

## KURY RADIO BROOKINGS HARBOR VOICES

This is Florence Johnson for Brookings Harbor Voices and I help to oversee the Northwest Coast Chapter of The Compassionate Friends.

The death of a son, daughter, grandchild, brother or sister is a devastating event. Those of us who suffer such a loss will never be the same nor will the world in which we live. For most of us it takes years of hard work to learn how to again find joy and purpose in life as we adapt to the new world in which we live; a world without our loved one.

The Compassionate Friends, TCF, is an organization made up of bereaved parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters. At TCF meetings those who are newer to their loss hear from others further along about how they survived and again found joy and purpose in life. When my son, Lee, died it was other bereaved parents I met at TCF meetings who understood what I could not put into words. After receiving much needed help, I've continued my work with the chapter so as to help the many others within our community who are new to their tragedy.

There are more than 650 Compassionate Friends' chapters in the United States and our local chapter is one of 11 in Oregon. If you are bereaved and would like more information, or if you're a local employer or a member of a service group and would like a presentation on how to help fellow employees after their loss, call Georgia at 541-469-5814. That number again is 541-469-5814. Thank You.