



# Community Membership

## Support our work and vision...

TCFV was established in 1978, starting out as a small group of bereaved parents meeting at the home of its founders Margaret and Lindsay Harmer. Today, with the help of its members and volunteers, we operate from our Canterbury centre to deliver services throughout Victoria. What hasn't changed over the 40 years is our commitment to the needs of our members and the compassion, friendship and support we offer to parents, grandparents, and siblings following the death of a son or daughter, grandchild, brother or sister, of any age and from any cause.

### SOME OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS OVER A TYPICAL 12 MONTH PERIOD INCLUDES:

- Supporting approx. 200 newly bereaved families with individual and group support services
- Approx. 3,200 telephone calls taken through our Grief Telephone Line
- Attracting over 2,300 attendances across Victoria for our 30 monthly support groups
- Over 2,500 hours of professional and community education is delivered
- Respite accommodation provided to approx. 25 families
- Social events for members e.g. Walk to Remember, Winter Solstice, Candlelight Memorial
- Almost 2,300 Anniversary Cards sent out to remember our children and siblings
- Hosting the annual Compassionate Employer Recognition Awards

### AS AN COMMUNITY MEMBER, YOU WILL BE:

**Assisting individuals to rebuild their lives** after the death of their loved one and to support their efforts to achieve social and emotional wellbeing, and

**Helping to educate the wider community** (including family, friends, employers, co-workers and professionals) with information about child and/or sibling bereavement and the challenges bereaved parents and individuals face after the death of their loved one

### YOU CAN EXPECT THAT THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS VICTORIA WILL:

- Invite you to **social activities and events**
- Send you a regular **newsletter** to keep you informed of our work and activities
- Invite you to attend **community or professional education**
- Work with organisations to deliver **training** to help educate staff on how to support a colleague that is grieving.

It's easy to show your support. Just visit our webpage <https://www.compassionatefriendsvictoria.org.au/become-involved/associate-membership/> and complete an application form.

### INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY MEMBER: \$50 PA + GST

Open to any non-bereaved individual who believes in and supports the work undertaken by TCF Victoria. This membership is ideal for extended family, friends and colleagues.

### ORGANISATION COMMUNITY MEMBER: \$100 PA + GST

Open to any community group, non for profit, sporting club or business that supports and shares the Vision of TCFV and wants to make a meaningful difference. Through your membership, you may be invited to share your organisation's profile in our Grieve Heal Grow magazine – distributed to approx. 1,000 members.

If you have any questions about becoming an Community Member, please contact us on Ph (03) 9888 4034.

If you don't wish to become an Community member, but still wish to support our work, don't hesitate to contact our office to discuss other options, or you can make an online donation [www.tcfv.org.au/donation](http://www.tcfv.org.au/donation)