Since 1997, **The Compassionate Friends** has sponsored a Worldwide Candle Lighting on the second Sunday in December. Families and friends around the world gather to honor the memories of sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren who left too soon. Candles are lit at 7 p.m. local time to create a wave of light as it moves from time zone to time zone across the earth.



The West Central Suburban Chapter of TCF will host our 23rd annual candle lighting program on Sunday, December 8th. The program includes music, readings, a photo slide show of our children, and sharing time. A social hour will follow; coffee and soda will be provided.

We invite you, and your family and friends, to join in this special event. Children are welcome. Please bring a framed photo of your child, and an appetizer or dessert to share.

The program will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church – Calvin Hall (enter from rear parking lot) 367 S. Spring Road (SE corner of St. Charles and Spring Roads) Elmhurst 60126

If you are unable to attend, but would like us to light a candle in memory of your child, please let us know by contacting Jo Olenec at (630) 963 – 0569 / <u>j718ann@gmail.com</u>



The slideshow: To add your child's photo to the slideshow, mail a returnable photograph of your child (8 X 10 maximum) with the child's name, and a return address to Jerry Schulman, 4940 Wolf Road, Western Springs, 60558 or email it (jpeg format) to <u>schulmanphoto@ameritech.net</u> by November 22nd. If you do not have a photo of your child, due to miscarriage, stillbirth or any other reason, please consider sending in the child's name and a personalized butterfly slide will be created. If you have submitted a photo for the slideshow before, it will be used again. There is no need to re-submit unless you want a different photo included.

We Need Not Walk Alone

Your Compassionate Friends