



**The Compassionate Friends  
24th Annual Worldwide  
Candle Lighting  
December 13, 2020**

**Welcome**

*Kristin Seruyange, Lael's Mom*

**Lighting of the Five Candles**

*Brian LeBrun, Madyson's Dad  
Tami Meeker, Jake's Mom*

**Special Speaker**

*Karri Allen, Asher's Mom*

**Photos of Our Children**

*Anjelic*

**Ceremony of Candles**

**"Precious Child"**

*Susanne Harmon, Darlene's Mom*

**Closing**

We are so sorry that tonight's ceremony had to be held virtually. We are sorry that we couldn't hear each of your children's names, give hugs, and share memories and hot cocoa together. It is hard to have had to remove the "together" from nearly everything our group has done this year. However, please remember you never have to walk alone. We are *still* the Compassionate Friends.

**First Christmas**

It can't possibly be Christmas  
without her being here.  
Yet the world is singing round me,  
joyful tidings and good cheer.

Though I try to put on armor  
and brave the sights and sounds,  
a few moments worth of shopping,  
and the tears are spilling down.

I pray for strength to do it,  
find a path through holidays,  
look for shortcuts, good ideas,  
some directions through the maze.

Then I find at last the answer:  
I'll include her symbolically.  
And the giving becomes perfect;  
her love's flowing down, through me.

*Genesse Bourdeau Gentry  
from "Stars in the Deepest – After the Death of a Child"*

**In Our Hearts Forever**

With a donation of \$10 or more,  
your child's name will be included in our special

*Valentine's Day Edition Newsletter*

To be included, mail your child's name and  
donation (checks to "TCF of Sioux Falls") to:

Tami Meeker (TCF Treasurer)

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(Please mail by January 5, 2021.)

