

INFORMATION CONCERNING "THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS BEREAVMENT GROUP IN  
SARASOTA, FLORIDA



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**THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS**  
(Sarasota Chapter)

**The death of a child-at any age or from any cause-is one of the greatest tragedies possible for a family. The experience is fully capable of shattering the marriages, careers, educational progress and lives of the Surviving family members.**

**The Compassionate Friends (TCF) is a national non-sectarian, mutual assistance self help organization with the primary mission of assisting bereaved families in the positive resolution of their grief following the death of a child. Our secondary mission is to provide information and education to help family, friends, employers, co-workers, professional and the community-at-large to better understand the grief of family members following the death of a child.**

**Sharing with others who have traveled the same road is the heart of TCF. The Sarasota Chapter's MONTHLY meeting provides a supportive environment for members to discuss a wide range of topics relevant to their grief, from the emotions that they are experiencing to helpful ways of handling difficult situations. Between meeting TELEPHONE CONTACTS are also helpful.**

**Membership is open to every bereaved parent and grandparent and to any bereaved sibling. Currently we do not Have a separate sibling support group but we do have siblings, occasionally, attend our meeting. We use the term "member" as a matter of convenience; there are no individual dues or fees of any sort. TCF does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, age, national origin or physical or mental disability. The Sarasota Chapter of The Compassionate Friends relies entirely upon voluntary donations from individuals and organizations.**

**Our meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at the Central Church of Christ 6220 Proctor Rd Sarasota, Florida.**

- 1. A LENDING LIBRARY from which members may check out books, pamphlets or tapes on many aspects of Grief.**
- 2. The month of October is our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Loved Ones Remembered Walk in The Park. At Twin Lakes Park on Clark Rd. Sarasota Florida.**
- 3. A DECEMBER CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL PROGRAM, to remember our children who "have died too soon" is held on the 2nd Sunday in December**
- 4 INFOMATIONAL MATERIALS on parental and sibling grief is distributed to organizations, churches, and funeral Homes. This material is always available by individuals on request, as well. . For more information about the**

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