

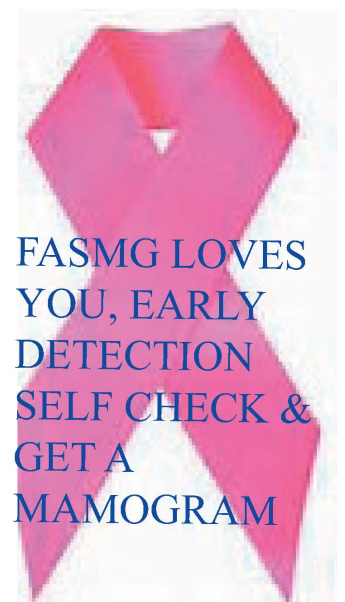
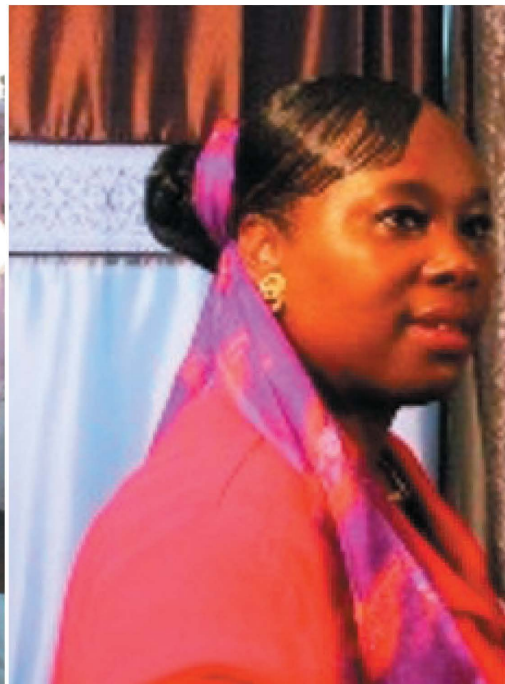
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"REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS, AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE. PHILLIPIANS 4:4"

FAITH & SOUL NEWS MAGAZINE DEDICATES THIS ISSUE TO ALL BREAST CANCER PATIENTS; GOD IS ABLE. HEALING IS YOURS!!!!!!!!!!!!



FASMG: Love & Wedding Thia & Chris Smith, Breast Cancer Survivor Karen Rice, Sen. Mary Landrieu with Marc Morial & Rep. Meeks, Natural Hairstylist Amanada Stoot, Pastor Appreciation: Pastor Deborah Young, Government Shutdown and More

Revelation 14:15 -

And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

I want to thank our Lord Jesus Christ, who continues to give me strength and wisdom to publish Faith & Soul News Magazine. I want to thank my dedicated staff, my beloved family, friends, colleagues and most important our advertisers and subscribers. We Love You All!!

In this issue: Love & Wedding: Thia & Chris Smith, Breast Cancer Survivor Karen Rice, Senator Mary Landrieu Wealth Gap, Natural Hairstylist Amanda Stoot, Pastor Appreciation: Pastor Deborah Young, Government Shutdown, Cooking and More.

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Trust God! Government Shutdown, will be our turnaround! Harvest Time!



As we acknowledge Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Please pray for all the Breast Cancer Patients, Their families, Their caretakers and their medical team. FASMg joins in celebration with the survivors.

Let's pray for the Government Shutdown; Lots of people out of work, Government employees and Business Owners. what the enemy meant for bad God will turn into Good. No weapon form shall prosper. Amen.

October is Harvest Month, let's starting gathering up our Harvest. The fields are ready for those who planted a seed and work the labor. Let's stay focus in these uncertain times. Trust in the Lord with all our Hearts, Lean not to our own understanding. God will work it out. God's promised is here for us all.

Blessings, Peace and God's Love M

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Faith & Soul Finance: Trust God through the Government Shutdown

***Girl, Get Your Money Straight:** Government Shutdown can be your financial turnaround:
Deuteronomy 8:18 But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.*

Why wait til New Years; Get your money straight now; look for financial opportunities with this Government Shutdown. Do pray and do not panic! Trust God!

This is the last quarter of the year. You still have time to make financial decisions to help you before the end of the 2013 Tax Year. A lot of people are looking forward to 2014, with comments such as: 2014 will be better. Yes, it will and 2013 can end better also. Make it your resolution Now and get a head start on 2014. Don't make emotional financial decisions. Change your financial mindset Today! These are some tips:

1. Changes only comes through Christ, you must pray for the strength to change your thinking.
2. Set a plan or have goals. Just like traveling you must map out your journey
3. Stay focus, the enemy will try to distract you, press your way
4. When an unexpected bill arrives, stick to the plan
5. Pay your tithes
6. Pay yourself
7. Pay your bills, do not make new bills, keep your budget on track
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Faith & Soul Salutes Karen Rice A Breast Cancer Survivor



“Awakening”



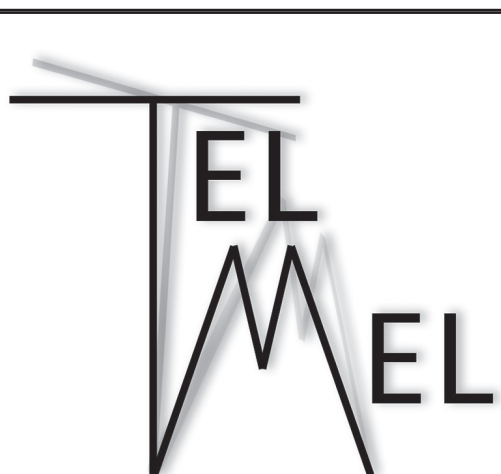
Written by,
Karen Rice
Submitted Photo

When I was diagnosed with Breast cancer a few years back, I reacted like most who receive a cancer diagnose; first thing came to mind was a “death sentence”. However, I found out later that it was truly “an awakening” for me; even after being diagnosed with colon cancer a few years later. I began questioning God, why would you do this to me? What had I done in life so bad to have this placed upon me? But instead of bemoaning my fate, I decided to look for the positive side of it. There has to be a reason for it all.

I also realized that I was about to face a new beginning, new hope, do and see more with a whole new prospective on life. When I think of the “gift of life” that was given to me, I know that I will develop and gain strength from all my experiences. Even with the complications I now have to live with, and all the struggles I’ve dealt with my entire life, I still feel truly blessed. For a while, I wasn’t happy with the way I looked after my surgery and the pain I had to endure each day, but I decided to snap out of it. I thought about the individuals that are no longer among us. I also realized that there will always be someone worse off than I am. I reminded myself, that I “still have my life” and who am I to complain.

One day I experienced something of a miracle and felt the compulsion to write it down. I turn that experience into a poem and I called it “Peace”. I took that poem, along with many others I had composed during my breast cancer period and placed them into book form. Writing had become therapy for me. I was blessed enough to have that book published and it’s titled “True Simple Poems of Life, Faith and Survival”. I’m hoping that anyone who has the opportunity to read my poems get out of them, what I placed in all of them. My poems are from the heart, as real as any could ever be. With the words and phrases of each poem of statement, I wish to make a positive impact on someone who’s ill or otherwise, where they could develop the strength to embrace life in a whole new way. I never anticipated becoming a writer, I just became one. I truly believe when you survive a horrific tragedy or a horrible disease as cancer, it’s for a reason, “you have a purpose” and I want to live to find find out exactly what that is for me. The experiences I’ve had to endure and the strength I developed from it all, are what gave me insight to form the words of my poems.

I recently had another inspirational children book published and it’s titled, “If Only I Could Fly said Mattie-bee” and I’m working on my third. See, that’s what I’m all about now, inspiration. I would have never become a writer, producing inspirational stories, if I had not gone through all that I did. I’m a true example that you can survive cancer not once, but twice, providing you catch it in time, have faith and allow that faith to direct your path. I’ve not saying all will be easy, but you must believe. This is what my experiences with cancer made of me, a true believer! (F&S)



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Thankfully, I just friended her on Facebook. And it's not just to keep an eye on her.

Today, as the country enters the official sign-up period for the health insurance marketplaces, the National Women's Law Center wants to enlist the power of moms everywhere to help encourage young people to get enrolled.



Judy Waxman
Vice President
for Health and
Reproductive Rights
National Women's
Law Center

And we've made it easy! Go to WordOfMom.org to watch this video and find out how you can encourage the young people in your life to get covered:

The government may be shut down, but that will not stop you and your family from enrolling. You can still sign up, compare plans and learn about your options, despite the gridlock in Washington.

Use our Word of Mom reminder tool at WordOfMom.org to gently nudge your loved ones via Facebook, email or Twitter to enroll at HealthCare.gov and give them the best reason to enroll — because Mom said so.

Sincerely,

P.S. Want to learn more about the health care enrollment options for women and their families? Check out our state-by-state fact sheets and FAQs at www.nwlc.org/enrollment



Yzuri (means Beautiful)

Amanda Stoot a lifelong resident of Lafayette, LA - she's feeling it and loving it! Natural hair meaning unadorned and uncolored, virgin non-chemically relaxed or otherwise in the natural state she says. It's becoming all over the world.

Interviewer: How long have you been in business?

Amanda: A stylist for seven years, at this new location at least 6/7 months.

Interviewer: Why this type of business?

Amanda: Well, at the age of 12 I knew this was my passion, enjoy doing it, show them to appreciate themselves and embrace the way they look!

Interviewer: Why go Natural?

Amanda: It's healthier; embrace yourself no matter what type of hair you were born with, the length, and or hair style. You truly to achieve healthier is #1 HAIR.

Interviewer: Managing hair what's the youngest age you would say you've done?

Amanda: Three would be my youngest.



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Amanda: Mid-sixties I would say

Interviewer: Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Amanda: I see myself in my own Full Salon Service here in Lafayette, LA, being I'm the only salon practicing Natural hair- I see it's needed and would stay in my own community.

Interviewer: Do you recommend this type of style of business to our upcoming Stylists?

Amanda: Yes, incorporate into their current routine, ability to earn money/clients will stay loyalty to them.

Interviewer: How long have you Amanda been NATURAL?


Amanda: I would say 8 years ago I had relaxed hair, harsh, until I discovered my natural hair, had no desire to go back to perms, simply because of the length and healthier hair. Her model was-Ms. Robin-would you go back to perm?- Not in the near future, it's a challenge; it's healthier and very cost efficient.

Amanda: Suggestion-1. Do it yourself take care.

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Landrieu Holds Roundtable to Examine Ways to Address Racial Wealth Gap



Sen. Mary Landrieu meets with Rep. Gregory Meeks, D-N.Y., and National Urban League President, Marc Morial at the Congressional Black Caucus's Annual Legislative Conference:



*Submitted photos & article
Sen. Mary Landrieu is joined by Rep.
Cedric Richmond, D-La., at the Senate
Small Business Committee roundtable
on closing the racial wealth gap:*

Senator releases report examining causes of the wealth gap.

WASHINGTON – United States Senator Mary L. Landrieu, D-La., Chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, held a roundtable Wednesday focused on finding solutions and best practices for closing the racial wealth gap. Sen. Landrieu also released a committee report that takes a snapshot of what the current wealth gap looks like and what may be contributing to it.

Between 1983 and 2011, the median net worth among white families rose 36 percent. Over that same time, the median net worth among African-American families rose only 5 percent, while the median net worth among Hispanic families actually dropped by 7 percent.

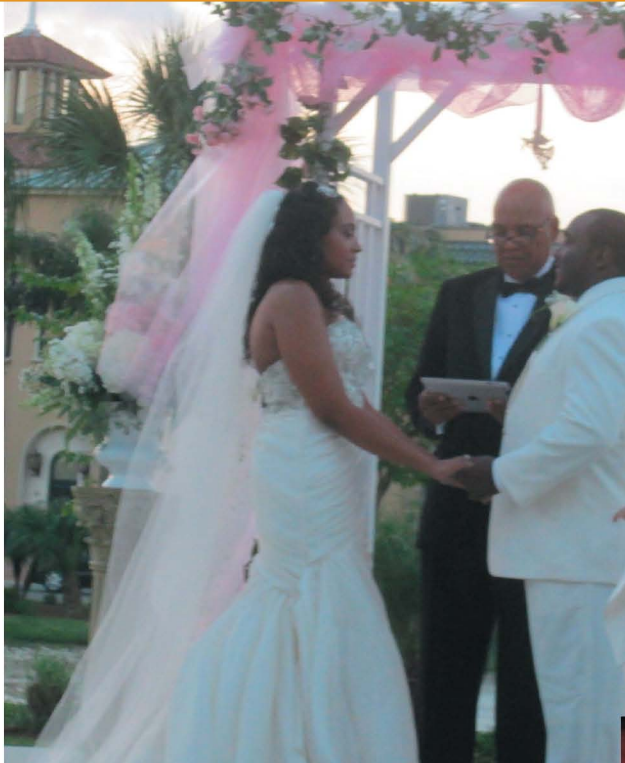
Sen. Landrieu was joined at the roundtable by Reps. Cedric Richmond, D-La., and Sheila Jackson-Lee, D-Texas.

“Fifty years ago, America engaged in a war on poverty that was aimed, in large part, at closing the economic gap between whites and minorities,” Sen. Landrieu said. “Since that time, we have made great strides in a number of areas. The gaps between whites and minorities in income and education have closed. This is good news, and we should be proud of this achievement. Yet, data tells us that this progress has not translated into the closing of the wealth gap.

“Closing that wealth gap is a challenge we must meet for America to compete effectively in the 21st century global economy. We need all, not two-thirds, of our workers, entrepreneurs and businesses playing on the field and not standing on the sidelines.”

The key question Sen. Landrieu and the participants focused on during the roundtable was “what are we doing wrong in regards to solving the wealth gap issue and why isn’t the wealth gap decreasing like other areas, such as income and high school completion?” Cont. on page 14

**FAITH & SOUL'S LOVE & WEDDING: I DREAM OF THEIA
THEIA TURNER & CHRISTOPHER SMITH, BECAME ONE (EPHESIANS 5:31)
FOR THIS CAUSE SHALL A MAN LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND SHALL
BE JOINED UNTO HIS WIFE, AND THEY SHALL BE ONE FLESH.
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**BLESSINGS TO:
MR. & MRS.
CHRISTOPHER
/THEIA SMITH
ON THEIR
WEDDING DAY
SATURADAY
09/28/2013**

*Ephesians 5:
21 Submitting
yourselves one
another in the fear
of God.*



It was a beautiful Saturday evening, perfect weather for an outdoor wedding. The sunset was there, waterfall background and a lovely young couple ready to start their lives as husband and wife. The bride wore a gorgeous strapless designer wedding gown, with headpiece lengthened to the ground. The Wedding Party; Parents of the Bride: Dr. Theodore and Henrietta J. Turner; Parents of the Groom: Mr. Robert and Christine Smith Matron of Honor: Le' Angela Richards, Best Man: Coty Taylor. The wedding party also consist of 6 bridesmaids and 6 groomsmen with cute flower girls, ring bearers, mini groom, miniature bride, and hostesses. Chris gave a from the heart vow to Theia and she hugged her husband, brought a wonderful spirit in the air and ears to the eyes of everyone there.
1 Corinthians 13:7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hope all things, endures all things.

Sports In A Woman's Word.....

Faith & Soul News Magazine Congratulations Simone Augustus (former LSU star player) and the Minnesota Lynx on their 2nd WNBA Championship Title. **Finals MVP Lynx Maya Moore** The Lynx swept the Atlanta Dream by winning the 3 games straight. Final Game Lynx: 86 Dream: 77. Faith & Soul salutes The Atlanta Dream for a wonderful season. Faith & Soul encourages you to support Girls and Women' Sports, it's great entertainment for the whole family! You never know how it can inspire your daughter! Sports increase confidence, great for staying fit, healthy, competitive, networking and discipline.



Ladies let's talk some Football: Thank God for Football, it helps during Government Shutdown.! Now we know why Football is America's Sports!

NFL & SEC COLLEGE FOOTBALL REVIEW:

Okay, we will start with our Saints: Drew Brees and the Saints went marching into New England to face Tom "Bad Boy" Brady (and you will know in a minute while we say 'Bad Boy'). The Saints were undefeated with a chance to stay undefeated until the Patriots QB, again, "Bad Boy" Brady did an immaculate drive 70 yards in 70 seconds with a touchdown pass in the end zone with no time left for the Saints to make a play (a true Hail Mary pass) Wide receiver Kenbrell Thompkins #85 of the New England Patriots catches the game winning touchdown. That gave the Patriots the 30-27 win over our beloved Saints. Like Michael Jackson song, it was *Thriller*, Let's say this Halloween isn't until October 31, 2013, but it felt like Trick or Treat on Sunday.

The Falcons had a bi-week, this will help them to recoup from lots of injuries, and we hope all turns out well for one of the best wide receiver Julio Jones as he is being tested for foot injury. Our heart goes out to Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Patterson who lost his two-year son and decided to play in Sunday's game against the Cam Newton and the North Carolina Panthers. The Panthers won the Vikings 35-10 LSU won Florida 17-6, puts the Tigers back into the hunt after Georgia lost to Missouri 26-41, Georgia was in control but Missouri came in with a strong 4th quarter to snatch the game. This looks like they may have a rematch between LSU and Georgia should things stay the same, a request from the LSU Tigers' team and their fans.

***Faith & Soul Encourages You to
Pray for Your Pastor and All The
Pastors/ Spiritual Leaders
October is Pastor's Appreciation
Month***



Above is FASMGS Spiritual Pastor Deborah R. Young; A Breast Cancer Survivor. FASMGS had a conversation about tithing with Pastor Young. Pastors today have many responsibilities. We talked about tithing and what it means. God loves us unconditional, tithing is not a negotiate item. We tithe to show God we honor and love Him. God owns 100%, 10% is an appreciation, God allows you to keep 90%. It is an average of 18% of the members that tithe. There are lots of myths about tithing and how much to tithe. Read the scriptures on Tithing for better understanding. ***FASMGS PRAYER FOR PASTORS: 2 CHRONICLES 15:7 BE YE STRONG THEREFORE, AND LET NOT YOUR HANDS BE WEAK: FOR YOUR WORK SHALL BE REWARDED.***

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**Acadiana Chapter
Black Nurses Association (ABNA)
*Annual Scholarship Fundraising Event***

Date: Saturday, October 12, 2013

Location: Knights of Peter Claver Hall
1400 NW University Street
Lafayette, La 70501

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MENU: Pork Steak Sandwich/bottled water

Onsite Offerings: Sweet shop of pastries, Pig ears, cakes, pies, etc.

Acadiana Black Nurses Association (ABNA) Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association is a nonprofit organization committed to excellence in education and supporting nurses throughout the year. ABNA provides annual academic scholarships to enable Acadiana nursing students and licensed nurses to grow and better contribute their talents to the health and healthcare of our communities.

The mission of ABNA is "to represent and provide a forum for Black nurses to advocate and implement strategies to ensure access to the highest quality of healthcare for persons of color". Continuing collaborative projects of the organization include: area faith-based and community health screenings, mentoring, public presentations on health topics, and participating in walks/runs to raise money for awareness and prevention of diseases.

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The report released by the committee focused on several issues that contribute to the existence of the wealth gap, including:

- Homeownership: For most American families, their most valuable asset is their home. In 2004, 76 percent of Caucasians, 60 percent of Asians, and fewer than 50 percent of African-Americans and Hispanics owned a home.
- Education: According to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, a significant amount of student debt can limit the ability to open a small business. The Department of Education found that the median and average student debt levels vary by demographic. In 2007-08, African-Americans took out the highest amount of student loan debt.
- Lending Inequalities: According to Dr. Robert Fairlie, Professor of Economics at the University of California at Santa Cruz, minorities face lender discrimination, which in turn impacts their ability to open or expand a small firm as well as attain wealth. In fact, SBA's Office of Advocacy found the fear of loan application rejection to be higher amongst minorities than Caucasians. In 2010, 15.2 percent of Caucasians did not apply for a small business loan due to fear, compared to 38.8 percent of African-Americans and Hispanics. This trend also existed along gender lines, with 21.1 percent of women not applying compared to 17.8 percent of men.

Sen. Landrieu also sent a letter to 100 mayors throughout America to ask for their ideas and suggestions for best practices and solutions to meeting the challenge of closing the wealth gap. Sen. Landrieu will take the responses from the mayors, as well as input from those who participated in the roundtable and other key stakeholders and release a follow-up report next year. That report will detail the solutions, initiatives and programs needed to meet the challenge of closing the wealth gap.

Yesterday, Sen. Landrieu met with Marc Morial, President of the National Urban League and Rep. Gregory Meeks, D-N.Y., to discuss the wealth gap during her visit to the Congressional Black Caucus's (CBC) Annual Legislative Conference. Morial and Rep. Meeks hosted a panel discussion today at the CBC conference to discuss the racial wealth gap.

"My work on the wealth gap will not end with the report or the roundtable," Sen. Landrieu said. "My committee will continue working on this throughout the next year, so that we can figure out the best ways to provide more opportunities for American families to have the necessary tools to move upward economically into the mainstream and onto the playing field."

Participating in the roundtable were Member of The Collaborative Group in New Orleans Barbara Major, Economist for The Urban Institute Dr. Signe-Mary McKernan, Associate Director of Research for Hispanic Trends at Pew Research Center Dr. Rakesh Kochhar, Associate Administrator for the Office of Business Development at the U.S. Small Business Administration Darryl K. Hairston, Special Secretary of Minority Affairs in the Office of Minority Affairs for the Maryland Governor's Office Zenita Wickham Hurley, Esq., Vice President of Operations for U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. Toya Powell, President and CEO of the Association for Enterprise Opportunity Connie Evans, Executive Director of the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development Lisa Hasegawa, Forest County Potawatomi Community Tribal Member and Chairman of the Board of the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation Kevin Allis, Managing Partner of Delta Decisions of DC, LLC Dr. Shree Taylor, and President of RCI Technologies, Inc. Anisa Balwani. (F&S)



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“National Children’s Grief Awareness Day”

November 21, 2013

Healing House will host a community wide remembrance ceremony to commemorate National Children’s Grief Awareness Day on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 6:00pm at Park Sans Souci in downtown Lafayette – made possible by Linear Controls, Inc. We invite the community to come and show their support to the children in our lives that are dealing with the unimaginable loss of a loved one. Let these children know that we are thinking of them during their journey by wearing blue, the color of Children’s Grief Awareness, and attending the ceremony on November 21. Healing House will also be hosting an open house for people in the community to learn more about children’s grief and the services provided by Healing House, Wednesday, November 20, 7:30am-9:30am at 707 Lee Avenue, downtown Lafayette.



National Children’s Grief Awareness Day is observed every year on the Thursday before Thanksgiving. This time of year is a particularly appropriate time to support grieving children because the holiday season is often an especially difficult time after a death. Children’s Grief Awareness Day seeks to bring attention to the fact that often support can make all the difference in the life of a grieving child. This year Children’s Grief Awareness Day will be observed on Thursday, November 21, 2013. This day provides us the opportunity to recognize and support the millions of grieving children across the nation- the thousands of grieving children in our own communities- and the grieving children we know and see in our daily lives.

Before they graduate from high school, one child out of every 20 will have a parent die-and that number doesn’t include those who experience the death of a brother or sister, a close grandparent, aunt or uncle, or a friend. Children who have had someone die,- especially a close family member, can feel the loss forever. They eventually go back to school. They might pick some activities back up. They certainly look “normal”...and yet there’s still that hole inside.



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