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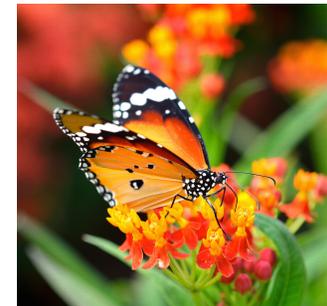
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2015 ANNUAL REPORT



*The
Compassionate
Friends*
Supporting Family After a Child Dies

and
TCF FOUNDATION



Vision:

*That everyone who needs us will
find us, and everyone who finds us
will be helped.*



Mission:

*When a child dies, at any age, the family
suffers intense pain and may feel helpless
and isolated. The Compassionate Friends
provides highly personal comfort, hope and
support to every family experiencing the
death of a son or a daughter, a brother or a
sister, or a grandchild, and helps others
better assist the grieving family.*

A Message from the President

We Need Not Walk Alone, We Are The Compassionate Friends

These are more than just words in our credo, they are a way of life for everyone in our organization. Maybe, like me, you have repeated these words hundreds of times as you have recited our credo or read it on the cover of our magazine. For me, I was reminded of the strength of these words while on a recent call with our Florida Chapters after the tragedy in Orlando. What we offer as Compassionate Friends is deceptively simple; that no bereaved parent, grandparent, or sibling need ever walk alone.

This is accomplished through the dedicated work of our National Office staff and multitudes of volunteers as we reach out to make first contact with the newly bereaved. Through phone calls, Chapter meetings and online, we practice hand-in-hand, heart-to-heart support. However, this is just the beginning of what TCF offers and what these words mean.

Our 700 Chapters meet with thousands of hurting hearts. Social media allows us to offer support for those unable physically attend meetings. Our Facebook page has grown this year from 158,000 followers to over 260,000, and we have expanded our closed Facebook groups to over 20 including a dedicated Spanish language page.

We continue to unify the grieving community with our annual World Wide Candle lighting held in over 415 locations.

Our Chapter leaders, who volunteer their time, are the heart of our organization and are dedicated to providing the best possible support. This year we offered 10 Regional Chapter Leadership Training programs throughout the country in addition to our training at the National Conference. The dedicated Facebook Leadership page allows a space for leaders to exchange ideas, thoughts and concerns

as well as to offer and receive support. Each month about 50 Chapter Leaders and Regional Coordinators join in on conference calls offering coaching and support from the National Office. We publish a newsletter dedicated to the needs of running a Chapter and continue to expand our webinar offerings, with 13 being done this last year.

So why does all of this work? My first Chapter meeting after my son Noah's death, I was not aware of the National Office, I did not care who was helping with chapter meetings. As I sipped my coffee with a trembling hand I did not think to thank those who had prepared it. My only feeling was, finally, I was not alone. Finally, I found help, understanding, and with time hope.

We Need Not Walk Alone, We Are The Compassionate Friends.

This is possible through the support of our donors, our corporate partners, our tens of thousands of volunteers who run the Chapters, greet the members, facilitate the meetings, and make the coffee. The Facebook and Online chat moderators, the newsletter and magazine contributors, the regional coordinators, conference committees, the Board of Directors, the Foundation Board, Executive Director Alan Pedersen, Chief Operating Officer Lisa Corrao and our National Office staff. Why does TCF work? Because we, together, embrace our motto, mission and vision. For all of those people both past and present, I extend my deepest thanks for walking with me in my darkest hours and for extending your hand to those who need us today and for those who do not yet know they will need us.

Glen Lord – President, TCF Board of Directors
Serving in Memory of Noah Thomas Emory Lord.



January-December, 2015

The Compassionate Friends, Inc.*

Support and Revenue	2015	2014
Contribution	\$ 854,723	\$ 295,884
In-Kind donation	\$ 68,656	\$ 29,323
TCF Foundation Grant	\$ 94,277	\$ 94,405
Chapter Support	\$ 121,599	\$ 102,342
Memorial Walk	\$ 118,596	\$ 137,488
Education materials	\$ 43,387	\$ 46,928
National Conference	\$ 343,327	\$ 333,201
Investment Income	\$ (468)	\$ 8,445
Other revenue	\$ 2,598	\$ 1,390

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE **\$1,646,695** **\$1,049,406**

Expenses	2015	2014
Program Services	\$ 1,035,965	\$ 882,227
Management and General	\$ 167,500	\$ 156,052
Fundraising	\$ 78,015	\$ 71,017

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$1,281,480** **\$1,109,296**

Change in Net Assets \$ (19,500) \$ (59,890)

Net assets,		
Beginning of Year	\$ 314,492	\$ 401,382
Net Assets, End of Yr	\$ 706,707	\$ 341,492

TCF FOUNDATION*

Support and Revenue	2015	2014
Contributions	\$ 15,000	\$ -
Investment Income	\$ (4,497)	\$ 147,211

Total Support And Revenue **\$ (10,503)** **\$ 147,211**

Expenditures	2015	2014
Program: Contribution to TCF, Inc.	\$ 94,277	\$ 94,405
Management And General	\$ 13,709	\$ 17,062

Total expenditures **\$ 108,047** **\$ 112,128**

Change in Net Assets \$ (97,544) \$ 35,083

Net assets,		
Beginning of Year	\$ 2,283,908	\$ 2,283,908
Net Assets, End of Yr.	\$ 2,221,447	\$ 2,318,991

*Independent auditor's report and form 990 available upon request at a nominal fee.