

- In 2012, the National Office communicated with more than 634,000 bereaved parents, siblings, grandparents, other family members, friends, professionals, and chapters.
- TCF operates an Online Support Community chat program on its national website with rooms open every day to its members. Rooms are available covering many topics related to the death of a child.
- Webinars on various topics related to grief after the death of a child are provided monthly at no charge and archived online for later viewing.
- Assistance is provided to existing chapters, as well as those persons seeking to form a new chapter.

In the United States, it is expected that over 100,000 infants, children, teenagers, and young adults will die this year. In addition, more than 25,000 families can be expected to face a stillbirth and nearly 600,000 an early pregnancy loss. A child's death at any age, from any cause, is a shattering experience for a family. When a child dies, a family can turn to The Compassionate Friends self-help bereavement organization for the emotional support needed during the long grief journey that lies ahead.

- Chapter Leadership Training Programs are conducted each year at locations throughout the country including TCF's National Conference.
- The National Office coordinates national public awareness, as well as national fundraising.
- Among activities sponsored annually by the national organization are the National Conference, the Worldwide Candle Lighting®, and the Walk to Remember®.
- TCF National has created and publishes 37 bereavement brochures (in English and Spanish) on most aspects of grief following the

death of a child. Additional Spanish language brochures are scheduled to be added in 2013.

FUNDING

- Local chapters pay an annual membership fee to the national organization. All contributions from individual members are voluntary. There are no individual dues or fees of any kind.
- TCF's 2013 budget is over \$1 million with 85 percent allocated for services to chapters and the public. Administrative and fundraising costs comprise 15 percent of the organization's total operating budget.
- TCF income is derived from individual member donations, chapter fees and donations, sale of resource materials, conference and Walk to Remember proceeds, and the business and philanthropic communities. The Compassionate Friends has been recognized by the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance for meeting all of its Standards for Charity Accountability. TCF has also been awarded The Independent Charities Seal of Excellence for being able to certify, document, and demonstrate on an annual basis that it meets the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost effectiveness. Only 2,000 of the 1 million charities operating in the United States today have been awarded this Seal. **All contributions to The Compassionate Friends are tax-deductible** and are greatly appreciated.
- TCF Foundation, Inc. has been established to assist in the long-term economic stability of The Compassionate Friends, Inc. It accepts major gifts of \$5,000 or more and the larger the endowment fund's balance, the larger the distribution each year to The Compassionate Friends, Inc. **All contributions to The Compassionate Friends Foundation are tax-deductible** and are greatly appreciated.

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