

We need not walk alone.....

The death of a child is a shattering experience for any family. When a child dies, where does the family turn for the emotional support that they will need during the grief journey that lies ahead of them?

The Compassionate Friends Inc. (TCF) is a non-profit, self-help organization that offers support, understanding and friendship to bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents who have experienced the death of a child at any age, from any cause.

Our chapter of Milwaukee County offers families the opportunity to a positive resolution of their grief through listening, sharing and encouragement. As seasoned grievers reach out to newly bereaved families with acceptance, love and hope, healing begins are all are helped.

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TCF publishes a national magazine "We Need Not Walk Alone"

To request a complimentary copy of the magazine, get information about regional and national conferences, or obtain a referral to a chapter in your area, call our national office toll free:

(877)969-0010



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**A non-denominational self-help organization offering understanding, support, education and hope to bereaved families who have experienced the death of a child.**



**Our Children's Memorial Garden located at the Oak Creek Community Center; Oak Creek, Wisconsin was dedicated July 2004. Children's names are inscribed in black granite surrounding the garden.**

**For more information regarding the Children's Memorial Garden, please contact the Chapter Leader,**

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## SPECIAL EVENTS:

### The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting Ceremony

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every December our chapter holds a special remembrance program in conjunction with congress dedicating this day as National Children's Memorial Day. At 7 pm starting in New Zealand, candles are lit in remembrance of a child who has died. They remain lit for one hour in each time zone. Throughout the world candles are lit creating a glow of light in memory of our children for 24 hours.



### ANNUAL BALLOON LAUNCH

This event is held the latter part of July (date announced) at the Children's Memorial Garden where additional names are added to the memorial wall. This balloon launch will always be part of our special events to honor our children.



*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.*

*Those who need us will find us and those who find us will be helped.*

### Love Gifts

While TCF has no dues or fees, donations are gratefully welcomed. *The Milwaukee County Chapter* depends entirely on contributions to fund chapter expenses including mailing of our newsletters, special event costs, maintenance of the Children's Memorial Garden, the Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting program, and the Annual Balloon Launch. The Compassionate Friends is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax exempt.

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### *The compassionate Friends of Milwaukee County*

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Oak Creek Community Center  
8580 S. Howell Avenue  
Oak Creek, Wisconsin

Our monthly meetings provide a caring environment in which we reach out to newly bereaved parents and other adult family members. You have the opportunity to share freely about your children who have died with the guidance and reassurance of members who are further along in their grief journey. Gradually families learn how to survive what has happened, find a "new normal" and begin to rebuild their lives. Healing begins and all are helped.

### Newsletter

A chapter newsletter is published quarterly and includes additional support and information about grief, announcements, regional and national TCF along with chapter news. The newsletter is created locally and submissions from members are always welcome. It is mailed to all chapter members and other interested parties free of charge.