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The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families in the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child and to provide information to help others be supportive.

THE GIFT

by Betty C. Farrel

December is a time when most people think of giving gifts to those they love and children think of the wonderful gifts that they will receive. If your family has suffered the death of a child, grandchild or a sibling you may not be able to face the thought of shopping....all of those crowded stores, with holiday music playing and children laughing or crying if they are over tired.

Many times we get so caught up in the idea of buying a gift for someone that the real meaning of the season can get lost. It doesn't have to be that way though. After the death of a child this may be the perfect time to embrace new traditions.

Invite your family and friends to help you think of ways to celebrate, to honor the child that will not be there this year or any year in the future.

Some people have asked each person to write something special about the child and as they have dinner they each will read what they wrote about the child.

Some make a donation to a charitable organization by either contributing a sum of money or selecting a family and providing a meal for their holiday dinner.

If enough time has passed and you are physically and emotionally able you may want to help deliver those meals. You will know when that time has come.

Give yourself and your family the gift of time to heal. Give yourself the gift of memories.

When I was raising my children I looked forward to the holiday season because this was a time when we made cookies and gingerbread houses and invited their friends in to celebrate with us. Our tradition became so special that each child had friends vying to be invited to help with the decorating of the cookies and houses, not just attending the party. This is something that I have had the opportunity to share with my grandchildren and I hope someday with my great-grandchildren. As I look back on those times the gift I gave to my children and their friends was a gift of my time and my talent....you can't buy that in a store.

I am not suggesting that you start building gingerbread houses. Though I hope that you will look into your heart and find a way to use your time and talent to make the season brighter for someone else, it will radiate back to you. Maybe sending a greeting card to a service man or woman far from home or elderly people in nursing homes who don't have family, or selecting a book for a child. There are so many ways to share love.

As we approach this holiday season I have been counting my blessings and thinking of the many gifts in my life.

One of the most precious gifts I was given was the time I had with my granddaughter. Sarah Louise only lived for two months so I only had a very short time with her. Each moment I held her, sang to her and told her all of the things we would do are irreplaceable gifts.

My wish for you this holiday season is that you will find your own precious gifts in the memory of your child.

HUGS, Betty Farrel, Sarah Louise's Nana bcfnana@aol.com
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Calendar of TCF Meetings In Your Area

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**We Need Not Walk Alone**  
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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***The Arlington, Virginia Chapter***

***Invites you, your family and friends  
To The***

## ***MEMORIAL CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE***

***Sunday, December 10, 2006 at 6:30 PM***

***Trinity Presbyterian Church  
5533 N 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Arlington, VA***

***Please bring a picture of your child, grandchild or sibling and finger foods to share in our social time after the service. Candles will be provided. All are invited. You do not have to be a member of TCF.***

### **Kathy and Chuck Collins Selected As TCF Regional Coordinators**

**Pat Loder, the Executive Director of The Compassionate Friends national organization recently announced that Kathy and Chuck Collins of the Burke/Springfield/Fairfax Chapter have been selected as TCF Regional Coordinators for the state of Virginia. Carol Marino and Jane Trimble, two very dedicated chapter members, will join Kathy Collins in serving as Co-Leaders of the Burke/Springfield/Fairfax Chapter. Chuck has stepped down as the Chapter Co-Leader, but remains on The Steering Committee as a Past-Chapter Co-Leader.**

**Editors Note: Virginia has not had a Regional Coordinator for some time and those of us who have had the opportunity to work with Kathy and Chuck are just delighted that they are stepping into this important role. Any of the Virginia Chapters that need advice or help in some way will only have to ask.**

**Thank you Kathy and Chuck, HUGS, Betty Farrel, Sarah Louise's Nana and your Editor**

# Arlington Chapter

**Meeting: Thursday December 14,  
7:30pm**

**Topic: End of the year holidays and/or  
current issues**



## **Annual Candlelighting Ceremony**

**Date: Sunday December 10, 2006**

**Time: 6:30pm**

**Place: Trinity Presbyterian Church**

Bring a picture of your child(ren), grandchild, or sibling and a refreshment.

*Join us so that my candle will join yours in remembering your child and all children who died too soon...that their light may always shine. ♡*



We welcome Marchelle Wood (mother of Dana) to our steering committee. "Giving is receiving."

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### **David's Best Friend's Wedding**

I opened the invitation to Bryan's wedding and thought, "I can't do this." Our wise son Jonathan said, "You can and you must, you can't disappoint Bryan and his parents, David would want you to go. David and Bryan have been friends since they were three years old.

The wedding was on a beautiful sunny, October day. With trepidation we walked up the path and were greeted by Bryan and many of David's friends. Bryan hugged and kissed us, and of course we cried.

David's friends asked how we are doing and acknowledged how hard this must be for us. They filled us in on their lives and said that David is still part of their lives. In the six years since David's death these boys became men.

Bryan and his friends told us they set a place for David at the table and toasted him at the bachelor party. And of course David would have been Bryan's best man.

We had not seen some of his friends for six years. Most scattered across the country, they finished school, some married and a few had children.

The parents of David's friends told us how sorry they are for our loss and how they think of David often and of course related some David stories.

We left the wedding with several important thoughts. David lives on in the hearts of his friends and their parents. He is not forgotten. Some people know the right things to say and are **not** afraid to mention David's name or share David stories. For this we are thankful.



**Lois Copeland, TCF, Arlington VA**

### **You're Stuck with This Pain**

The first thing I want to tell you is that you are stuck with this pain. You are going to hurt real bad for a long time. And even though everybody around you is going to be wishing your pain away you're going keep on hurting for a long time.

There will come a day when you will have longer periods between the pains but...at least in my experience when the memories do come flooding back even after seventeen years they are going to hurt just as much as the first day you got the news.

But the surprising thing is that's the way it ought to be. Just think about it. If I told you that I have the power to wave a magic wand and instantly remove the pain you are feeling and if you really thought about it for a bit, I think you would say, "Well thanks, Charlie, but I guess maybe I better go ahead and hurt a little while longer."

Even though your first thought might be "I cannot stand this pain any longer!" your second and third thoughts would reveal to you that the unprecedented, unequalled pain that you are enduring is actually your tribute to what you have lost.

What would it say if you had a most precious person torn from your life and you continued along in your life as if nothing had happened? Pain is lousy and it hurts, but the depth of your pain testifies to the depth of your love and the



significance of your loss.

So one thing that I have learned, enjoy the pain. Appreciate it. Savor it. It hurts, but it is the appropriate response to overwhelming loss. Your tears are your tribute to one who has been taken from you.

**By Charlie Walton**

# Arlington Chapter



## Christmas Memories

When snowflakes dance on winter winds, and colored lights shine Christmas cheer, when children's laughter fills the air and family gathers from far and near. I try to celebrate with them and not let my hurting show. but the empty space within my heart at this season seems to grow. Till often times it fills the days, and many nighttimes too. With aching thoughts and memories of Christmases I spent with you, yes, memories do hurt, it's true, but I have this feeling, too I'm so glad I hold these memories, for with them I hold part of you. So for now I'll wipe away the tears and join with loved ones dear to celebrate this Christmas time, for I know that, in my heart, you're here.

**Arden Lansing, TCF Monmouth City, NJ**

## The Miracle of Light

Chanukah is about a miracle—when one day's supply of oil lasts eight full days, a miracle of life, light and hope. Our family celebrated this tradition by lighting the menorah every night, reciting the prayers, singing *Rock of Ages*, playing dreidel and exchanging gifts.

Now the lights are dim. Many among us despair over the loss of our child. But we must remember that Chanukah reminds us that the light of the candles can brighten even the darkest night.

With every lamp we kindle, with each good deed we do, we shed more light upon the world—and the darkness has already begun to disperse. David is no longer with us, but the light he brought into our life will shine forever more.

**Lois Copeland, TCF, Arlington, VA**



To *Medena Jones* and *Patricia Small*, mother and grandmother of **Jordan Jones**, you found the strength to attend your first meeting. We are so sorry for your loss.



## Our Shared Traditions

During this holiday season our different traditions light candles in celebration, even the darkest rooms became warm and bright from the glow of the candle. Then we ask ourselves, how powerful and sinister can the darkness be if it can be overcome by the light of one little candle.



When the time comes for lighting festive candles, let them remind you not only of what you lost, but also of what you had.



These candles burning each December, symbols of those we remember bring forth tears which freely flow and mingle with the candles glow.

## Love Gifts

Mayhew and Georgette Siess  
In loving memory of their son

**Paul Fredrick Siess**



Anita and Fred Scott  
In loving memory of their son

**Brian Fredrick Scott**



## For the New Year

Where there is pain, let there be softening.  
Where there is bitterness, let there be acceptance.

Where there is silence, let there be communication.

Where there is loneliness, let there be friendships.

Where there is despair, let there be hope.

**Ruth Eiseman, TCF, Louisville, KY**

***The Arlington Chapter of Compassionate Friends would like to thank the Trinity Presbyterian Church for their unending support. Without their generosity our efforts to help you, our members, would be more difficult.***





In Memory of  
Kimberly Darlene Clark  
9/21/1994-6/22/2004

***Footprints on the Heart***

From a Poster by Flavia

Some people come into our lives  
and quickly go.  
Some people move our souls to dance.  
They awaken us  
to new understanding  
with the passing whisper of their wisdom.  
Some people make  
the sky more beautiful to gaze upon.  
They stay in our lives for awhile,  
leave footprints on our hearts  
And we are never, ever the same.

***Wings of Flight***

by Sharon Kortas

When all was quiet  
And we were sad  
Thinking of the  
Times we'd had  
  
A butterfly  
Then came to us  
Flew around  
Without a rush  
  
Showed us how  
He'd been set free  
Drifting off  
Where we can't see  
  
Helped us know  
He's on his way  
We'll treasure this  
Each passing day.

***A Love Song***

Nancy Williams

The mention of my child's name may bring tears to  
my eyes,  
But it never fails to bring music to my ears.  
If you really are my friend,  
Please, don't keep me from hearing the beautiful  
music.  
It soothes my broken heart,  
And fills my soul with love.

***I Will Be There***

Sharon J. Bryant

Mom, tomorrow I will be there  
Though you may not see  
I'll smile and remember  
The last Christmas, with you and me  
Don't be sad mom  
I'm never far away  
Your heart has hidden sight  
My memory will always stay  
I watched as you touched the ornaments  
Sometimes a tear was shed as you did  
I touched you gently on your shoulder  
And on tiptoes I proudly stood  
I'm only gone for a little while mom  
I'm waiting for the day to be  
When God calls out your name mom  
We'll be together, just you wait and see  
But until that time comes  
Carry on as you did when I was there  
I tell the angels how much I love you  
There are angels here everywhere!  
I stand behind you some days  
When I know that you are sad  
I want you to be happy mom  
It would make my heart so glad  
So on this Christmas Eve, Mom  
Think of me as I will be thinking of you  
And touch that special ornament  
That I once made for you  
I love you mom and dad, also  
I know you know I do  
And I'll be waiting here for you  
When your earthly life is through  
Love,  
Your child in Heaven

***How long will the pain last?***

Author Unknown

All the rest of your life. But the things to remember is  
that not only the pain will last, but the blessed  
memories as well. Tears are proof of life. The more  
love, the more tears. If this be true, then how could  
we ever ask that the pain cease altogether. For then  
the memory of love would go with it. The pain of  
grief is the price we pay for love.

# Washington DC Chapter



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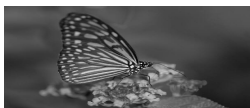
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**Thank You All**

Let me take this moment to say thank you. Thank you to our Chapter Leader Mrs. Barbara Johnson, for having the faith and insight to encourage me in becoming this year Annual Memorial Walk Chairperson.

Thank you to all the members who came out and walked in memory of their/our loved ones, and for all those who could not make the walk in person but continued to keep us in their thoughts and prayers.

Thank you to all who pledged/sent love gifts in memory of your loved ones. With your continued support The DC Chapter of the Compassionate Friends can continue to provide a safe haven for grieving parents, siblings, family members and friends with open caring arms.

Again, thank you for all your kindness and support.  
Michelle A. Lake  
4th Annual Memorial Walk  
Chairperson

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**Mark your Calendars for the Our Up Coming
World Wide**

**Candlelight Memorial Service
Howard University Blackburn Center
Reading Lounge**

**Sunday, December 10, 2006
4:00pm-7:00pm**

**Bring your loved one's picture and or
special poem**

We look forward to seeing you there



Tia Ashanti Wilson.

Date of Birth January 28, 1983
Homegoing March 23, 1997

Tia's battle begins as result of a 5th grade field trip. She was bitten by a tick that later doctor's diagnosed as Polyarticular Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis. She suffered for four years. She was prescribed many different medications that her body rejected. Finally she was given a prescription that she could handle and tolerate. Unfortunately she had to be on this medication for longer than normal and doctors became concerned. She then began intravenous treatments. When it was all said and done, they made several mistakes in treating her after being hospitalized as what we thought was misdiagnosed from examinations due to a car collision. She was put into a medically induced coma to which for her system was intolerant

. She suffered two seizures as a result and didn't survive. The trauma has been unbearably painful. Fortunately, it has also been a great teacher. My soul still pains but with a lesser evil. My understanding and acceptance of these dark days in life's path has been a great source of really renewing my faith in God's will for all of us. My heart and mind are more open to receive God's grace. No, this wasn't God's plan for her. But it helped me to receive. She's gone on home. No more suffering and pain. She used to cry from time to time and didn't want to take any more needles. The most amazing and natural thing happened through my being there through her suffering day-to-day; she taught me how to be brave. She was more on top of her illness and names of all the medications, the dosages, the times, and her appointments than I was as an adult. Every Christmas she was the one to order the table board games. We loved sitting together as a family to engage in a game of her choice. We still play the board games and remember her smile and the fun she had sharing her choice for family fun. Christmas is much different now and it has been for nine years. We still remember the good times, the pictures with Santa and gifts from Santa's Secret Shop at school and the many laughs of excitement.

Merry Christmas,

Tia

Love Mommy, Patricia O. Wilson.

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**A gift within**

I discovered many things during my grief journey. Mostly I took my misery out of my head and used it up in other ways. This has cleared my brain for other stimulating activities. It was not until I forgave myself and my victimizer that I was able to live again. I am able to breathe, love and trust. Each of us is individual and how we express our reality is our path. This demonstrates our warmth and empathy. To listen to each other is the gift we share as compassionate friends.

By: Barbara J. Johnson  
Washington, DC  
Chapter Leader

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**During the up coming holidays do only what you
feel up to doing.**

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*To the Loving Family of  
Mrs. Martee E. Thomas Thompskins  
You are forever in our heart and thoughts always.  
Your Chapter of the Compassionate Friends*

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Please remember to submit your poems, stories, or a special note to your loved one to be placed in the January, 2007 Newsletter by the 2nd of December. Please let us hear from you. Thank you for your cooperation. Michelle Lake, malake@hotmail.com

Our December Children Remembered

Jamie

Died **Dec 31, 2005**
Megan Padilla
Melissa Mullins
Arlington

Mathew Brindle

Died **Dec 05, 1996**
Eugene and Connie Brindle
Arlington

Sasha Burakow

Died **Dec 17, 2003**
Diane and Nick Burakow
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

Christopher Buro

Died **Dec 25, 2005**
Kathleen Brandel
Arlington

Kevin Whitfield Card

Born **Dec 29, 1967**
Elva Card
Arlington

Keirston Ann-Miclelle Caywood

Died **Dec 03, 1999**
Morgan and Madeline Caywood
Craig and Jean Ann Caywood
Leesburg

Charles Edwin Chapman

Born **Dec 31, 1954**
Saranel Osborne
Arlington

Nicolas Andrew Chase

Dec 12, 1996
Lionel and Vicki Chase
Leesburg

Danitza Covarrubias

Died **Dec 24, 2003**
Jose and Roxana Covarrubias
Arlington

Ryan Patrick Crozier

Born **Dec 24, 1995**
Ralph and Lori Crozier
Arlington

Daniel Brian Earl

Died **Dec 09, 2003**
Kara and Mark Earl
Leesburg

Brian Patrick Elero

Born **Dec 30, 1980**
Bernie and Beverly Elero
Leesburg

Analise Irina Fahrzewski

Dec 24, 2004
Penny and Erik Fahrzewski
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

Kevin Joseph Fondahn

Born **Dec 10, 1984**
Janet Fondahn
Prince William

Noah Freeman

Dec 09, 2003
Peter and Joy Freeman
Prince William

Matthew Rand Robert Gaber

Died **Dec 21, 2002**
Cathy Gaber
Prince William

Samuel Garrison Hall

Dec 31, 2002
Gerville and Erin Hall
Leesburg

Scott Richard Hallahan

Died **Dec 20, 1995**
Stanley and Helen Jakubowski
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

Brad Hampton

Died **Dec 03, 2004**
Beth Hampton
Arlington

Jon Hansen Jr.

Died **Dec 27, 2000**
Jean Ballard
Arlington

Amanda Harpin

Born **Dec 13, 1990**
Paul and Martha Harpin
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

Dennis Hartman

Died **Dec 11, 1998**
Betty Hawkshaw
Arlington

Mark D. Haythorn

Born **Dec 31, 1964**
Margie Anderson
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

Christopher Ross "Chris" Hyman

Born **Dec 13, 1972**
Maryanne Hyman
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

Christopher Ross "Chris" Hyman

Born **Dec 13, 1972**
Ron Hyman
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

Bill Ingram

Died **Dec 05, 1984**
Kitty Ingram
Arlington

Lily Jay

Born **Dec 19, 1999**
Penny Dietz
Leesburg

Andrew G. Joe

Died **Dec 19, 1994**
Barbara Joe
DC

Paige Mackenzie Johnson

Died **Dec 03, 2005**
Trish and David Stoskus
Leesburg

Joseph William Jordan

Dec 10, 1986 Dec 16, 2000
Joe and Anginetta Jordan
Arlington

Charles Culver "Chip" Kelly

Born **Dec 29, 1953**
Mary Laurie Kelly
Arlington

Jessica Fabian Krammes

Born **Dec 16, 1977**
Richard and Mary Ann Krammes
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

Ronda Lawrence Noyer

Died **Dec 23, 1977**
Allen and Louise Lawrence
Robert and Shelly Lawrence
Arlington

Johnny W. Lender Jr.

Died **Dec 20, 2004**
Sally Welch
John Lender
Leesburg

Holly Long

Born **Dec 14, 1987**
John and Sherry Long
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

Alex Lopez

Died **Dec 10, 1995**
Barbara Joe
DC

Our December Children Remembered

Kevin Joseph Mackey

Born **Dec 23, 1983**
Linea Mackey
Arlington

Kevan Carl Marfori-Ulsaker

Born **Dec 11, 1979**
Eva Ulsaker
Arlington

Leigh Anne Marino

Died **Dec 08, 2001**
Carol and John Marino
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

George Michie

Born **Dec 29, 1959**
Nancy Michie
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

Kenneth Muldrow Jr.

Died **Dec 08, 2000**
Kenneth and Sonya Muldrow
DC

Katrina Nelson

Died **Dec 07, 2004**
Lila and Mark Nelson
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

Andrew Nisenfeld

Died **Dec 10, 1993**
Frank and Sue Nisenfeld
Leesburg

Charles Osborne

Born **Dec 31, 1954**
Saranel Osborne
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

Isabel Padilla

Died **Dec 05, 1995**
Oscar Padilla
Arlington

Elizabeth Kasulis Padilla

Born **Dec 01, 1976**
Becky Padilla
Arlington

Ricardo Penalozza

Dec 27, 1948 Dec 12, 1992
Helen Penalozza
Arlington

Michael Wayne Pennington

Born **Dec 25, 1983**
Paul and connie Pennington-Wilkins
Prince William

Amber Marie Platas

Born **Dec 26, 1992**
Tricia Platas
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

Jemery Joseph Reeder

Born **Dec 05, 1992**
Rebecca Reeder
Leesburg

Joshua Seth Reeves

Born **Dec 22, 1980**
Sandra Reeves
Prince William

Jordan Edward Riley

Born **Dec 02, 2001**
Deborah Riley
DC

Mary Elizabeth Robinson

Born **Dec 26, 2003**
Cecil and R. Townsend Robinson
DC

Leo Santaballa

Born **Dec 17, 1981**
Jose and Elena Santaballa
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

Ricky Saturen

Born **Dec 21, 1957**
Pat and Gary Saturen
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

Lauren Sausville

Died **Dec 03, 2004**
Debbie and Peter Sausville
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

Patricia Lynn "Patti" Schmid

Died **Dec 17, 1995**
Stuart and Sharon Schmid
Arlington

Theresa Schulten

Born **Dec 28, 1944**
Grace Schulten
Arlington

Craig Matthew Shultz

Born **Dec 04, 1980**
Barbara Shultz
Leesburg

Paul Frederick Siess

Died **Dec 23, 1985**
Mayhew and Georgette Siess
Arlington

Bryan John Singer

Died **Dec 16, 1997**
Carol Singer
Arlington

Lisa Tammi Strongson

Died **Dec 14, 1999**
Julie Strongson
Arlington

Darrin T. Stubbs

Born **Dec 13, 1967**
Veronica Stubbs
DC

Sean Coleman Sullivan

Died **Dec 03, 1958**
Paul and Flora Sullivan
Arlington

Allison Grace Sweeney

Born **Dec 26, 2001**
Dawn and Tim Sweeney
Arlington

Mark Andrew Tabak

Born **Dec 03, 1987**
Sam and Kathy Tabak
Burke\Springfield\Fairfax

Lisa Breck Twiford

Died **Dec 02, 2002**
Deloris Twiford
Prince William

Benjamin Keith Valois

Died **Dec 05, 2001**
Judith Valois
Arlington

Tracy Lynn Walker

Born **Dec 25, 1972**
Linda Walker
Prince William

Mark E. Wingerson

Born **Dec 03, 1969**
Mary Wingerson
Arlington

Mark Emery Zsirai

Died **Dec 16, 2000**
Theodore and Ilona Zsirai
Arlington



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TCF Worldwide Candle Lighting

As the tenth anniversary of the Worldwide Candle Lighting approaches on December 10, 2006, The Compassionate Friends invites all families, bereavement organizations, hospices, churches, funeral homes and hospitals to participate in this very special day when candle lightings are expected to be held in memory of children in countries all around the globe. The Worldwide Candle Lighting is a TCF initiative that has grown from a small Internet observance to what today may be the largest mass candle lighting in the world. This observance is a way of remembering all children who have died through the simple act of lighting a candle at 7 pm local time for one hour, creating a virtual wave of light around the world.

Observed on the second Sunday in December each year, the Worldwide Candle Lighting continues to grow. Last year there were nearly 350 memorial services in the United States that were listed on the TCF national website and services in 12 countries abroad.

If you are unable to attend a formal service you are encouraged to light a candle in your home with family and friends

You are invited to sign the Memory Book on the national website www.compassionatefriends.org and write a note about your child.

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