

## To All TCF members

On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Compassionate Friends of Southwestern Manitoba, Inc. it is with regret that I must inform you that the "Need To" Weekend scheduled for May 23, 2009 has had to be cancelled.

As with most organizations, a core group of volunteers perform most of the tasks associated with any extra events. This year we have lost 3 Board members. Marge Shand passed away last June and Merv Rollins and Emily Phipps have resigned their seat on the Board. All worked very hard and gave an incredible amount of energy and dedication to any task they took on.

We are experiencing "burn-out" with other Board members and as such 4 other resignations may be pending.

The future of TCF/SW Mb is vague. We are a registered charity receiving grants and donations and to maintain this funding and to provide the level of service that this community has become accustomed to WE NEED HELP.

That help must be in the form of bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents who are willing to donate their time and expertise. You do not have to have any special talents - other than a willingness for TCF/SW Mb to succeed and be there for all bereaved families. I began my journey with TCF by volunteering to address envelopes.

To find out how you can help your chapter and ensure that we do not lose any programs or have to cancel any more special events please call the office at 727-1823 or you can call me at 826-2958.

**REMEMBER - THIS IS YOUR CHAPTER**