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The Compassionate Friends
49th National Conference
July 2-5, 2026

Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor
401 W Pratt St • Baltimore, MD 21201

SPONSOR ENGAGEMENT & OPPORTUNITIES



For more information, compassionatefriends.org/conference or
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The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) is a national organization that provides peer-based emotional support to parents, siblings, and grandparents grieving the death of a child. All services are offered free of charge. TCF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity with more than 450 chapters across the United States.

Founded in 1977, TCF offers a wide range of programs and resources. In small towns and large cities alike, bereaved family members come together to talk, listen, share, and support one another following the devastating loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling. Support is available through monthly inperson meetings, online communities, a quarterly magazine, grief-related educational materials, and events to honor their loved ones.



The National Conference

The National Conference is an annual gathering that brings together nearly 1,000 bereaved parents, grandparents, and siblings in a compassionate and supportive setting. Surrounded by peers and grief professionals, participants experience a safe and nurturing environment designed to foster healing and connection. Families travel from across the country to attend this meaningful event.

The conference features inspirational speakers, a wide variety of workshops, and opportunities for attendees to share stories and honor their loved ones. The weekend offers both hope and healing, culminating in the Walk to Remember through Baltimore—a powerful and moving tribute to the children who are forever remembered.



The TCF conferences have been life-changing for my husband and I in our grief journey. We look forward to attending. It opens communication and is a “memorial event” for the remembrance of our wonderful lost son. It is so comforting to be able to remove the mask around people who “get it.”

- TCF National Conference Attendee



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2026 Schedule Highlights

A sample of our programs

Thursday, July 2, 2026

Registration and Check In

Leadership Day

Chapter Workshops

- Growing Your Chapter
- Chapter Management
- Engaging Chapter Members
- Words Matter!
- Effective Online Groups
- Sibling Groups

Sharing Sessions

- Newly Bereaved
- Men in Grief
- Loss to Suicide
- Loss to Substance Related Causes
- Loss of an Only Child

Friday, July 3, 2026

Registration and Check In

Opening Plenary Session Featuring
David Kessler

Children and Teen Programs

Member Workshops

- Getting a Grip on Grief
- Turning Pain into Purpose
- The RISE Method for Grief
- Coping with Grief in a Busy World
- Pregnancy and Infant Loss

- The Art of Resilience
- Yoga: Healing with Movement
- Spanish Speaking Sessions
- Intimacy and Grief
- ...and many more

Dinner and Closing Plenary Session Featuring
Laura Berman

Sharing Sessions

TCF SIBS Social Gathering

Saturday, July 4, 2026

Opening Plenary Session Featuring
Stephen Panus

Member Workshops

- Loss as a Single Parent
- Loss to Cancer
- Multiple Losses
- Grandparent Memories
- Exploring Grief Rituals
- ...and many more

Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony

Donor Reception

Fireworks Display (Baltimore Harbor)

Sunday, July 5, 2026

Walk to Remember

TCF SIBS Plenary Program

Closing Ceremony



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Premier Sponsorship Opportunities

Premier Sponsor \$50,000	Conference Partner \$25,000	Conference Patron \$10,000	Conference Champion \$5,000	Conference Benefactor \$2,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusive recognition as Premier Sponsor in all print and electronic media related to the planning and execution of TCF National Conference, including TCF website for one year • Speaking Role for Executive in Opening Session and Invitations for public sessions of the Conference • Choice of Ala Carte Exclusive Opportunity (based on availability) • Featured in press releases related to TCF • Prominently placed sponsor logo and opportunity to place a full-page ad in printed program • Opportunity to host an information table at the Conference • Opportunity for Employee Engagement as Volunteers at the Conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition as a Conference Partner in all print and electronic media related to the planning and execution of TCF National Conference, including TCF website for one year • Sponsorship Recognized via remarks during Opening Session and Invitations for public sessions of the seminar. • Featured in press releases related to TCF • Prominently placed sponsor logo and opportunity to place a half-page ad in printed program • Opportunity for Employee Engagement as Volunteers at the Conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition as a Conference Patron in all print and electronic media related to the planning and execution of TCF National Conference • Sponsorship Recognized via remarks during Opening Session and Invitations for public sessions of the seminar • Featured in press releases related to TCF • Opportunity for Employee Engagement as Volunteers at the Conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition as a Conference Champion in all print and electronic media related to the planning and execution of TCF National Conference • Featured in press releases related to TCF • Opportunity for Employee Engagement as Volunteers at the Conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition as a Conference Benefactor in all print and electronic media related to the planning and execution of TCF National Conference • Invitations for public sessions of the Conference

- 1,000 individuals will travel from all states to attend
- 3.8 million TCF website visitors last year
- Over 280,000 social media followers yielding up to 1.3 million views on a single post
- 45 private Facebook groups serving over 160,000 TCF members

A La Carte Exclusive Opportunities

<p>Friday Dinner \$15,000</p> <p>Sponsor the area where all Conference attendees will start the day. Exclusive company branding prominently displayed on serving table and dining tables.</p>	<p>Sibling Program \$10,000</p> <p>Siblings have a unique bond. Their grief is different. TCF recognizes this and provides programming specifically for them.</p>	<p>Wi-Fi \$45,000</p> <p>Increase your visibility with seminar attendees by being the exclusive sponsor of wireless connectivity throughout the weekend.</p>	<p>Reflection Room \$15,000</p> <p>Throughout the Conference, attendees can retreat to the the Reflection Room for a quiet space to escape the hustle of the conference.</p>
<p>Mobile App \$15,000</p> <p>Designed specifically for TCF 2026, attendees will have all the conference education, agenda and sponsor information at their fingertips throughout the weekend and after.</p>	<p>Camp TCF \$5,000</p> <p>Camp TCF is a two-day camp for bereaved siblings ages 6-17 who have experienced the death of a brother or sister. This special gathering will provide siblings with a place that is their own during the conference weekend.</p>	<p>Conference Scholarships \$750</p> <p>Sponsor a bereaved loved one by providing for their lodging and registration. Let no one be left behind due to financial limitations.</p>	<p>Donations In Kind</p> <p>Board Games * Water Pocket Tissues * Notebooks * Pens Stress Balls * Art Supplies Sunscreen <i>for 1,000 attendees</i></p>



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