNIVERSARIES

<b>Donna Prilepp</b> (daughter of Angeline Brocker)	7/2	<b>Alison Johnson</b> (daughter of Lon & Carolyn Johnson)	8/2
<b>Chase Lasecki</b> (son of Steven & Linda Lasecki)	7/2	<b>Barbara Van Boxtel</b> (daughter of Angeline Brocker)	8/3
<b>Megan Short</b> (daughter of Norb & Mary Short)	7/3	<b>Eric Rasmussen</b> (son of Karen Rasmussen)	8/5
<b>David Jacob Schlinz</b> (son of Dan & Brenda Schlinz)	7/4	<b>Stephen Charneski</b> (son of James and Roberta Charneski)	8/6
<b>Sarah Schmitt</b> (daughter of Claire Faville)	7/4	<b>Austin Lindberg</b> (son of Todd & Sandy Lindberg)	8/7
<b>Jillian Faymonville</b> (daughter of Louise Faymonville)	7/5	<b>Brian LaViolette</b> (son of Doug & Renee LaViolette)	8/8
<b>Dane Cole</b> (son of Don & Karol Cole)	7/5	<b>Luke Stempa</b> (son of Gerri & Steve Stempa)	8/8
<b>Grant Lardo</b> (son of Jenny & Tim Cornell)	7/7	<b>Brett Jon Wery</b> (son of Steve & Lonni Wery)	8/9
<b>Lily Froelich</b> (daughter of Tony & Stephanie Froelich)	7/7	<b>Megan Dillon</b> (daughter of Mike Dillon & step daughter of Tina Baker)	8/9
<b>Jennifer Kazik</b> (daughter of Cheryl Kazik)	7/7	<b>Jessica Andringa</b> (step daughter of Mike Dillon)	8/9
<b>Sam Compton</b> (son of Mark Compton, and Todd & Sandra Scheffen)	7/8	<b>Jeremy DeMille</b> (son of Marysue Gerondale)	8/11
<b>Kevin Kazik</b> (son of Charlie Kazik & Sally Kazik)	7/11	<b>Samantha LaCount</b> (daughter of Dale & Linda LaCount)	8/14
<b>Sharon McDaniel</b> (daughter of Jean LaHue)	7/14	<b>Lola Doepke</b> (daughter of Jean Kolstad)	8/16
<b>Brandon Ross</b> (son of Jeff & Patti Ross)	7/16	<b>Maria Cambray</b> (daughter of Jack & Gerry Cambray)	8/16
<b>Patrick Wilkinson</b> (son of Alfred & Isabelle Wilkinson)	7/16	<b>Nick Baugnet</b> (son of DeeDee & Joan Baugnet)	8/17
<b>Roberta Glebke</b> (daughter of Joyce Glebke)	7/20	<b>Lane Harris</b> (son of Susan Harris)	8/17
<b>Lucas Shallow</b> (son of Robert Shallow)	7/20	<b>Ben Delain</b> (son of Peter & Becky Delain)	8/18
<b>Susan Nickel</b> (daughter of Mike & Judy Parins)	7/21	<b>Molly Klika Zarnoth</b> (daughter of Bob & Barb Klika)	8/18
<b>Steven L Vosters</b> (son of Patti & Marvin Vosters)	7/21	<b>Jimmy Wanner Jr.</b> (son of Pam & Keith Blondeim)	8/20
<b>Megan Mae Vincent</b> (daughter of Mark & Connie Rissling)	7/24	<b>Kelley Calkins</b> (child of Kate Calkins)	8/21
<b>Heather Sigl</b> (daughter of Greg & Joyce Sigl)	7/25	<b>Jessica VanStraten</b> (daughter of Sue VanStraten & Randy Merryfield)	8/22
<b>Greg Corbeill</b> (son of Sylvia & Richard Corbeill)	7/29	<b>Greg Lindbloom</b> (son of Ginger Lindbloom)	8/22
<b>Travis Stelzer</b> (son of Don & Pam Stelzer)	7/29	<b>Kymerly Koskiniem</b> (daughter of Trudie Koskiniem)	8/26
<b>Amber Mastey</b> (daughter of Brett & Amanda Mastey)	8/1	<b>Tammie Gustman</b> (daughter of Victoria Fifield and Marvin Gustman)	8/31
<b>Justin Plate</b> (son of Mark & Grace Plate)	8/2	<b>Mariah Klein</b> (daughter of Micki & Mike Klein)	8/31

*TEARS ARE THE SILENT LANGUAGE OF GRIEF*

~VOLTAIRE

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS, & MISC.

## From Carol Wautlet, The Resource Coordinator:

We are not "endorsing" these particular websites or their authors, groups, or products, but are provided only as additional resources.

### Center for Loss & Life Transition

[www.centerforloss.com](http://www.centerforloss.com)

A private organization dedicated to furthering our understanding of and compassion for the complex set of emotions we call grief. Dedicated to helping both the bereaved, by walking with them in their unique life journeys, and bereavement caregivers, by serving as their educational liaison and professional forum.

### Crisis, Grief & Healing

[www.webhealing.com](http://www.webhealing.com)

A place where men & women can discuss, chat or browse to understand the many different paths to heal strong emotions. Resources on the site include excerpts from author Tom Golden's books on healing from loss. Site includes articles, columns, recommended grief books, and discussion boards.

### GriefNet

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

GriefNet.org is an internet community of persons dealing with grief, death, and major loss. Site has over 50 e-mail support grief groups and two websites. Our integrated approach to on-line grief support provides help to people working through loss and grief issues of many kinds. Also has a link to KIDSAID.com, a site for grieving children.

### Willowgreen

[www.willowgreen.com](http://www.willowgreen.com)

A leading provider of information and inspiration in the areas of illness, dying, loss and grief, healthy caregiving, life transition and spirituality.

### Grief and Loss information from AARP

<http://www.aarp.org/relationships/grief-loss/>

Information on grief and loss from American Association of Retired People.

## Special Thanks!!

For the 34th annual Compassionate Friends Conference, held in St Paul Minnesota, the Green Bay Chapter proudly donated two packages to be sold during a silent auction.

Former Brown County Executive, **Tom Hinz** generously donated, from his personal collection, two pictures. One is an aerial photo of Lambeau Field. The other is an autographed picture of Mike Holmgren, taken with him holding the Lombardi Trophy, while wearing a Brown County Sheriff's coat. Both prints were framed and included in the items.

The Honorable **Judge Donald Zuidmulder** helped in obtaining an autographed 2010 Packers football. All teammates original signatures were obtained at the beginning of the season and then transferred to the football.

Local member **Carol Wautlet** donated a DVD copy of the movie, Rabbit Hole.

The aerial photo of Lambeau Field was paired with the autographed football. The autographed Mike Holmgren photo was paired with a gift basket complete with the DVD, a Packers fleece blanket, two Packers t-shirts, the locker room Super Bowl 45 champions hat, as well as, other various Packers items.

**EVERY ONE CAN MASTER A GRIEF  
BUT HE THAT HAS IT**

~William Shakespeare

## Thoughts, comments, ideas, concerns?

Feel free to email me, Joleen Krings, at:

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## Help support the work of our Local Chapter with a tax-deductable gift!

The Compassionate Friends of Green Bay depends on the voluntary contributions of those who themselves have been helped by TCF, as well as those who believe in our mission. Please consider supporting TCF-Green Bay in its work of providing support and resources for families who have experienced the death of a child.

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**OTHER TCF CONTACT INFORMATION**

**The Door County Chapter** meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Door County Memorial Hospital in Sturgeon Bay. Call 1-800-589-2669 (voicemail).

**The TCF of Kewaunee County Chapter** meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Casco branch of the Bank of Luxemburg. (across from the Village Kitchen) Use west facing doors on the left. Call Dorothy Konop at 920-863-8003 or Kathy Benes at 920-837-2869 for information.

**Oneida, WI**, has a new chapter that was recently chartered. They meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:30pm at Parish Hall – 2937 Freedom Road, Oneida, WI. Contact Jean Williquette at 920-469-4135 for more information.

To contact the **National Organization:**

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**Resources for Siblings:** The national organization of TCF has resources for siblings. Visit the online Sibling Resources Page at [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)