



The Compassionate Friends

Supporting Family After a Child Dies

Monthly Meetings

SEPT 26, 2017

JAN BORGMAN-CHMC

GRIEF COUNSELOR

OCTOBER 24, 2017

READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

NOVEMBER 28

to be determined

STEERING COMMITTEE

Co-Leaders:

Lindsay Bibler 652-7470

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GROUP OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH

MEN'S NIGHT OUT, TUESDAY, SEPT 12TH

6:30 PM. Rotating locations on the East Side.
Please RSVP to Doug by 8/7 at (513) 509-3237 or
doug@eiselefineart.com to RSVP and to find out
location.

WOMEN'S COFFEE, SAT, SEPT 16TH, 9 AM

We will meet at the Panera in Milford on Route 28,
next to the Starbucks. This is a casual get
together. No agenda. Just friendship and
understanding (and Panera goodies). Call Lindsay
652-7470 or email lbibler@me.com for questions.

MONTHLY MEETING, TUES. SEPT 26, 7:00 PM

WE HAVE JAN BORGMAN FROM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WITH US AGAIN!

Jan does an
informative program on grief, guilt and dealing with
the new life you are in. She will do her portion of
the program first. The second portion will be a
share circle. Please join us!

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER

BROUGHT BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: OUR HOLIDAY SLIDESHOW! We will start over on making a new slide show. Kathy Elliott will take over this job. (Thanks Kathy!) Find a picture you want in the slide show. Scan it to Kathy at kwkdesigns@gmail.com or bring it to a meeting. We hope to include anyone who has attended in the last two years and anyone who was a previous member who wishes to attend our holiday remembrance.

WE ARE STARTING THE PLANS FOR A MEMORIAL GARDEN!

Several people have said that they are interested in helping. I would like to set up a meeting in September—to get your ideas—before I meet again with the Anderson Park Board. If you are interested in helping or have ideas about the garden, please contact me at lbibler@me.com.

WE ARE NOW PART OF AMAZON SMILE! That means that when you order from Amazon (and almost everyone does) 0.5% of your purchase goes to TCF Cincinnati East if you pick us as your charity! This will go a long way to help finance the memorial garden if we all set up TCF CINCINNATI EAST as your designated Amazon Smile Charity. If you have chosen another charity and want to switch, go to your Amazon Smile Page. Under the search bar, click on the down arrow next to your current charity. Then there is an option to pick another charity. We are listed as Compassionate Friends Cincinnati East Chapter. (It does say Oakbrook, Il but that is national's city). As long as it says Cincinnati East you have picked the right one!! Thank You.

YOUR COMPASSIONATE FRIEND

I can tell from that look, friend, that you need to talk,
So come, take my hand and let's go for a walk.

See, I'm not like the others, I won't shy away,
Because I want to hear when you've got to say.

Your child has died and you need to be heard,
But they don't want to hear a single word.

They tell you your child's "with God" so be strong.
They say all the "right" things that somehow sound wrong.

They're just hurting for you and trying to say,
They'd give anything to help take your pain away.
But they're struggling with feelings they can't understand
So forgive them for not offering a helping hand.

I'll walk in your shoes for more than a mile.
I'll wait while you cry and be glad if you smile.
I won't criticize you or judge you or scorn,
I'll just stay and listen 'til night turns to morn.

Yes, the journey is hard and unbearably long,
And I know that you think you're not quite that strong.
So just take my hand, 'cause I've got time to spare,
And I know how it hurts friend, for I have been there.

See, I owe a debt you can help me repay
For not long ago, I was helped the same way.
As I stumbled and fell, thru a world so unreal,
So believe when I say that I know how you feel.

I don't look for praise or financial gain
And I'm sure not the kind who gets joy out of pain.
I'm just a strong shoulder who'll be here till the end-

I will be your Compassionate Friend

(by Steve Channing, TCF Winnipeg, in memory of daughter Kimberly)

