



# THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

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Supporting Family After a Child Dies

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Our meetings take place at the **Regina M. McGinn, MD Center**, which is located between the Emergency Room and the main building on the second floor. The address is 475 Seaview Avenue SI, NY. The meeting takes place at 7:30 PM on the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

## TCF MISSION STATEMENT

When a child dies, at any age, the family suffers intense pain and may feel hopeless and isolated. The Compassionate Friends provides highly personal comfort, hope, and support to every family experiencing the death of a son or a daughter, a brother or a sister, or a grandchild, and helps others better assist the grieving family.

## *Meeting Dates*

**June 11th and 25th 2020**  
**JOIN OUR ZOOM MEETING .**

# SIBLING CORNER

NATIONAL COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS OFFICE see above

- You'll notice links throughout the website to our Facebook Page. We hope you will join and thus have the opportunity to interact with other siblings, as well as parents and grandparents who "get" what you're going through.
- Please join our [Sounds of the Siblings](#) closed Facebook group to interact with other siblings. Contact Keith Singer of Staten Island TCF

## Chapter Corner

Visit our website at [www.sitcf.com](http://www.sitcf.com)

We welcome our newly bereaved friends. We are sorry for the cause that brings you. We know how devastated you are. In order to get full benefit of our meetings, it will be necessary to attend at least three meetings. We offer you unconditional love and understanding as we share with you our love for our children.

NEW MEMEBRS:

# WELCOME

## Love Gifts

In Loving Memory of  
Christopher Ryan Kubiak



### Telephone Friends

The people listed as telephone friends are there because they are bereaved parents and siblings who have had been bereaved for a while and therefore they have the ability to "hear" your pain. These friends are there to listen. Don't hesitate to call when you need to. They are our compassionate friends.



Keith Singer	718.227.1207 sibling
Cookie Parisi	718.317.0793 sudden death
Michele Muro	718.227.6516 car accident
Virginia Chieco	718.948.8127 suicide
Carol Bell	718.917.0633 only child
Richard Pierce	908.653.1994 young child
Fran Zogby	718.317.0647 multiple children

# LOVED AND REMEMBERED

The newsletter cannot exist without contributions from TCF members.

Please send articles, poems, etc. in order to make it yours.

Email to: VWendroff@aol.com



# Love Gifts



OUR  
CHILDREN

My precious Frankie,  
The calendar says 2020, but to me time has stood still since 2014. The world is an empty place without you here. The sun doesn't shine, the flowers do not bloom and the skies are grey. And then I see a picture of you and my heart gets warm with all the memories I have of you. That's the only thing that keeps me going. We sure did have so much fun together. You will always be my best friend, my protector and my Son. Missing your jokes, your voice and your hugs. I pray you are resting easy. Our bond can't ever be broken. You will always be my greatest gift, my world, my Sonshine. I will hold you in my heart until I hold you in my arms again.  
Loving you and miss you,



In Loving Memory of  
**PATTY BONSIGNORE**  
June 18th



LOVED AND REMEMBERED

**NOTE:** Any article that you want to be published during the month of a birthday or anniversary **MUST** be place in the month prior to publication. The newsletter will be sent for printing on the 20th of each month.





Thomas Libonati, Jr.



Lauren Wendorff



Danielle Ricco



Ralph Mondella



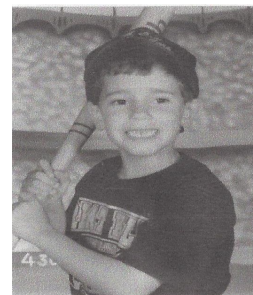
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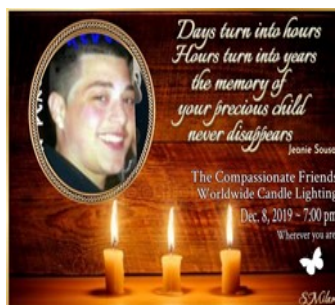
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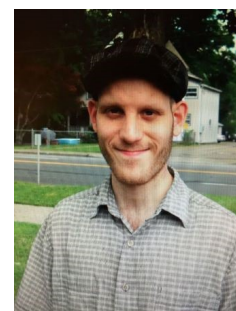
Patty Bonsignore



Mario Trueson



Christopher Kubiak



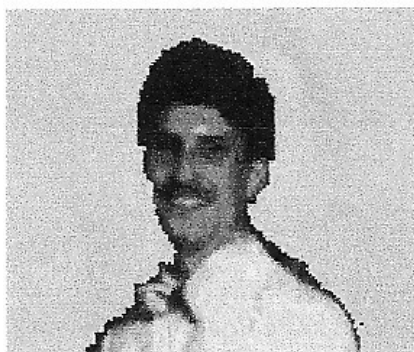
Daniel Klein (Cohen)



Blakely Russell



Freddie D'Amico



Richard Angelina



Michael Medina (Cortes)

# In memory of Lori Singer

Ask me about the empty chair beside me

And I'll gratefully tell you all about the beautiful girl

Who should be sitting next to me.

The one who taught me how to stretch my love

Far and wide enough to span the gap between heaven and earth.

One of my greatest fears is that the world will forget you.

And I can't let that happen.

So you show up in the world through me.

When I help another or act in love or choose kindness,

I bring you humbly back into the world and remind others



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JOEY

May 26th

I love you and miss you so much every day.

Love,

Mom (Janet Murphy)



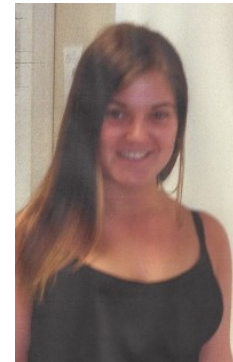
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**My Dear Christina:**

I can't believe that as of May 30<sup>th</sup>, you have been gone five years. The days, months, and years may have gone by, but sometimes I just feel stuck in the "moment." I used to be "a go with the flow" person, but since your death, going with the flow no longer works. I need structure/routine to help me get through. So I created a daily schedule. Since I wake up early I go to church daily, then run to the cemetery, and on to stores. Once home I do the daily chores.

Mondays were a little different. I started the day the same, except after Mass I would stay and help out then I would meet with Fr. Richard and talk. He was my rock and my strength. Christina when you died, half of me died too. My heart was shattered into a million pieces and I knew even if I tried to put the pieces together, one would still be missing. I was so lost. Who was I? Who was I to become? Fr. Richard helped me to find myself. He helped me find my faith and the drive to move forward, no matter how hard it will be. Fr. Richard was helping me put my heart back together piece by piece. Then we were hit with the Coro-navirus. Overnight life has once again changed. Church and cemeteries were closed. I couldn't meet with Fr. Richard. My schedule/routine was gone. I happened to see Father in the church parking lot. We briefly spoke. He stood there smiling then told me to take care. He didn't look good. The next day he was rushed to the hospital, put on a vent, and died a week later. Life again has changed. Vincent and his beautiful family keep me going, as well as all the good memories of you! Christina I love you and miss you so much and I know one day we will all be together again.

**Love Mom**





## Ruth Rivero Human

### In memory of Michael

Not my words. Do you want to know what it is like to lose a child?

Sit down, this could take quite a while.

At first you are in shock, and then you are in denial.

And pretty soon reality puts your emotions on trial.

You lose so much, but the first you lose is your smile.

To others you seem okay, but you really are not.

The grief that you feel is only the start,

Because your child now lives only in your heart.

You treasure each picture that is all you have got.

You cling to memories that you thought you forgot.

You know your life will never again be the same.

You pretend things are okay, and you hide your pain.

You just want someone to mention his name.

So you can imagine that he is beside you again.

Sometimes you feel like you are going insane.

You still feel all alone, even when in a crowd.

Others can speak of their children of whom they are proud,

But to talk about your child, somehow isn't allowed.

So your child's memories are hidden under grief's cloud.

You just want to mention his name out loud.

With each day you are reminded of all you have lost.

And how much your loss has ultimately cost.

Your child's hopes and dreams have been tossed

So before you judge, keep your fingers crossed

That you never know the pain of a child's loss.

You hold back tears, because they would be a stream.

You cry every day, but you really want to scream.

"My child mattered, how can people be so mean?"

You pray for a visit, or vision in the form of a dream

So before you tell me some over used silly cliché

Like "He is in a better place" or "things are better this way"

Think about what you are about to say:

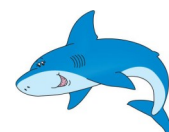
I really mean it when I tell you, that I hope and pray

That you never know how I feel each and every day.



Anderson	Malik James	6/1	
Scaletta	Michael	6/4	
Alverson	Eric Ryan	6/7	
Fantauzzi	Gina Marie	6/7	
Epstein	Melissa	7/7	
Williams (Muldrow)	Elyse	6/8	
Libonati	Thomas	6/10	
Hurley (Melnick)	John	6/11	
Wolpoff	David	6/12	
Medina (Ortiz)	Michael	6/12	
Torres	carlos Jaime	6/17	
Scotto	Jared	6/19	
Mondella	Ralph	6/19	
Marcus	Bryan	6/21	
Pierro	Jason	6/21	
Riley (Bianchini)	Cierra	6/22	
Newman	Heather	6/22	
Guttermann (Sibling)	Mark	6/24	
Stiskin	Judy	6/25	
Gorayeb	Christine	6/26	
Trueson	Mario	6/26	
Ferrante	Vincent	6/27	
McCarthy	Stephen	6/28	
Hanger	Anna	6/29	
Angelina	Richard		6/2
D'Amico	Freddie		6/3
Grossman	Martin		6/6
Cahill ,III	Eddie		6/7
Russell	Blakely		6/9
Anastasiau	Freddy		6/9
Klein (Cohen)	Daniel		6/9
Ricco	Danielle		6/11
Darku	Julian C.		6/11
Kubiak	Christopher Ryan		6/12
Lamattina (Nicosia)	Michael		6/15
Carey	Suzanne		6/16
Bonsignore (Sparano)	Patricia		6/18
Lauer	Steven		6/18
Price	Mark		6/19
Mendez (Pontecorvo)	Mario Guy		6/22
Lenihan	Keith Patrick		6/22
Flack	John		6/25
Perri	John		6/25
Fuschetto	Carl		6/26
Kalansky	Frank		6/27
Dressler	John		6/28
Favors	Aniya Christina		6/28
Wendroff	Lauren		6/29
McGlynn	Coleen		6/30
Porcello sib	Joe		6/30

# OUR CHILDREN



# June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11 Meeting</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Father's Day</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 Meeting</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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