



## Tampa Bay Chapter

P.O. Box 3226  
Tampa, Florida  
33601-3226

June 2007



*No man can possibly know what life means,  
what the world means, what anything  
means, until he has a child and loves it.  
And then the whole Universe changes and  
nothing will ever again seem exactly  
as it seemed before.*

— by Lafcadio Hearn

### MEETING INFORMATION

All dads and grandfathers  
attending a June meeting will receive a special gift!

#### *Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting*

Sunday, June 10, 6:30 to 8:30

(We normally have short separate break out  
sessions for Fathers and Mothers)

St. Joseph's Hospital

Medical Arts Building, Auditorium

3001 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Call Beverley Hurley at 813-832-3175

for directions or information.

#### *Regular Monthly DAYTIME Meeting*

Riverview/Gibsonton/Brandon areas

(held the second Friday each month)

Friday, June 8, 10:00 a.m. to noon

Our **NEW Location** was not confirmed before the  
printing of this newsletter so

**PLEASE CALL** Linda Delk at 813-661-0680

for directions or information.

#### *Regular Monthly BRADENTON Meeting*

(held the third Monday each month)

Monday, June 18, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Braden River Baptist Church, 5412 SR 64

I-75 to SR 64 (Exit 220)

Melissa Coxwell at 941-708-7052

#### *Regular Monthly PLANT CITY Meeting*

(held the fourth Thursday of the month)

Thursday, June 28, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

South Florida Baptist Hospital

301 N. Alexander Street, Plant City

in the Community Conference Room

Call Sue Bowditch at 813-661-9334

for directions or information.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Angel of Hope monthly meeting,**

Held the first Monday of the month,

June 4 & August 6, 7:00 p.m. - No July Meeting

**NEW LOCATION**—I-HOP Restaurant,

11710 Morris Bridge Road,

Temple Terrace, FL 33617

### FACILITATOR TRAINING

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BP/USA MEETINGS IS INVITED.

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and how you can help at meetings, please attend.

We would like to increase our facilitators and/or  
helpers for our Sunday Evening, Plant City and Day-  
time meetings. If you attended before, please join us  
again as we always have new things to discuss!

Thursday, June 14, 7:00, I-HOP Restaurant, 11710

Morris Bridge Road, Temple Terrace 33617

**Please call Linda Delk 661-0680 for information!**

## MY DAD IS A SURVIVOR

*By Kaye Des'Ormeaux, October 16, 1998*

*From the North Orange County*

*BP/USA Chapter Newsletter*

**"Dedicated to any man  
who has lost his child"**

My dad is a survivor too...

which is no surprise to me.

He's always been like a lighthouse

that helps you cross a stormy sea.

But, I walk with my dad each day

to lift him when he's down.

I wipe the tears he hides from others.

He cries when no one's around.

I watch him sit up late at night,

with my picture in his hand.

He cries as he tries to grieve alone,

and wishes he could understand.

My dad is like a tower of strength.

He's the greatest of them all!

But there's times when he needs to cry -

please be there when he falls.

Hold his hand or pat his shoulder

and tell him it's okay.

Be his strength when he's sad.

Help him mourn in his own way.

Now, as I watch over my precious dad

from the Heaven's up above...

I'm so proud that he's a survivor...

And I can still feel his love!



## Wanted: Gathering Sponsorship Donors

We still have several bereaved people who are very  
much in need of attending the Gathering to help them with  
their grief but are having financial difficulties.

If you have the desire and the funds to help another  
local bereaved parent to attend the 2007 Bereaved Parents  
Gathering in Downer's Grove, Illinois, July 13-15, please call  
Beverley Hurley at 813-832-3175 or mail your donation to  
BP/USA, P.O. Box 3226, Tampa, FL 33601-3226!

We can let them know who their Donor is or we  
will keep it confidential if you so desire. All donations are  
tax deductible. Any and all donations will be appreciated  
and applied to helping those in need to have the opportu-  
nity to attend the Gathering and work on their grief!

Thank you!

## Chapter News

### ANGEL OF HOPE UPDATE

I am very pleased to say that our proposal to erect an Angel of Hope Memorial Garden in Temple Terrace in their new (not yet constructed) River Side Park was unanimously approved at the May 15th City Council meeting. I want to thank all those that came to the meeting to show their support. We had standing room only! We are so pleased to add Temple Terrace to the elite list of the 72 other city locations across the nation that have an Angel of Hope memorial!



This centrally located memorial will be for all of Hillsborough County and surrounding communities including Clearwater/Largo, to South Shore/Bradenton and Lakeland!

The location is on River Hills Drive and 56<sup>th</sup> street closest to the beautiful Hillsborough River but also safely and cautiously placed away from it. Our plan is that our Angel will be lighted and will be seen from the 56<sup>th</sup> bridge coming into Temple Terrace. Temple Terrace will soon be going through a beautiful downtown redevelopment and we will be part of that wonderful focal point!

Now that we have confirmed a beautiful location, we can move forward with more publicity and construction plans. Next we will plan a ground breaking and I will let you know when that will be so you will be able to plan on attending and sharing in this most exciting moment!

Don't forget that we already have memorial bricks available to order that will be placed in loving memory of your loved ones on the surrounding patio around the Angel.

Thank you for your continued support and interest!

### Spring Tea 2007

Our Third Annual Spring Tea was a huge success! From our handsome Maitre D's to the magnificently decorated tables that all looked so different, each having a unique theme; the raffle and silent auction items were extraordinary in the great variety that was generously donated; the food was delicious and plentiful; the fashion show by Barbara Tyler of Weekend Fashions was stunning with jewelry accessories provided by Premier Jewelry; the members from The Academy were in perfect harmony as usual. Our guest speaker, Dr. Mel Jurado (Askdrmel@aol.com), a motivational speaker and bereaved sibling, spoke on "A Check from the Neck Up" which gave us all a perfect idea of 'hope' and how to think positive when we are down. Last but certainly not least The Honorable Mayor Joe Fronti of Temple Terrace expressed his excitement to have the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden in the beautiful city of Temple Terrace. Next year's Spring Tea will be Saturday, April 26, 2008— they can only get better and better each year!! We hope to see you next year!!!

### Cartridge Buy Back Program to benefit the Angel of Hope!

Please bring your empty inkjet and laser toner cartridges to any of our Angel of Hope or BP/USA meetings. Barbara Dietrich has volunteered to collect these and turn them in for a refund to benefit the Angel of Hope or call her at 813-340-9120.

### Telephone Friends

Need to talk? Call one of our Telephone Friends. They're here to lend a knowing ear because they've been there. Don't hesitate to call, we understand.

Linda Delk (General Information) (813) 661-0680

Theresa Farmer (Homicide) (813) 994-0707

Traci Cooley (Drowning) (813) 300-6877

Ron Ellington (Suicide/Grandparent) (727) 410-2308

Serena Graves (Sibling Contact) (813) 810-7169

Violeta "Cookie" Fernandez (813) 996-4281  
(Se Habla Espano)

**CRISIS CENTER 211**

**Bereaved Parents/USA National Office**  
**Post Office Box 95, Park Forest, IL 60466**  
**Phone/Fax: (708) 748-7866**  
**www.bereavedparentsusa.org**

## Love Gifts

Mike and Pam Harris  
 In loving memory of their son  
**Eric Harris**  
 2/4/1984 to 9/12/2003

Frank & Robbie Edwards  
 In loving memory of their grandson  
**Alec Michael Williams**  
 5/17/1996– 7/21/1996

**Rebeckah Mitchell**, mother to  
 Brendolyn Joyce Butterfly Baker, lost her husband  
 January 22, 2007, after 55 1/2 years of marriage.  
 She is missing him very much! She sends her regards to all her  
 BP friends and misses coming to the meetings.

### **Love Gifts A Thoughtful Way to Remember**

Love Gifts are a beautiful and loving way to remember a loved one. Through Love Gifts, we are able to reach out to others with our brochures and newsletters as well as obtain books and other information for our library. We truly appreciate every Love Gift, donation and sponsorship. Our Chapter work is done by volunteers and these donations help us reach out in many ways, including the preparation and mailing of the newsletter.

### MONTHLY MEETING TOPICS

**June-Am I still a Dad?**

**July-What is "Normal" now?**

**August-When does this end?**

**September-How do men & women grieve differently?**

**October-Surviving the Holidays!**

**November-Gift donations!**

**December-Candle Light Service**

### June Crop for Hope

Our June Crop for Hope will be held on **Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-2pm** at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, 1002 East Palm Ave., in Historic Ybor City, Tampa, FL 33605 (Corner of Nebraska and Palm Ave.). Refreshments will be provided. There will be a special summer door prize for you. If you bring a friend, you will get an extra bonus. With all of our new products out, you really don't need to be a scrapbooker to preserve your photographs & memories safely, but of course we do still have the latest and greatest of products for the die hard scrapbooker. Creative Memories now has something for everyone when it comes to photo & memory preservation. The registration fee is \$15 of which 60% is donated to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden, along with 10% of any product purchased. **Please call me or e-mail me if you plan to attend no later than June 9<sup>th</sup>** and you can either mail your registration fee to me at 3815 Olde Lanark Dr. Land O' Lakes, FL 34638, or you can pay me at the door. I hope to see you there!!

Gina Casal  
 Your Creative Memories Consultant, CM ID# 89474139  
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[www.mycmsite.com/ginacasal](http://www.mycmsite.com/ginacasal)

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## Our Children . . . Remembered

*So long as we live, they too shall live ...  
For they are a part of us as we remember them.*

### June Birthdays

Brown, Alex Marie  
6/6/1995 - 6/6/1995  
P - Jane Ann & Thomas Brown

Burney, Trevin Sean  
06/04/78 - 02/04/97  
M - Georgia Burney F - Willie Burney  
S - Renae & Janae Burney  
B - Arkiva Burney  
N - Robbie & Marquiz Burney

Carlan, Robert Hope  
06/02/78 - 07/25/99  
P - Arnold & Linda Carlan

Eggy, Keiran Catherine  
6/4/2004 - 6/4/2004  
M-Elizabeth Eggy

Gilliam, Hayden Charles  
6/20/1999 - 8/4/2001  
P - Sean & Marion Gilliam  
S - Sara B - Cole

Johnson, Georgina  
6/10/2003 - 6/10/2003  
P-Laurie & Goerge Johnson

Lane, Matthew Alexander  
6/22/2001 - 2/13/2003  
M-Mary Ann Muschick  
S-Nikol  
B-Devvin  
GP-Hieu & David Muschick

Mareieano, Vince  
6/19/1969-12/2/2004  
M-Geri Mattea

McCrimmon, Thomas Douglas  
6/3/1969-6/3/1969  
M-Martha Hayes  
S&B-Cheri Hayes Knapp & Travis Hayes  
GM-Mary Neeld

Martin, Brian James  
06/09/1979 - 07/18/1993  
P - Stan & Adrienne Martin  
B - Christopher Martin  
GM - Evelyn Golding

Owens, Kenny Dwayne  
6/27/1961-2/25/2005  
P-Jimmy & Sylvia Mingo  
S-Tina Jernigan & Donna

Ponder, Manda Lynn  
06/13/1995 - 07/03/1995  
P - Marilynn & William Ponder  
B - Travis & Mike Ponder  
S - Amanda Ponder  
GP-Morris Bayda & Grace Ponder

Panico, Ryder  
6/22/2004-4/27/2005  
M-Kristen Buckstein  
GM-Jeanne Buckstein

Ramirez, Arthur, Jr.  
6/10/1951 - 12/30/1997  
P--Arthur (deceased) & Helen Ramirez

Schulman, Adam J.  
6/7/1971 - 9/26/2004  
M-Pat Schulman  
Freddie Kelly Jr. and Kenny Schulman

Sorrells, Blake Austin  
06/03/1998 - 06/03/1998  
P - John & Monica Sorrells  
S - Cassidy Sorrells

Timothy, Joshua  
6/29/2004 - 7/18/2005  
P-Doug & Kerri Timothy  
GM-Mary Ann Negrete

Weber, Barbara Jean  
6/4/1953 - 12/14/1994  
P - Weldon & Jean Weber  
S - Kristi, Teresa, & Pamela

### Our Apologies

*The information was incorrect in the May Birthday and Anniversary list:*

#### **Boyd, Anastasia "Nicole"**

5/4/1998 - 7/8/2004

P-Anita & Thomas Boyd

Siblings-Alan, Mike & Tara Boyd

GP-Huey & Marie McDonald and Angus & Jewell Grace

GP-(Preceded in death) Aurthor & Vivian Boyd

### June Anniversaries

Alvarez, Dean  
4/28/1965 - 6/12/2000  
M-Diana Stenglein  
B-Nadie Alvarez  
S-Athena & Lynette Alvarez

Bray, Debbie (Hurley)  
11/14/1967 - 6/1/1990  
M - Beverley (Bray) Hurley  
S - Kimberly Gonzalez

Brown, Alex Marie  
6/6/1995 - 6/6/1995  
P - Jane Ann & Thomas Brown

Combs, Phillip "PJ"  
3/24/1986-6/12/2004  
P-Lisa Pyche & Phil Combs, Sr.  
B-Travis D. Combs  
GP-Thomas & Sharon Pyche and Katherine Combs

Cowen, Chad  
3/31/1973 - 6/7/1997  
P - Mary "Pete" & Mike Cowen  
S - Tiffany Larson

Dart, Tracy  
3/11/1970-6/13/2006  
M-Sue Milson

Durazzo, Richard  
12/05/1971-6/8/2006  
P-Diane & Paul Durazzo  
S-Jill

Eggy, Keiran Catherine  
6/4/2004 - 6/4/2004  
M-Elizabeth Eggy

Faber, Nicholas (Nicky) Paul  
08/13/89 - 06/08/95  
P - Paul & Kathy Faber  
S - Danielle Faber  
GP - Esther Kubler & Anna Banks

Frederick, Mark Hunter  
6/10/1998-6/26/2004  
GM-Becky Frederick  
F-(Deceased) Mark Anthony Frederick

Funk, Benjamin  
9/9/1976 - 6/25/2001  
P - Mr & Mrs Funk

Howard, Steven T.  
8/11/70 - 6/30/1999  
M-Cay Pelaez

Johnson, Georgina  
6/10/2003 - 6/10/2003  
P-Laurie & George Johnson

Kellogg, Benjamin  
- 6/7/2002  
P-John & Barbara Kellogg

Landrum, Mark  
03/03/79 - 06/24/94  
M - Joan Landrum-Adams-Hilliard  
F - Steve Landrum  
B - John Landrum  
GM-Elizabeth Adams

Lawrence, Charles E.  
03/23/1965 - 06/22/2001  
P-Dave and Terry Lawrence  
S-Carolyn & Cindy  
C-Ashley, Christina & Stephanie  
W-Nicky

McCrimmon, Thomas Douglas  
6/3/1969-6/3/1969  
M-Martha Hayes  
S&B-Cheri Hayes Knapp & Travis Hayes  
GM-Mary Neeld

Melton, Pamela Joy  
1/24/1959-6/27/2006  
P-Jack & Shirley Melton

Mercer, Bret  
10/5/1988 - 6/25/1992  
P - Eddie & Darlene Mercer  
S - Lindy, Crystal & Kaley  
GP-Loren & Christine Mercer  
GP-Beverly Jaudon Quincannon

Nemitz, Robyn Michelle  
12/28/82 - 06/16/98  
P - Debbie & Bill Nemitz  
B - John Nemitz  
GP - Laura Nemitz, William Barbish  
A & U -John & Linda Goodman & Marty & Joyce Nemitz

Noriega, Aiden  
4/4/2001 - 6/18/2001  
P - Rick & Ethal Noriega

Orsi, Kristen McCall  
8/5/1980 - 6/27/2002  
P-Kimberly & Leo Orsi  
GP-Wm. & Jeanne Armiger and Stephanie & Rich Orashen

Patet, Nathan Gabriel  
12/18/88 - 06/10/90  
P - Moritza & Jeff Patet  
S - Mallory and Gina Patet  
GP-Gus & Lourdes Arenas and Don Patet

Roberson, Richard Joseph  
7/23/1959 - 06/02/1997  
P-Richard & Jeannette Roberson  
S-Sue & Shelly  
B-Randy  
S-Jasolyn Evans

Sorrells, Blake Austin  
06/03/1998 - 06/03/1998  
P - John & Monica Sorrells  
S - Cassidy Sorrells

Steen, Michael Anthony  
8/4/1956 - 6/20/2003  
M-Nancy Holdren  
B-Rick, David & Donald  
Father to Jessica, Christine & Michelle  
Married to Doreen

Stock, Jessica  
9/21/1978-6/6/2004  
M-Rose Stock

Therault, George L.  
10/13/1951 - 6/1/1996  
P - Mae Therault

Waldrop, Caleb  
8/4/1977 - 6/4/1999  
F - Randy Waldrop  
Children - Charlene & Devin

Waller, Albert Marcus  
5/2/1994 - 6/16/2000  
P - Marc & Charlotte Waller

Wright, Travis  
7/16/1973 - 6/15/2001  
M - Joan Wright

*If we have omitted your child, misspelled your child's name, or listed incorrect dates, please accept our apologies and call Beverley Hurley at (813) 832-3175 to correct the information. Call any of our telephone friends if you are having a hard time on these days. We truly understand your pain; for we, too, remember our own children.*

### **BP/USA National Organization**

Our chapter is part of the nationwide Bereaved Parents of the USA (BP/USA) organization. Take a few minutes to browse the national website at [www.bereavedparentsusa.org](http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org).

The BP/USA National Organization publishes a quarterly newsletter. It includes writings and poetry by bereaved parents, book reviews, information on bereavement conferences and other items. To be added to the mailing list, contact: Betty Ewart at 326 Longview Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or email you address to her at [newsletter@bereavedparentsusa.org](mailto:newsletter@bereavedparentsusa.org).





## Graduation Day

*Graduation Day:* A day cherished by the graduate and his or her parents; one of the long-awaited "rites of passage" to the new status called "adulthood."

Laughter is heard among the students; tears of joy and nostalgia from the parents.

The teachers heave sighs of relief and feel a mixture of accomplishment with just a tinge of sadness for the days of laughter and childhood attachments that must be left behind.

Awards are given.

Gifts are received.

Parties are planned.

Future plans are discussed.

New goals are dreamed.

There are new hurdles to climb.

Disappointments are intermingled with successes.

All of these things are a part of life for those fortunate enough to have survived the dangers and pitfalls of this complicated society in which we live.

There was no prom night at our house.

There were no award ceremonies to attend.

There were no graduation gifts to buy.

There was no college to choose.

There was no future to plan...

Jimmy doesn't live here anymore.

His home now is a neatly trimmed patch of grass with bright-colored flowers; a tombstone inscribed with love; a small space carefully tended and watched over lovingly by someone who finds it most difficult to cope, to accept, to go on, or to find joy or peace on anything.

Tears are a way of life; now, and spare time is filled with emptiness.

There is sorrow now for a cheerful young boy who will soon be forgotten by all but a few.

Broken dreams.

Unanswered prayers.

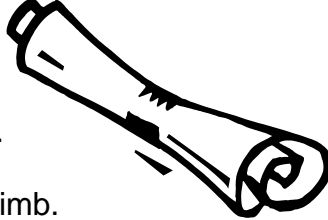
Disbelief.

Loss of Faith.

And maybe years of endurance of a situation so unacceptable, so intolerable, that from the inner depths, a scream is stifled.

With one word my entire being cries out, "WHY?"

*Ann Ianni  
Bereavement Magazine/May 1990*



## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT AS MOTHER'S DAY AND FATHER'S DAY APPROACH

**Parental love** involves a never-ending commitment and plenty of opportunities to care for and assume responsibility for your child. **Parental Grief** challenges you to find a way to live with the frustration of being robbed of the opportunity to directly care and be responsible for your child.

**Parental Love** involves having plenty of opportunities for emotional and physical contact with your child. **Parental grief** challenges you to find a way to continue loving your child without that continued contact.

**Parental love** involves having dreams and expectations for the future of your child. **Parental grief** challenges you to find solace and meaning in life briefly lived.

**Parental love** involves knowing where your child is. **Parental grief** challenges you to find a safe place for your child.

**Parental love** involves attending to your child's needs when he/she is in your presence.

**Parental grief** challenges you to learn how to look after your own needs when you sense your child's presence or struggle with his/her absence.

**Parental love** involves learning to live with your child's natural and gradual absence as he/she grows up and leaves home. **Parental grief** challenges you to find ways to deal with your child's unnatural and sudden absence.

**Parental love** involves knowing when it is time to release your hold on your child, for his/her sake. **Parental grief** challenges you to learn when it is time to let go of your sorrow, for your sake.

**Parental love** involves an expanded capacity for love and life. **Parental grief** challenges you to find a use for that expanded capacity, to not let it go to waste or to wither away.

Because **parental love** is never-ending, so too is **parental grief**. You don't really get over the death of a child; you just learn to live with it.

And so, on this special day when you celebrate your role as a mother or father, be kind to yourself. Give yourself a hug. Give yourself some time alone. Give yourself permission to remember, to cry, to miss your child, to tell others how you feel. But, most important of all, remember to celebrate the special gift of **parental love**, the lasting gift that your child has given you, a gift that not even death can take away.

*Karen Martin, Lovingly lifted from  
BP/USA, Western New York Chapter*



### Another Upcoming Conference:

TCF (The Compassionate Friends) National Conference,  
July 20-22, 2007

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

For information, visit the TCF website at  
[www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)  
or you can call the national office toll-free  
at 877-969-0010.

# STRENGTH

From The Grief of Fathers

In the early days of my grief,  
 A tear would well up in my eyes,  
 A lump would form in my throat,  
 But you would not know.  
     I would hide it.  
         And I am strong.  
 In the middle days of my grief.  
 I would look ahead and see that wall  
 that I had attempted to go around  
     as an ever-present reminder  
     of a wall yet unscaled.  
 Yet I did not attempt to scale it  
 for the strong will survive -  
     And I am strong.

In the later days of my grief,  
 I learned to climb over that wall -  
     step by step -  
 remembering, crying, grieving.  
 And the tears flowed steadily  
     as I painstakingly went over.  
 The way was long, but I did make it,  
         For I am strong.  
 Near the resolution of my grief,  
 A tear will well up in my eyes,  
 A lump will form in my throat,  
 But I will let that tear fall-  
     And you will see it.  
 Through it you will see  
 That I still hurt and I care,  
         For I am strong.

*By Terry Jago, Regina Canada*

## Do you wish to continue to receive the newsletter? This could be your last newsletter!

(This does not pertain to BP or TCF Chapters, other support groups, hospitals, churches, social workers, PHD's, funeral homes!)

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Unfortunately, printing costs are going up, and we haven't heard or seen many of you in a very long time. If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter, please fill out the information below and/or confirm and/or update our records by correcting the label on the reverse side (Please do not remove the attached label) **If we don't hear from you by August 1st, you won't be receiving this newsletter any longer. Please respond now!**

**If you prefer, you can receive your newsletter by email and save our chapter postage charges!**  
**Just let us know you wish to receive the newsletter by email! \*\* YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_**

**Check your mailing label to see if it is marked "LAST NEWSLETTER".** If it is, we need to hear from you if you wish to continue receiving the newsletter. Bulk mail is not forwarded or returned. We are required to keep our mailing list accurate and to check every address at least once a year. The process for choosing labels to mark is automatic and is based on your level of participation. If you attend meetings you are current. We don't want to delete anyone. To avoid missing any newsletters, please respond quickly. You can call the chapter phone at 813-661-0680 e-mail bee.hurley@gte.net or send in the return reply form below to P.O. BOX 3226, TAMPA, FL 33601-3226. **Neither national BP/USA or local chapters have any dues or fees; we depend upon voluntary contributions to cover operational costs. No donation is required but very much appreciated.**

-----RETURN REPLY FORM-----

Zip plus four: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ DOD \_\_\_\_\_

Cause \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Brother(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Sister(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparents: \_\_\_\_\_

BP does not charge dues or a subscription fee but depends on donations or love gifts to pay for the expense of printing and mailing of our newsletter to you. Our newsletter is a big expense, but one that reaches hundreds of people every month. Any and all donations are very much appreciated and will be acknowledged in our newsletter.

**Enclosed is a donation/love gift to help defray the cost of printing and postage  
of the BP/USA, Tampa Bay Chapter Newsletter!**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ donated in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

# Our Credo

We are the parents whose children have died. We are the grandparents who have buried grandchildren. We are the siblings whose brothers and sisters no longer walk with us through life. We come together as Bereaved Parents of the USA to provide a haven where all bereaved families can meet and share our long and arduous grief journeys.

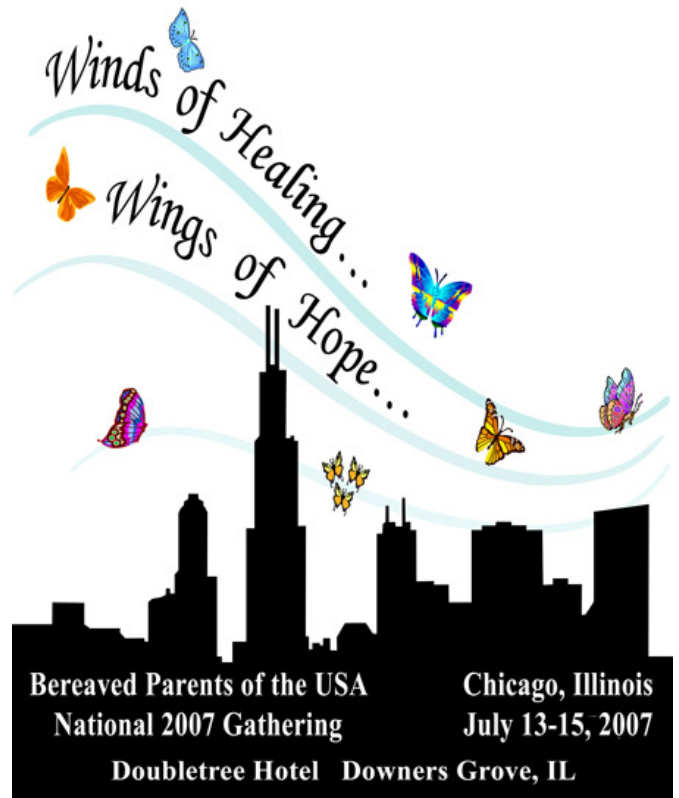
We attend monthly gatherings whenever we can and for as long as we believe necessary. We share our tears, confusion, anger, guilt, frustrations, emptiness, and feelings of hopelessness so that hope can be found anew. As we accept, support, comfort and encourage each other, we demonstrate to each other that survival is possible.



Together we celebrate the lives of our children, share the joys and triumphs as well as the love that will never fade. Together we learn how little it matters where we live, our color, our affluence, or what faith we uphold as we confront the tragedies of our children's deaths. Together, strengthened by the bonds we forge at our gatherings, we offer what we have learned to each other and to every more recently bereaved family.

We are the Bereaved Parents of the USA.  
We Welcome You.

## 2007 National BP/USA Gathering July 13, 14 and 15, 2007



Please join us for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual BP/USA National Gathering July 13 to 15, 2007 being held in Downer's Grove, Illinois at The Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel (620 971 2000) just a taxi ride from either Chicago airport (approx \$35 PER taxi). We have reasonable room rates of \$89 for 2, \$99 for 3 or more at the hotel, with free parking. All rooms are suites. Meal package available, which is not-dividable, is \$118. The hotel provides a free shuttle to the commuter trains which makes sightseeing in the city very manageable. Call the hotel and make your room reservations and be sure to tell them you are with the BEREAVED PARENTS OF THE USA GATHERING.

Registration is \$25 each with a family maximum of \$60 and forms are available on the BP/USA National website at [www.bereavedparentsusa.org](http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org). If you have questions about the BP/USA Gathering, please call Donna Corrigan, Gathering Chairperson at 630 279 6148 or email [Bpwindsofhealing@aol.com](mailto:Bpwindsofhealing@aol.com) !  
Thank you!

### Father's Day

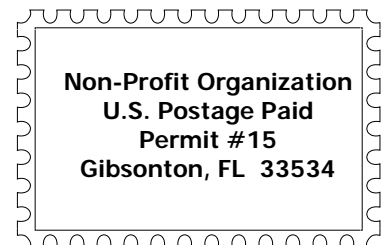
*Warm and sunny day in June,  
Father's Day.  
Children, small and grown  
Give gifts to father  
Say thanks to father  
Say I love you.  
But there are fathers  
Whose children are not here  
To give gifts and thanks  
And say I love you.*

*Remember the fathers  
Whose children are gone,  
Because  
They will always be fathers at heart.*

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**June 2007**

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*A special gift will be given to  
each Dad and Grandfather at  
our June meetings in honor of  
Father's Day!*

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