

December 12, 2010 Candle Lighting Remembrance Ceremony

Bereaved Parents of the USA, Tampa Bay Chapter, will hold its annual Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 12. The ceremony will be held in The Medical Arts Building (MAB) Auditorium at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa. This day is also the **Children's Worldwide Candle Lighting** event (created and shared by TCF) where candles will be lit around the world in memory of all children that have died in every time zone starting at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in this beautiful tribute to our children. Any bereaved parent or family member and friends are invited to participate. For those of you who are newly bereaved, we encourage you to attend. This service can make handling the holiday season a little easier.

KEEPSAKE VOTIVE - Each family who attends will light a candle in honor of their child and take the candle home to light throughout the holidays.

RECEPTION - We will have a reception following the ceremony and we invite you to bring, if possible, your child's favorite food (i.e. vegetables, chips, snack, sandwiches, etc.) to share with others. We normally have an abundance of desserts.

PICTURE PRESENTATION - A Special Slide Picture Presentation of our beautiful Children! If you are planning to attend our Candle Light Ceremony, mail a picture of your child, and include their full name as you want it displayed on the slide presentation and also the birth and death dates, to: David Hurley, 3805 San Juan Street, Tampa, FL 33629

NOTE: Due to time restraints, only pictures of children whose parents are attending the Ceremony will be shown. Thank you for your understanding.

Picture should be of your deceased child only. If your child's picture was included in previous years candle lights, any of the National Gathering closing ceremonies, or Chapter Newsletters and you want to use the same photo, just let David know that. Pictures mailed in will be returned to you at the Candle Light Service-please **pick them up at the registration desk**. You can scan the picture yourself and email to david.hurley@gte.net but please be sure it is at least 600 dpi. Any questions please call David Hurley 813-831-2588.

BUTTONS - We have the equipment to make picture buttons. We can make a preordered picture button and have it ready for you when you arrive at the candle light. It will be made from a copy of the picture you submit for the picture presentation. Or bring a picture no smaller than 3" x 5" and *picture will be cut and become the button!* Buttons are round and measure approximately 2.25" in diameter. Cost per button is only \$3.00. You can also have their first name appear on the button preordered only for \$1.00 charge. See above order.

BOUTIQUE - There will be an Angel/Butterfly Boutique to purchase holiday items or gifts. All items are donated and all proceeds benefit your local BP/USA Chapter. To donate items, please call Janice Falcon at 813-779-9353 .

PARTICIPATION FORM - For planning purposes, or to ensure your child's name appears in our candle lighting program, or if you wish to have a candle lit for your child in your absence, please complete and submit the Form above and send it in before November 20 to: BP/USA Tampa Bay Chapter, c/o 3805 San Juan Street, Tampa, FL 33629. Thank you!

Thank you! See you December 12, 7:00 p.m.!