



THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS
Greater Providence Area Chapter

Dear Friend,

Since our founding in 1978, **The Compassionate Friends** (TCF) Greater Providence Area Chapter has provided comfort and support to countless families in our community who are dealing with one of life's most profound losses – the loss of a child. Thanks to the generosity of so many, TCF has always been able to provide a haven to us, through meetings, newsletters, resources, events – all without fees or dues.

We are writing to update you on an important initiative being undertaken by our Chapter and to request the charitable support of Our Friends on behalf of The Compassionate Friends of Greater Providence.

Thanks to a very different kind of generosity, on October 8, 2010, the City of Providence granted TCF permission to construct a *Remembrance Garden* in Water Place Park. Overlooking the Providence River, this garden will be dedicated to all who have lost a child. It will provide a permanent place for reflection, for those who have found TCF and those who are still searching for support.

Our dream is to build a professionally landscaped site, with sitting areas, sculptures, water fountain and other amenities, to create a solemn place for us to transform our pain and grief into hope.

Based on our architects' design, the initial construction costs are estimated at \$30,000. We are soliciting all of our TCF members to support this wonderful memorial. We will be asking the leadership of our Chapter to host coffee hours over the next several months inviting friends and family, and organize "dress down days" at their place of work to raise funds to help us make sure our vision of making the Remembrance Garden becomes a reality and that the project is completed on time.

We are asking for your consideration of making a one-time contribution to The Remembrance Garden Fund. We will recognize your support in our monthly newsletter, and invite you to join our Dedication Ceremony, which will be held later this summer. We will be in contact with you once a date is finalized. Your gift is 100% tax deductible and more importantly, will truly make a difference to all of our parent membership.

Enclosed you will find a pledge/gift form and hope that you will decide to support our efforts. We hope to reach our goal in gifts and pledges by March in order to begin construction.

In closing, we thank you for your generosity of spirit and support. Thanks to you, TCF's arms are long enough to embrace everyone who has been touched by someone who left us all too soon.

With warmest regards,

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**Thank you for supporting the TCF Greater Providence Chapter
Remembrance Garden Fund with your tax-deductible donation.**

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Please make checks payable to TCF Greater Providence Chapter

In Loving Memory of: _____

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Thank you for your generous support.*