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Dear Friends,

We hope you had a happy 4th of July celebrating this great nation of ours. One thing I love most about our country is how we all rally together when tragedy strikes. This month, it struck hard in the Texas Hill Country, where the rainfall was equivalent to a 500-year flood event. This resulted in widespread devastation and a significant loss of life. There were over 132 fatalities and more than 160 still unaccounted for.

We are grateful that we were able to promptly respond to this tragedy, through the efforts of our amazing Ambassador, Chaplain Tony Dickey. Chaplain Tony is part of the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads that deploy to every national disaster in the United States. This is such an incredibly heartbreaking situation. There is still a great need for comfort in this devastated area. We have another amazing ambassador, Beverly King, who is currently on-site, following up with those who have been impacted and are hurting.

We are deeply grateful to all of our donors, supporters, and volunteers who make it possible for us to be there when tragedies like this strike. Thank you so much for your continued love and support!

Warmly,

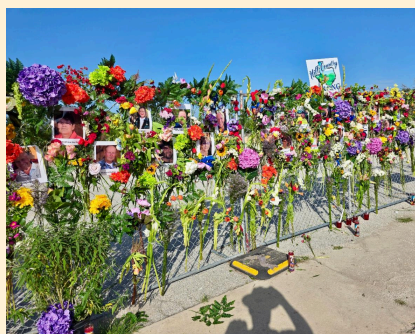
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Hope & Comfort for Texas

Earlier this month, Comfort Cub Ambassador, Chaplain Tony Dickey and the United Cajun Navy, arrived within two days of the disastrous floods in Kerr County, Texas. They offered spiritual support and Comfort Cubs to the families of those lost and missing, including the Camp Mystic area. While Chaplain Tony was there, he was asked to do several tv interviews for CNN, Fox Weather and The Weather Channel. We are so grateful Chaplain Tony was able to provide Comfort Cubs to the families impacted by this tragedy. This was made possible by our amazing donors, volunteers and ambassadors.





Your Safe Place

Backpack Event

San Diego's Your Safe Place held their back to school Backpack Giveaway event this month at San Diego's Better Business Bureau. The Comfort Cub was invited to participate as a resource partner along with The City of San Diego and the San Diego Padres!

The backpack event included over 200 donated backpacks, activities for the kids, a meet and greet with San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria and photos with San Diego Padres' mascot the Swinging Friar! The Comfort Cub donated Cubs to attendees including children, parents, and grandparents who need comfort after their own significant trauma and losses.

Throughout the year, The Comfort Cub provides weighted, therapeutic teddy bears to families at Your Safe Place, including adults and children going through forensic interviews.



These families have been torn apart due to domestic violence, sexual assault and sex trafficking. Survivors and their children begin healing and reclaim their lives at Your Safe Place with the help of therapeutic resources like the Comfort Cub.



San Diego Channel 10 Leadership Award

This month, our amazing Founder, Marcella Johnson, won the San Diego Channel 10 Leadership Award! This award recognizes individuals and organizations who demonstrate exceptional leadership by making a positive impact on the San Diego community. Marcella won for leading The Comfort Cub Program and helping the San Diego community and beyond for the past 25 years. This is her second time receiving this award! She was first given this award over 20 years ago for her innovative work helping women who lost a child.





"Thank you so very much. This is such a beautiful gift to receive. I miss my beautiful son everyday." - S.S. (Mom who lost her son by suicide)

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"Thank you so much for the gift of my Comfort Cub! I lost two babies at 12 weeks and delivered both of them at the hospital. While I do not regret going through the process so I could see, hold, and bury my little ones, they were very traumatic experiences for me. My arms ache for my Angel babies. The Comfort Cub came at the perfect time, because my heart has felt shattered and empty. It really brings me comfort to hold him and think of my babies. Thank you so much for sending it to me!" - S.C.



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