

## ASSOCIATION OF TRAUMATIC STRESS SPECIALISTS SOUTHERN ONTARIO NETWORKING GROUP

**Halton Regional Police - Burlington Division  
3800 Constable Henshaw Blvd. - Community Room  
Monday, June 11, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Come and join us for an informal opportunity to network with others who share an interest in trauma and critical incident stress-related issues.**

### **UNDERSTANDING GRIEF**

**Christine Dernederlanden C.T.S.S.** has a passion for helping children, adults and families cope with grief and trauma. Her book "**Where is Robert?**" aids children in coping with grief. This book and related grief kit aided over 6000 families affected by 9/11/01 and led her to become the recipient of a certificate of appreciation from the U.S. Secretary of Defence Donald. H Rumsfeld. She is internationally recognized for her work as a humanitarian in the field of Grief and Trauma. Christine is certified by ATSS as a Certified Trauma Services Specialist. She has also published "**H.U.G.S. Helping Children Understand Grief Sessions,**" which was inspired by the grief camps she facilitated with the Friendship Ambassadors, who bring dialogue annually to the United Nations and Lions International. She created the "**Empathy Bear,**" a plush friend used world-wide to bring comfort and compassion to the grieving and to aid people in the development of Empathy and Courage. Her publication "**Where is My Courage?**" a claymation story helped families victimized by 2016 Fort McMurray, Alberta Forest Fires. Christine was awarded the 2002 Leadership and Communication Award from the Toastmasters Public Speaking Organization. In 2000, Christine founded Robert's Press Canada's Grief Resource Centre, which led to her being named as one of Niagara's most successful business women, a 2001 finalist for Woman of The Year and Entrepreneur of The Year. For the article "**Putting All My Problems In Perspective**" Christine was awarded the 2001 Standard Literary Prize. Her dedication to her community has awarded her the 2017 Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award. Christine continues to inspire others from her own personal reflection on her experiences.

**PLEASE NOTE - the Burlington Division is located on the West Side of Walkers Line just South of # 5 Highway Dundas Street). PARKING on the south side of Constable Henshaw Blvd is strongly encouraged. *Feel free to invite your friends and colleagues.***  
**Cost: \$5.00 cash donation.**

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