

35th TCF National Conference/ 5th International Gathering - 2012 Costa Mesa, California



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Featuring

- ... *friendship, understanding, and hope* as attendees join in the workshops, sharing sessions, banquets, as well as other conference activities.
- ... a complete sibling program, with special events including a trip to Dave and Buster's for food and fun.
- ... Special Friday night entertainment, An Evening With Darcie Sims. Free for all attendees.
- ... the very special thirteenth Compassionate Friends Walk to Remember® rounds out the conference Sunday morning before the closing. A special program will be held prior to the commencement of the walk.
- ... over 100 workshops covering most aspects of grief after the death of a child.
- ... **hospitality rooms**, **memory boards**, butterfly boutique, silent auction, raffle, bookstore, reflection room, and much, much more.

Keynote Speakers

Lois Duncan is the prolific and award winning author of 48 books. But, the most difficult one she ever had to write was *Who Killed My Daughter?*, the story behind her search for the truth in the death of her 18-year-old daughter Kaitlyn Arquette in what police called a random drive-by shooting.

Kathy Eldon, journalist, author, producer, activist, and mother found her life changed forever when her 22-year-old son, Dan Eldon, a Reuters photographer, was stoned to death by an angry mob as he did his job in Somalia in July of 1993. Among her books are *Angel Catcher: A Journal of Loss and Remembrance* and *The Journey is the Destination*.

Darcie Sims, always popular international keynote speaker, brings her wit and wisdom as a bereaved parent and certified grief management specialist to the podium in Costa Mesa. Co-founder of Grief, Inc., an international grief consulting firm, Darcie is a well known and respected author and speaker.

The Reverend Canon Simon Stephens, founder of The Compassionate Friends worldwide and bereaved sibling, will travel from his home in Moscow to share his thoughts with the large International and U.S. crowd that is expected to gather.

Visit the TCF website at www.compassionatetriends.org to register online and to receive the most up-to-date conference information.

Conference Workshops

(Workshops are subject to change without notice.)

Our Child(ren)'s Age

- 1 Death of a Teenage Child
- 2 Honoring The Life You Had with the Infant You Lost
- 3 Life after Tragedy--Where Do We Go from Here? (SIDS)
- 4 Living with the Death of an Adult Child
- 5 We Hardly Got To Know You, Loss of a Child under 10

Circumstances of Our Loss

- 6 The Aftermath of Murder
- 7 Bereavement Difficulties of Parents Losing a Child to a Drug Overdose
- 8 "Child of My Child" The Grief of Grandparents
- 9 Death from the Disease of Addiction--Panel Discussion
- 10 Death of a Child from Long Term Illness
- 11 Death of a Child with Mental Illness
- 12 Death of the Difficult/Troubled Child
- 13 Death of a Person in the Military
- 14 Hope for Parents with No Surviving Children--A
- 15 How to Survive the Loss of an Infant, Stillborn, Miscarriage
- 16 It's High Time To Discuss and Heal from HIV/ARC Related Deaths
- 17 Losing a Child to the Disease of Addiction
- 18 Making Peace with Suicide
- 19 "Maybe it's for the best"--Validating Your Grief When the Death of Your Disabled Child Is Minimized
- 20 Multiple Losses, A Panel
- 21 Now Childless: Surviving Parents of All/Only Children
- 22 Single and Grieving
- 23 Stigmatized Losses
- 24 Sudden Death--Non-Vehicular
- 25 Sudden Death--Vehicular, a Panel
- 26 Sudden Vehicular Death by a Drunk Driver
- 27 Suicide Bereavement: Personal Meanings
- 28 Walking through the Process following Murder
- 29 What To Do and What Not To Do in Difficult Situations as a Bereaved Parent
- 30 Who Am I Now? (Childless or with survivors)
- 31 Witnessing the Death

For Men

- 32 Facing a Father's Feeling of Failure
- 33 A Father's Grief
- 34 For Men Only--Women Explaining Women to Men
- 35 Men Only-A Panel

Healing

- 36 Dreams: A Blessing in Disguise for Bereaved Parents
- 37 Finding Your Own Strengths and Talents to Get You through Grief
- 38 Healing Guilt and Regret
- 39 Humor and Grief
- 40 Lessons from The Knitting Circle
- 41 Making Tear Soup
- 42 Not "Just" Surviving the Death of a Child, But Thriving!--A Panel

- 43 Resources for Bereaved Parents, Grandparents and Siblings
- 44 Songs of Sorrow--Five Key Elements in Healing Loss
- 45 "...A Time for Weeping and a Time for Laughter"
- 46 The Transformative Power of Hope
- 47 Whispers of Love, Signs from Our Children (2 Presentations)

Grief Related to Family & Friends

- 48 The Bereaved Parent--Issues Involving Surviving Grandchildren
- 49 A Deafening Silence: Communication Issues within Bereaved Families
- 50 Grief & Today's Family
- 51 Grieving with a Spouse Who Did Not Raise My Child
- 52 Healing Touch for Grieving Couples
- 53 Our Relationships with Our Now-Adult Surviving Siblings
- 54 Sibling Panel for Bereaved Parents/ Grandparents
- 55 Stepparents, So Many Different Situations
- 56 Thriving as a Couple after Your Child Dies
- 57 What Parents Need to Know about Teen Grief

Early Grief

- 58 The Dawn of Our Grief (Early Years of Bereavement)
- 59 It's Called Grief--Cliff Notes for Beginners
- 60 What Is Grief?

For the Long Term Griever

- 61 The Bereaved Parent--5 Years Later
- 62 "Closure"--As a Cure to Grief: 23 Years Later, Accepting Grief as a Part of Your Life
- 63 How Long Does It Take for Me To Be Happy Again?
- 64 Transformation through the Years: How We Grieved; How We Healed (Also for Siblings 13-17, Accompanied by Their Parents)

Using Creativity to Help Healing

- 65 The Art of Healing--Loss, Grief and Grace (Collage)
- 66 Bears, Quilts & Projects in Memory of Our Children
- 67 The Birdhouse Project: A Cllaboration of the Heart, Mind and Hands
- 68 Blogging Your Way through Grief
- 69 Feel, Create & Heal
- 70 Find Hope & Healing by Telling Your Story
- 71 The Healing Power of Ritual
- 72 Journaling as a Healing Tool
- 73 Knitting through Grief: A Workshop Teaching Basic Knitting Skills
- 74 Music and Movement to Soothe the Injured Soul
- 75 Poetry--Language of the Heart
- 76 What To Do with My Child's Possessions? (childless or with survivors)
- 77 Wisdom Bowls--the Inner Journey of Healing (Meditation)
- 78 Writing and Publishing Your Book--A Panel
- 79 Writing in Grief's Garden
- 80 Writing towards Healing
- 81 Yoga as a Means of Healing

Other Topics Related to Grief

- 82 Am I Depressed or Just Grieving Do I need Medication
- 83 Anger and Bereavement
- 84 Do Women and Men Really Grieve Differently?

- 85 Forgiving Is a Process
- 86 Grieving through Interaction with Police, Attorneys and Courts
- 87 Introduction to Online Chat Support
- 88 The Mind-Body Connection: Staying Healthy through Your Grief
- 89 Normal vs Unhealthy Grief: How do I know if I Need Professional Help?
- 90 Not Using Food, Alcohol, Drugs To Help Us To Go through the Grieving Process
- 91 Organ & Tissue Donation--A Panel
- 92 Spiritual Grief
- 93 Struggling to Reclaim My Faith
- 94 Subsequent Pregnancies after a Loss
- 95 To Forgive or Not To Forgive, That is the Question
- 96 Why Am I So Anxious Since My Child Has Died?

Sibling All Ages

- 97 The Birdhouse Project: A Collaboration of the Heart, Mind and Hands
- 98 The Grieving Self--I Grieve Too!
- 99 Scrapbook Your Sibling
- 100 Sibling Stories

Sibling Ages 9-12

101 The Healing Art of Creating Mandalas

Sibling Ages 9-14

102 Ask the Parents

Sibling Ages 9-17

103 Using Creativity to Help Heal

Sibling Ages 9-18

104 Collage-Making for 9-18 Year Old Siblings

Sibling Ages 13-17

- 105 Being a Teenager is Hard Enough
- 106 Teen Sibling Panel, for Teens by Teens

Sibling Ages 15-17

- 107 Ask the Parents
- 107 ASK THE PATERIES

108 Issues and Tissues Sibling Teens & Adults

- 109 Learning Coping Skills for Sibling Grief
- 110 Siblings Grieve, Too
- 111 Sibling Loss--An Often Overlooked Grief
- 112 Suddenly Alone
- 113 Why Are My Parents So Different?
- 114 Witnessing the Death

Sibling Ages 18+

- 115 Adult Sibling Loss--A Panel
- 116 Becoming an Only Child after the Death of a Sibling
- 117 The Healing Art of Creating Mandalas
- 118 Life for an Adult Individual after the Death of a Sibling

Leadership

- 119 The Chapter Newsletter
- 120 How to Assemble a Chapter Advisory Board
- 121 How to Start a TCF Chapter



2012 Conference Schedule

Pre-Conference Activities

W-1110	
Wednesday, July 18	
8:00 am - 4:30 pm	Regional Coordinator Meeting
3:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Conference Registration
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Barbeque Buffet
Thursday, July 19	
8:00 am - 4:15 pm	Chapter Leadership Training Program
9:30 am - 6:00 pm	Excursion to Huntington Library
3:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Conference Registration
3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Spanish Language Workshop & Sharing Session
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Sibling Meet & Greet
7:00 pm — 8:00 pm	Grandparents Meet & Greet
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Online Support Community Meet & Greet
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	TCF Facebook Fans Meet & Greet

Meet your Regional Coordinator

(for Chapter Leaders)

Sharing Sessions

8:00 pm - 9:30 pm 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm International Liaison Meeting Conference Activities

Friday, July 20

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

9:30 am - 10:45 pm Disneyland Excursion

Monday, July 23

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7:00 am -		Conference Registration
8:00 am -	9:00 am	Annual Meeting
8:00 am –	9:00 am	Orientation for First-Time Attendees
9:15 am –	10:30 am	OPENING CEREMONY Speaker: Lois Duncan
10:30 am -	11:00 am	Break
11:00 am -	12:15 pm	WORKSHOP SESSION I
12:30 pm –	2:30 pm	LUNCHEON BANQUET Speaker: Kathy Eldon
2:45 pm -	4:00 pm	WORKSHOP SESSION II
4:00 pm -		Break
4:30 pm -		WORKSHOP SESSION III
5:30 pm -	10:30 pm	Sibling trip to Dave and Buster's
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm –	8:30 pm	An Evening with Darcie Sims
		Sharing Sessions
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Speaker: Darcie Sims

South of the Border Buffet

Sibling Program Thursday, July 19

Meet and Greet – At 7:00 pm there will be a Meet & Greet for siblings where they will meet other siblings and hear about planned activities for the weekend. Refreshments will be available.

Friday, July 20

Join in the fun as the siblings will take a short bus ride to Dave and Buster's for an evening of good times. Everyone will receive a Party & Play Combo with Fajita Buffet and refreshments plus interactive and video games on the "Million Dollar Midway." Cost: \$25 (value \$37). Note: Signed parental permission will be necessary for siblings younger than 18. Siblings will have the opportunity to join the always popular sibling choir that will be performing at the closing ceremony.

Note: Siblings who wish to sit at a sibling table during the banquets can make that request on the registration form.

An Evening with Darcie Sims!

Don't miss the chance to hear internationally famous bereavement expert and author, as well as bereaved parent, Darcie Sims whose topic will be Finding Your Way Through Grief: Does Grief Come in "One Size Fits All?"

Taller y Sesión para Compartir en Español (Workshop and Sharing Session in Spanish)

Nuestros Hijos e Hijas Por Siempre en Nuestros Corazones

(Our Children Forever in Our Hearts)

Este es un taller en español diseñado para incluir el proceso de la pena y el duelo luego de la muerte de un hijo o una hija, el aspecto cultural sobre diversidad con la Comunidad Latina, cómo estos padres y madres en duelo se sienten cuando no tienen a sus familiares a su lado en el momento de la pérdida, la importancia de los hijos e hijas sobrevivientes y su proceso de duelo, el duelo de pareja y la importancia de la comunicación y comprensión de la individualidad del proceso de duelo. El ambiente de este taller estará lleno de canciones, poesías y fotos.

1 1/2 horas para cubrir el taller, seguido de 1 hora para compartir experiencias. Ofrecidos por: Nivia E. Vázquez y Mercedes Marqués 15:30-18:00 Jueves

A workshop in Spanish designed to include an introduction to bereavement ("pena", "duelo") after the loss of a child, the cultural aspects on diversity with the Latino community, how these bereaved parents feel when they are not surrounded by their immediate families at the moment of their couples'-grief loss, the importance of surviving siblings and their bereavement process, couples' grief, and the importance of communication and understanding of the individual grieving process. The atmosphere will be filled with songs, poems, and imagery. (1 1/2 hours for workshop and 1 hour for sharing session) Presenters: Nivia E. Vázquez and Mercedes Marqués 3:30-6:00 pm Thursday

Special Meet & Greet Opportunities

Thursday evening, in addition to our regular sharing sessions, there will be meet and greet opportunities for grandparents, siblings, members of our Online Support Community and our TCF/USA Facebook Page. There will also be an opportunity for Chapter Leadership to meet their Regional Coordinator.

Attention Chapter Leadership!

This year we are again offering the unique opportunity for U.S. chapter leadership to attend a Chapter Leadership Training Program and the National Conference! A full day Chapter Leadership Training Program will be held on Thursday prior to the conference. Program participants must be registered for the conference. Conference registration refunds for program participants will be issued before August 15. A Chapter Leadership Program registration will need to be filled out and returned to the national office. Registrations for this program can be obtained by calling the National Office or from the leadership website. Sorry, there will be no on-site registration for this program and the CLTP is open to U.S. chapter leadership only!

Registration

The Compassionate Friends 2012 National Conference Registration
P.O. Box 3696 ~ Oak Brook, IL 60522
Phone: 877-969-0010 ~ Fax: 630-990-0246

Website: www.compassionatefriends.org (online registration available)

Please return this form completed on BOTH sides, along with your check (made payable to TCF) or credit card information for the full amount to the above address.

	Conference	Registrants (Circle code as ap	propriate.)	First Time at a TCF Conference?
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Person 2 Name		BP CS TS AS G R F P V	VP NE CL RC BD	☐ Yes ☐ No
Person 3 Name		BP CS TS AS G R F P V	VP NE CL RC BD	☐ Yes ☐ No
Person 4 Name		BP CS TS AS G R F P V	VP NE CL RC BD	☐ Yes ☐ No
BP -Bereaved Parent, CS -Child Sibling (F -Friend, P -Professional, WP -Workshop Pr				
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Visit TCF's website at www.compassionatefriends.org for convenient online

registration and to obtain the most up-to-date conference information. Conference Registration Fees All Adults, ages 18 & up: \$90.00 each by June 15, 2012; \$130.00 each after June 15, 2012 (includes Bereaved Parents [BP], Grandparents [G], Adult Siblings [AS], Relatives [R], and Friends [F]) \$40.00 each by June 15, 2012; \$65.00 each after June 15, 2012 **Siblings** (Child Siblings [CS] and Teen Siblings [TS], ages 9–17) **Full-Time College Students** \$40.00 each by June 15, 2012; \$65.00 each after June 15, 2012 (student ID required at check-in) **Spanish Language Workshop** \$20.00 each by June 15, 2012; \$25.00 each after June 15, 2012 & Sharing Session (Only) Fee waived if registering for conference A) Total Registration Fees \$ Conference Meals Friday Luncheon Banquet (Chicken or Vegetarian) **Total Meals** \$35 Which person has vegetarian choice? Person 1, 2, 3, 4, None (circle) Does sibling wish to sit at sibling table if attending banquet? yes Saturday Night Banquet (Beef or Vegetarian) Total Meals Which person has vegetarian choice? Person 1, 2, 3, 4, None (circle) Does sibling wish to sit at sibling table if attending banquet? _____ yes ____ no B) Total Conference Meals \$ Persons wishing to eat at either the Friday afternoon or Saturday evening banquet must be registered for the conference. Sorry, no exceptions. Special Sibling Event **Dave and Buster's Total Attending** C) Total Special Sibling Event \$ Outdoor Buffet Dining Mingle & Socialize Barbeque Buffet (entertainment, cash bar) total meals x \$25 = Wednesday, July 18 Sunday, July 22 South of the Boarder Buffet (entertainment, cash bar) total meals x \$25 = D) Total Outdoor Buffet Dining \$ Excursion/Transportation Tickets Excursion to Huntington Library (entrance fee and transportation) Thursday, July 19 total tickets x \$25 = _total transportation tickets x \$10 = Monday, July 23 Transportation to/from Disneyland (pickup at hotel 9:30 am returning 11:00 pm (special pricing for Disneyland tickets can be found on TCF's website) E) Total Excursion/Transportation Tickets \$ Summary of Charges A) Total Conference Registration Fees \$ B) Total Conference Meals \$ C) Total Special Sibling Event \$ D) Total Special Meals \$ E) Excursion/Transportation Tickets \$ F) Total Sponsorship Opportunity (see page 9) \$ G) Total Walk to Remember Registration \$ Total of A, B, C, D, E, F, G \$ Method of Payment ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover Credit Card # **Expiration Date** Signature Pre-Registration Ends June 29, 2012—After that date, attendees must register on-site.

There will be no refunds after June 29, 2012. Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel.

Pre and Post Conference Excursions

Special Thursday pre-conference excursion to Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. With three distinct facets, the Huntington is linked to research, education, and beauty. Vision of Empire: The Quest for a Railroad Across America, 1840-1880 will be one exhibit available to view. Visit www.huntington.org for information on why this is a "Must See."

Special Monday excursion to see the magic of Disneyland. No matter the generation, Disneyland is the premier theme park in the United States. From Mickey Mouse to Indiana Jones to Space Mountain, there's something for everyone.

For area attractions, visit TCF's national website at www.compassionatefriends.org at 2012 National/International Conference under News & Events.

Conference Location and Hotel Information

The conference will be held July 20-22 at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel, 3050 Bristol Street, CA 92626. A Chapter Leadership Training Program for U.S. chapter leadership only will be held July 19 (no on-site registration).

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel for guests attending The Compassionate Friends National Conference. Located near John Wayne Airport (SNA), the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel offers shuttle service between the hotel and airport.

Hotel Reservations: Reservations may be made by calling 714-540-7000. For your convenience, a link has been provided from The Compassionate Friends national website, www.compassionatefriends.org to the hotel's online reservation services.

Room Rate: TCF has negotiated a block of guest rooms which will be available until June 26 or until the room block is full. Rates are: \$129 for a double queen or king room.

Space is limited. We urge you to make your reservations early! If you call, be certain to inform the hotel that you will be attending The Compassionate Friends Conference to receive the special room rate. If an over-flow hotel becomes necessary, please visit TCF's national website for the latest information.

Conference Information

TCF National Walk to Remember—In conjunction with the national conference, the thirteenth Walk to Remember will be held Sunday, July 22. This symbolic two-mile walk shows that as members and supporters of The Compassionate Friends We Need Not Walk Alone! All are welcome to register and participate in memory of a special child or in memory of all children who have gone too soon—attendance at the conference is not required. Register to receive the Walk packet with customized 2012 Walk to Remember T-Shirt with conference logo on the front. A special program will be held prior to the commencement of the walk.

Sharing Sessions—Sharing sessions will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings on a variety of topics.

Picture Buttons—Our friend, Shirley Beene, will be on hand to provide picture buttons for conference attendees.

Hospitality Rooms—Separate hospitality rooms will be available for parents/grandparents and siblings to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Memory Boards—Bring up to an 8X10 photo or memento of your child, sibling, or grandchild to place on the memory boards. Please place a return-address label on the back of each photo or memento in case it is misplaced.

Reflection Room—A reflection room will be available, providing a peaceful atmosphere and tranquil environment for private meditation.

Butterfly Boutique—A variety of appropriate gifts and mementos will be available in the Butterfly Boutique.

Bookstore—Our friends from Centering Corporation will set up a complete bookstore at the conference stocked with books, audio-and-video CDs and DVDs., as well as other items of interest. Time will be set aside for authors to sign your books!

Age Restrictions—Children age nine and older who are registered may attend sibling workshops. Sorry, no young children or infants allowed at banquets or workshops.

Many volunteer opportunities will be available during the conference; please e-mail the National Office at national office@compassionatefriends.org if you feel you will have some time available to make a commitment.



Join Us As We Walk to Remember All Those Gone Too Soon

Dear Compassionate Friends,

TCF invites you to join with hundreds on Sunday, July 22, for the thirteenth Compassionate Friends Walk to Remember®. A highlight of the last 12 conferences, the walk kicks off the final day of the conference with a time for peace and reflection—to hold hands and remember times past.

Whether you walk the two miles or a couple of hundred feet is not important. What matters is that you have taken this time to join with friends—new and old—and family who are walking the same journey with you. As in past years, TCF is expecting more than 1,400 walkers. Many people register simply to show their unity with the walkers, remaining at the hotel to welcome those completing the walk.

Help TCF in its mission by asking friends, family, and businesses to back you with pledges. Whether or not you attend, you can now join from your home again this year in the exciting "Friends Asking Friends" virtual walk Internet program. This allows you to be a very real part of the walk and to have the great feeling that comes from knowing you are helping bereaved families by assuring, through your participation, that TCF will always be there. Note: Participation in the Friends Asking Friends program does not register you for the on-site walk.

THE COURSE:

The two-mile route will begin and finish at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel, site of the 35th TCF National Conference.

MEMORIAL WALK T-SHIRTS:

All registered participants will receive a Walk to Remember T-shirt. In addition, each participant will receive a race-style bib to wear during the walk. The name of the child or children in whose memory the participant is walking can be listed on this bib.

REGISTRATION:

The cost to register for the walk is \$20 if postmarked by June 15; \$25 thereafter. Additional donations are greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible.

PACKET PICKUP AND LATE REGISTRATION:

Late registration and packet pickup will be located in the registration area of the Hilton during the conference. Times for packet pickup will be posted.

PLEDGING OPPORTUNITIES: RAISE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR TCF! (See over)

MAIL TO: TCF Walk to Remember	unday, July 22, 2012 - 8:00 am • Registration Fee: \$20 • After June 15 \$25 ake checks payable to: THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS • Visa, asterCard, and Discover Accepted
☐ Two-Mile Walk ☐ \$Additional Donation	☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover
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In consideration of being accepted as a participant in the TCF Inc., Walk to Remember, I he damages to, or theft of, my personal property or any bodily injury (including death) that may that I may cause to others, in each case arising or resulting from, incidental to, or as a conexecutors and administrators, release and hold harmless from and waive all claims, damage ticipated, foreseen or unforeseen, arising or resulting from, incident to or as a consequence Compassionate Friends, Inc., any business or companies along the route and any and all sp	Please copy and complete this section for each person walking. That I assume all responsibility for any and all occur to me, and further, I assume responsibility for property damage and bodily injury (including death) resequence of, my participation in the TCF Inc., Walk to Remember; (2) That I, for myself, my heirs, my es, and rights of action, present or future, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanof, my participation in the TCF Inc., Walk to Remember, which I may now or hereafter have against The ponsors and volunteers for said event, and the respective directors, employees, and agents of all of the cast, photograph, video, or other account of The Compassionate Friends, Inc., Walk to Remember; and king event such as The Compassionate Friends, Inc., Walk to Remember.
Signature:(Parent or guardian if under 18)	Date:

I Would Like to Do More!

There are now two ways in which you can make your participation in the Walk to Remember go further and thus assist the organization to assure families who suffer the death of a child in the future will not walk alone.

Option one: Join us for the seventh year of our "Friends Asking Friends®" program, which allows you to be a part of the Walk to Remember from your home!

"Friends Asking Friends" is a proven concept that allows you to participate in the Walk to Remember even if you are not able to come to Costa Mesa. It's very simple. Individuals, teams, and chapters register online at www.tcfwalktoremember.org, create a memorial website, and using e-mail and other methods, receive pledges and donations that support the programs of The Compassionate Friends both on a national and a chapter level. You also have the option of supporting a team that has already been established or making a general donation to the Walk to Remember in memory of a special child.

Option two: Raise additional funds for TCF through pledges! Pledging is optional and is not required to participate in the walk. It does, however, provide funding for the organization to assure that families suffering the death of a child in the future will not walk alone. Full pledge payment is requested at packet pickup. Make checks payable to: The Compassionate Friends.

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(Please use additional sheets of blank paper if needed.)

2012 Memorial Walk to Remember

Sunday, July 22
Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel
Costa Mesa, California
Register on reverse side.
Thank you for your support of TCF!!



Opportunities to Support the 2012 TCF National Conference

Costa Mesa, California

Staging a national conference involves the commitment of many volunteers and the generosity of countless individuals, businesses, and organizations. The following range of sponsorships is offered to support TCF, our mission to grieving families, and to assist in defraying costs of the conference. If you are able to help in this endeavor, please accept our heartfelt thanks. Simply check off the appropriate item, complete the donor information and mail or fax to the National Office. Please include your tax-deductible donation, (if faxed, include credit card information-Visa, Mastercard, or Discover). Sponsorships will be acknowledged in the conference program book and on a sign in the area sponsored. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

As a new sponsorship feature everyone who sponsors an activity in memory of a child has the option of having their child's photo appear on the sponsorship sign at the conference. TCF chapters that sponsor signs will have their chapter logo appear on the sign.

\$5,000 Sponsorships (An acknowledgment will be prin	_			
Registration Bags	Conference Program Book			
\$3,000 Sponsorships				
Friday Evening Entertainment Sponsorship	Chapter Leadership Training Program			
\$2,500 Sponsorships				
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Friday Afternoon Banquet and Speaker Sponsorship				
\$1,000 Sponsorships				
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Opening Ceremony and Speaker Sponsorship	Parent Hospitality Room Sponsorship			
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Registration Area Sponsorship	Sibling Hospitality Room Sponsorship			
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Meet and Greet for TCF Facebook Fans	Regional Coordinators Meet & Greet with			
Meeting and Greet for Online Support Community	Chapter Leadership			
	Orientation for First Timers			
	Raffle/Silent Auction			
\$150 Sponsorships				
Authors' Hour				
Other Sponsorships				
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Sponsor a Remembrance of Love

The 35th TCF National Conference/5th International Gathering will be held July 20-22, 2012 in Costa Mesa, California. Southern California is best known for its stunning climate and diverse scenery. This year the conference committee welcomes you to join us for a weekend of "Oceans of Love, Mountains of Memories" and we have designed a unique "Remembrance of Love" keepsake exclusively for this year's conference.

The rectangular 4X6 photo in the "Remembrance of Love" combines a picture of the child we always carry in our hearts with this year's logo which merges the vast depth of love for our children, the tall peaks that we must climb during our grief journey, and the strength, flexibility, and endurance required of us as represented by the majestic tree. The photo is attached to a 5.25" wide by 2.75" tall ornamental heart made out of beautiful 300 series stainless steel and the finished "Remembrance of Love" mementos will all be displayed at the conference for everyone attending to view. The "Remembrance of Love" includes the name of the child within the picture.

The donation for each keepsake ordered again remains \$10.00 this year. If you cannot attend the conference and would like the "Remembrance of Love" sent to you, then an additional \$5.00 donation is requested to cover postage and handling. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks after the conference for your conference keepsake to reach you.

Please note: The stainless steel ornamental heart used in the "Remembrance of Love" was specially commissioned and designed for this conference and will <u>not</u> be available anywhere else. The mock-up shown in this picture was created by hand to give you an idea of the finished design—which will be even more striking and beautiful!

We anticipate that this will be a very popular item and supplies will be limited due to the one time production run. We strongly recommend ordering the "Remembrance of Love" keepsake online by placing your order and uploading the child's digital image directly through the national website: www.compassionatefriends.org. If you are unable to submit the child's image(s) electronically, we ask that you mail the image(s) on a disk, or send a wallet-size photo (mail only a copy as prints cannot be returned) along with payment and this order form to: Remembrance of Love, P.O. Box 3212 Granada Hills, CA 91394. We also highly recommend that if you are unable to submit the picture electronically through TCF's website or create a disk, that you take your photo to an office supply store (Staples, Office Max, Office Depot, etc) or printer (FedEx Kinko's, etc.) and have your photo scanned and uploaded to TCF's website there, or a disk created to be mailed. Electronic files uploaded and on disk should be high quality of at least 300dpi. The quality of the picture you send will determine the quality of the Remembrance of Love memento picture. For questions, email Kristan at tcf1114@gmail.com.

Enclosed is picture/pictures	No@ \$10.00 ea	=	\$	
Shipping/Handling: (If not attending)	\$5.00 ea (For frames mailed back to you)	=	\$	
(Print all information)	Total Amount:	=	\$	
Name of Child (as you wish it to appear)				
Your Name				
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Child's picture should be 2 ½ x 3 ¼ Use separate sheet for additional fra	•			

