



THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

STATEN ISLAND CHAPTER
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.

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.

TCF MISSION STATEMENT

***Meeting Dates* March 12th and 26th, 2020**

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

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.

WELCOME

NEW MEMEBRS:

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Carlos Jaime 6/17 3/7 (33)

Love Gifts

*In Loving Memory of
Nicky Chieco
March 18th*



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

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

Stephen Ventimiglia

4/30 3/5

To my dear Steve,
So many years without you.
Our lives changed from Day 1.
No more smiley face, affectionate words, kisses, compassion, etc.
All we have are sweet memories of you and pictures in a special album.
We will never forget you. Our love is forever until
WE MEET GAIN! Kisses from your broken family.
Mom, Dad and Brother Marc



*In Loving Memory of
Nicholas Alessi*

March 1st



Nicholas Alessi

*In Loving Memory of
Lori Singer*

March 30th



Lori Singer

LOVED AND REMEMBERED

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



Susie Brunelle



Vinny Galiano



Anthony Compton (Mangone)



Mindy Denora (Cohen)



Brian Benevento



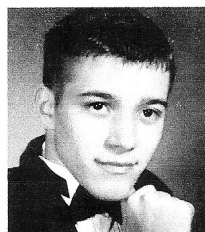
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*Jose
Manuel
Pellot*



John Pinnola



Nicholas Alessi



Stephen Ventimiglia



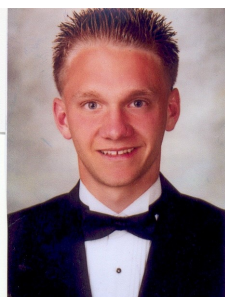
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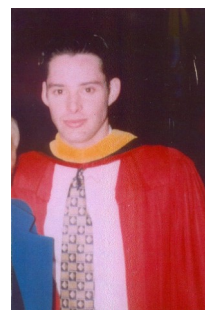
Kelly Ward (Coohill)



Paris Russell



Chris Biggs



Matthew Zogby



Nicky Chieco



Anthony Paino 4



Thomas Libonati, Jr.



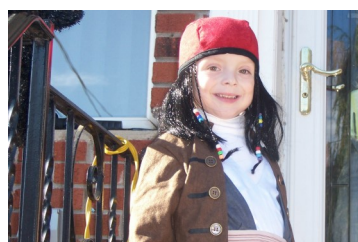
Winston Wright



Nicholas Pierce



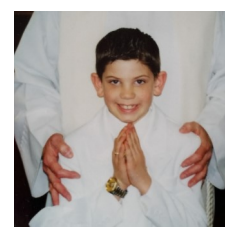
Stephen Lanza



Matthew Van Name



Mario Trueson



Jonathan Crupi



Lori Singer

By Edna St. Vincent Millay

I am not resigned to the shutting away of loving hearts in the hard ground.
So it is, and so it will be, for so it has been, time out of mind:
Into the darkness they go, the wise and the lovely. Crowned
With lilies and with laurel they go; but I am not resigned.

...

The answers quick and keen, the honest look, the laughter, the love,
They are gone. They are gone to feed the roses. Elegant and curled
Is the blossom. Fragrant is the blossom. I know. But I do not approve.
More precious was the light in your eyes than all the roses in the world.

...

Gently they go, the beautiful, the tender, the kind;
Quietly they go, the intelligent, the witty, the brave.
I know. But I do not approve. And I am not resigned.

Submitted by Daniel Klein's Mom

Don't tell me that you understand,
Don't tell me that you know.
Don't tell me that I will survive,
How I will surely grow.

Don't tell me this is just a test,
That I am truly blessed,
That I am chosen for this task,
Apart from all the rest.

Don't come at me with answers
That can only come from me,
Don't tell me how my grief will pass...
That I shall soon be free.

Don't stand in pious judgment
Of the bonds I must untie.
Don't tell me how to suffer,
And don't tell me how to cry.

My life is filled with selfishness,
My pain is all I see,
But I need you, and I need your love...
Unconditionally.

Accept me in my ups and downs,
I need someone to share,
Just hold my hand and let me cry,
And say, "My friend, I care."

J. HENDEL

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People Talk:

They say time heals all wound, but the heartache is a silent ache.
They say move on, it's been a while.

But for the person who is grieving, the memory is constant.
The mind relives the catastrophe nonstop.

They say your child wasn't yours, he was given to yours.
But you kept the gift, and you were not ready to give it back.
You wanted to show the world the beautiful soul.

And the gentle being that was entrusted to you.

The new year is supposed to be a new beginning.

But for me, the year 2020 reminds me of the day my son passed
away—— which is 12/20.

So, for the rest of life, a decade of 20, will be haunting me, as my
shadow.

We, as a family, learn to live a life of happiness and sorrow.
This intertwines our every occasion.

The valley that we walk every day, is full of highs and lows.

We shield and camouflage our emotions and hide our feelings.

Can time heal?

Does the passage of time help one forget?

Perhaps time can heal external wounds.

But it doesn't necessarily heal internally.

Time doesn't wipe our memories. Happy Birthday,

Michael 2/08/78

By Tanya & Sam



Dear Anthony

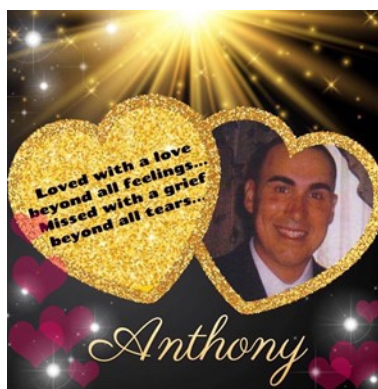
March 18 th will be 11 years that you received your wings . It seems like a minute ago and also 100 years . If only I could hug you and hear your voice again .

Until we meet again on the other side .

You will live on ,in my broken heart .

Love you 4Ever my Son .

Mom (Elly Paino)



A Special Place

I think of this room as a lifeboat, in choppy waters and high seas

But determined to stay afloat.

At the two ends, Arnie and Babe, quiet and calm, keeping us steady

Michele and Varda steering through storms big and small,

Eyes always on the stars guiding toward courage and hope

And letting us know that on this voyage we can cry,

But we can also smile and laugh

We are the crew pulling in unison, sharing struggles and strengths,

But above all our love for our children

Far above us the spirits of our children are wishing us clear skies and safe passage

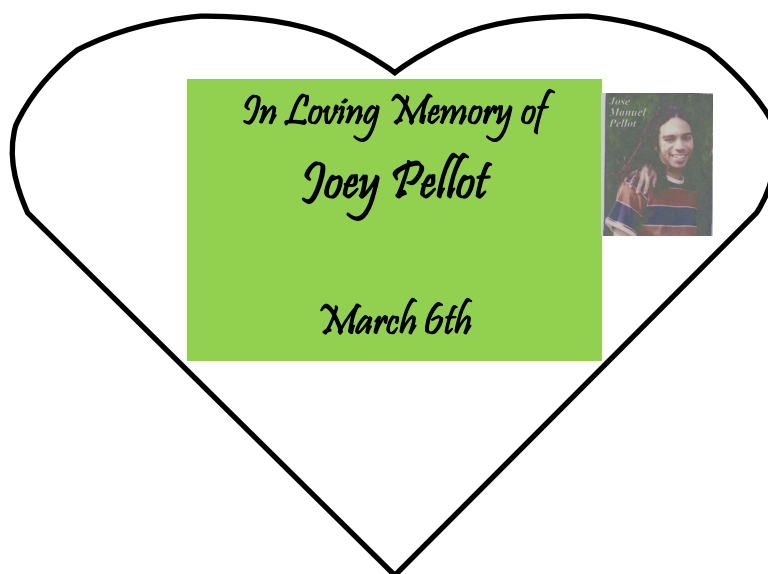
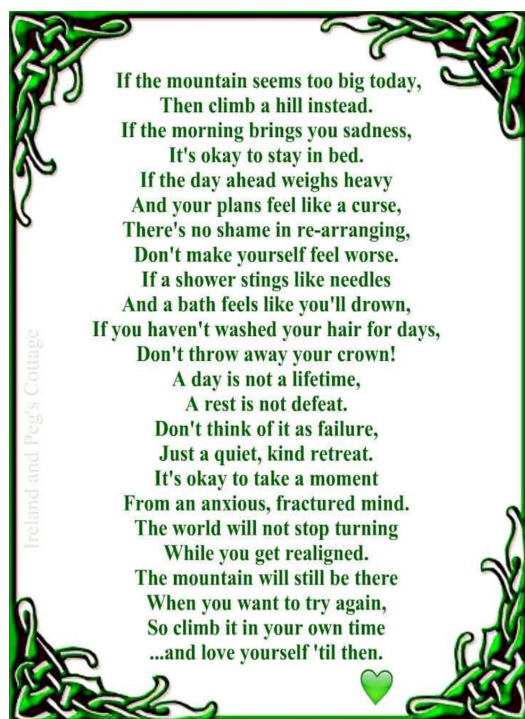
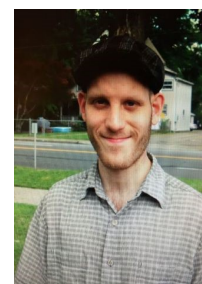
For our beloved children and for those who day to day rely on us

We keep going. We sail on.



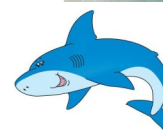
Barbara

Dan's Mom



Grossman	Martin	3/1	
Brady	Kevin	3/1	
Marquez	Omar V	3/1	
Gambardella	Andrew	3/3	
Scorcia	William	3/3	
Brunelle	Suzan	3/4	
Galiano	Vinny	3/7	
McGraw	Shaun	3/8	
Compton (Mangone)	Anthony	3/8	
Bright	Billy	3/9	
Denora (Cohen)	Mindy	3/9	
Benevento	Brian	3/9	
Sweeney (Henderson)	Richard	3/11	
Realmuto	Philip	3/12	
Lenihan	Keith Patrick	3/12	
Dimitri	Frank	3/13	
Costello	Daniel	3/14	
Gallagher	Angel	3/18	
Graham	Maurice	3/18	
Schebece (Stock)	Christopher	3/19	
Keeton	Jessie	3/19	
Pellot	Joey	3/20	
Adragna	Christina	3/20	
Dellaventura	Nicholas	3/20	
Mandel	Christopher	3/21	
Barahona (Irizarry)	John	3/25	
Perrotti (Garzetta)	Carmine	3/26	
Pinnola	John	3/27	
Rivera (Balbuena	Samantha	3/30	
Alessi (Schiano)	Nicholas		3/1
Bash	Michele		3/2
Ventimiglia	Stephen		3/5
Pellot	Joey		3/6
Berardi	Robert		3/6
Lustig	Suzanne Helaine		3/6
Ward (Cohill)	Kelly		3/7
Torres	Carlos Jaime		3/7
Marquez	Omar V		3/9
Pinnola	John		3/10
Alverso	Eric Ryan		3/10
Russell	Paris		3/10
Acierno	Diane		3/12
Biggs (Sellito)	Chris		3/13
Flick (Pellegrino)	Maryann		3/13
Scorcia	William		3/15
Zogby	Matthew		3/17
Fortunato	Anthony		3/17
Chieco	Nicholas		3/18
Paino	Anthony		3/18
Roskowinski	Alex		3/18
Pantano	James		3/19
Scarpa (Schiro)	Joey		3/20
Schreier (Ciriaco)	David		3/20
Barahoni	John		3/25
Imnasciani	Erica		3/22
DiMartino	Dominick		3/23
Libonati	Thomas		3/23
Wright	Winston		3/23
Lanza	Stephen		3/24
Van Name	Matthew		3/24
Guterman (Sibling)	Mark		3/24
Mandel	Christooopher		3/24
Trueson	Mario		3/25
Davila	Jeremy		3/25
Barone	Matt		3/27
Crupi	Johnathan		3/29
Pierce	Nicholas		3/30
Piazza	Tamara		3/31
Bell	Julianna		3/31
Singer (Muro)	Lori		3/30

OUR CHILDREN



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28	27	26 Meeting	25	24	23	22
21	20	19	18	17 St. Patrick's	16	15
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