

2011 Remembering Services for Bereaved Parents

Caring Beyond - Candlelight Service

Caring Beyond is a self-help support group for parents who have suffered the death of a baby or babies due to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, neonatal death or termination due to poor prenatal diagnosis. This group meets on the first Wednesday for the month 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Their annual Christmas Candlelight Memorial Service will be held:

Friday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm
Conference Rooms 2, 3, and 4
4th Floor - Alberta Children's Hospital

This is a special ceremony to remember our precious babies whom we have loved and lost. Families (including children) are invited to bring an ornament to decorate a Christmas tree in memory of their baby (babies). Ornament(s) may be retrieved at the end of the service, or donated and given to families in need during the holiday season. Families are welcome to bring extended family members, children and friends to this event.

For more information please check our website at www.caringbeyond.ca or call and leave a message on our answering machine (403-294-1131) to have a parent volunteer answer your questions.

The Compassionate Friends Candlelight Ceremony

Compassionate Friends is a self-help group for bereaved parents who meet monthly on the 3rd Monday of the month.

Their annual Candle lighting Service will be held:

Sunday, December 11th at 6:45pm
First Evangelical Free Church
732 55th Ave SW (corner of Elbow drive and 54th Ave)

Please bring a photograph of your child in a standup frame for display at the ceremony. Also, if you have a digital photo (jpeg), please email a copy to smythc@telus.net prior to December 9th if you would like to have your child included in the PowerPoint presentation.

If you like, please bring an unwrapped toy which will be donated to the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter after the event.

If you can't make it to the ceremony, please consider lighting a candle at 7:00 p.m. on December 11th and letting it burn for an hour. You will be joining the TCF International Candle Light Ceremony which unites bereaved parents around the globe. As candles are extinguished in one time zone, they are lit in the next, creating a continuous glow of light around the world.

For more information email Calgary@TCFCanada.net

Journey Through Loss of a Young Child Memory Tree

Journey through loss of a young child is a group for bereaved mothers who have experienced the loss of a young child. Informal meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month for both new and returning members.

This group will be hosting the annual Memory Tree Event at Alberta Children's Hospital for bereaved parents who would like to decorate a tree at Alberta Children's Hospital in memory of their children who have passed away.

The Memory Tree Event will be held:

Sunday, November 27th at 1 p.m.
Conference Rooms 2 and 3
4th floor of the Alberta Children's Hospital

Please bring a tree ornament to place on the tree. Refreshments will be served and then the tree will be moved to the main child space on the 2nd floor. Children and other family members are welcome to attend. The tree will be on display at the hospital until the New Year.

If you are unable to come to the event you are welcome to hang an ornament on the tree at anytime during the month of December.

For further information e-mail Debbie at rdsshannon@shaw.ca