

The Compassionate Friends Supporting Family After a Child Dies

## CINCINNATI EAST CHAPTER NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2019

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

February 26, 2019 Moms & Dads Grieve Differently

March 26, 2019 Guided Meditation

### **STEERING COMMITTEE**

#### **Co-Leaders**

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### 42<sup>nd</sup> National Conference

The 42<sup>nd</sup> TCF National Conference will be in held in Philadelphia, on July 19-21, 2019, at the Philadelphia 201 Hotel. "Hope Rings in Philadelphia" is the theme of this year's event.

The Compassionate Friends National Conference is a weekend spent surrounded by other bereaved parents, grandparents and siblings. It is a place where hope grows and friendships are made with others who truly understand.

With inspirational keynote speakers, abundant workshops for everyone's 42ND TCF NATIONAL CONFERENCE





wants and needs, and a remembrance candle lighting program culminating with the annual Walk to Remember, this time of healing and hope is the gift we give ourselves.

For more details, visit The Compassionate Friends website. https://www.compassionatefriends.org/event/42nd-tcf-national-conference/

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### **Butterfly Boutique Request For Donations**

The Butterfly Boutique is a quaint shop at the TCF National Conference that is completely put together by volunteers to sell donations provided by members and sometimes businesses. The purpose is to raise funds to

further TCF's national mission of helping parents, grandparents, and siblings who have lost a child at any age from any cause.

Donations can be new and/or gently used pre-owned items that have angels, butterflies, hearts, hummingbirds, dragonflies or any other appropriate subject matter. It could be jewelry (pins, earrings, rings, necklaces, ankle bracelets,



etc.), jewelry boxes, scarves, tote bags, etc. Members love to purchase candles or coasters, Christmas ornaments or decorations, even kitchen or bath towels (new, of course). Other popular items include framed pictures, artwork, or handmade items.

Not every item must have a symbolic heart or butterfly on it. At very successful Butterfly Boutique sessions in the past, they have sold items like Coach wallets and Vera Bradley items. The boutique becomes a sort of gathering place for bereaved parents, grandparents, and siblings.

All donations are tax-deductible. If you are interested in donating to the Butterfly Boutique, contact this year's volunteer chairs:

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### UPCOMING GROUP ACTIVITIES

### Ladies' Coffee & Conversation • Saturday, February 9 • 9:00 am

Come out Saturday, February 9 at 9:00 am for coffee and conversation with the ladies. We'll meet at Panera Bread (we usually meet in the room to the left of the cash registers) on SR 28 in Milford. No RSVP required. We hope to see you there!

### Men's Dinner • Tuesday, February 12 • 6:30 pm

The men will meet for dinner and fellowship. Please let Doug Eisele know via text or email (513.509.3237 or doug@eiselefineart.com) by Monday, February 11 at Noon if you plan to attend. Further details & location will be determined based on number of RSVPs received. If you know of other grieving dads, brothers, or grandfathers who may want to attend, please reach out and invite them. Ask them to RSVP before Monday at Noon.

### February Monthly Meeting • Tuesday, February 26 • 7:00 pm

Moms and Dads Grieve Differently. We'll be splitting into separate groups for men and women for this month's roundtable discussion. Sharing circle will follow the program.



We have a private group available on Facebook for Cincinnati East Chapter members. Join us!

https://www.facebook.com/groups/tcfcincinnatieast/



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