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### To Remember Children

## ***Bereaved Families Join in Worldwide Candle Lighting***

(Green Bay, WI)— Love doesn't end with death. Families that have had a child die understand that. And with that understanding, plans are underway in hundreds of areas across the country and around the globe, as well as locally in Green Bay, for the 15th Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting December 11, 2011. Held annually the second Sunday in December, the Worldwide Candle Lighting unites family and friends who light candles for one hour to honor and remember children who have died at any age from any cause. As candles burn down in one time zone, they are then lit in the next, creating a virtual 24-hour wave of light as the observance continues around the world.

“The Worldwide Candle Lighting allows grieving families to know that their children have not been and never will be forgotten, whether that child died 60 years ago or yesterday,” says Patricia Loder, Executive Director of The Compassionate Friends. “This event surpasses all artificial, religious, and cultural boundaries, allowing us to mourn as one when death robs the world of its most valuable resource.”

The Compassionate Friends has more than 630 chapters in the United States offering support to bereaved families after the death of a child. To learn more about The Compassionate Friends and its many programs for bereaved families, call toll-free 877-969-0010 or visit them on the web at [compassionatefriends.org](http://compassionatefriends.org). Also on Facebook.

The Compassionate Friends of Green Bay will be holding a Candle Lighting Program on Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 501 Howe Street, Green Bay. Families are invited to bring a candle, a photo of their deceased child(ren) and/or a memento to place on a table. The 45-minute program will include special music, readings, and the naming of the children as candles are lit. Family and friends are all invited. For further information call The Compassionate Friends of Green Bay at 920-370-3858.