



# 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.

## 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* March 8th and 22nd, 2018**

## 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 [TCF Sounds of the Siblings](#) closed Facebook group to interact with other siblings. Contact Keith Singer of Staten Island TCF

**Chapter Corner**

**WELCOME**

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:**

In Loving  
Memory of  
**LORI SINGER**  
March 31st.



**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



In Loving Memory of  
**Jerry Curiale**  
January 23rd  
With love,  
Sheila Curiale

“Dear Stephen,  
It’s your 10th anniversary since you passed away, but to us it’s like Yesterday.

Love you forever,  
Mom & Dad  
Bernice & Vito”

**STEPHEN VENTIMIGLIA**

**March 5, 1988**

God called you a long time ago,  
but you are in our heart and  
never will be forgotten!

Please watch over us.

We need your help!

Love and kisses  
Mom, Dad & Marc

In Loving Memory  
of **MATTHEW ZOGBY**  
March 17th

I love and miss you.

Love,  
Mom  
Fran Zogby

In Loving Memory of

**NICHOLAS ALESSI**

**March 1st.**

# LOVED AND REMEMBERED

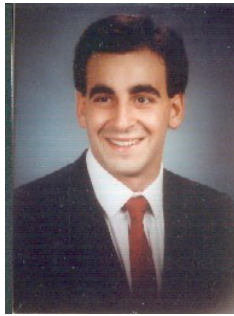
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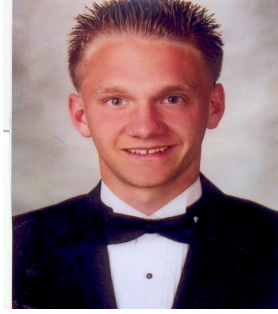
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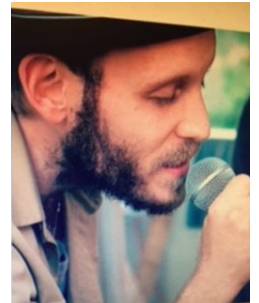
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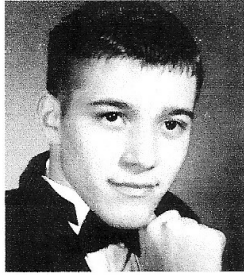
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Chris Biggs



Dan Klein



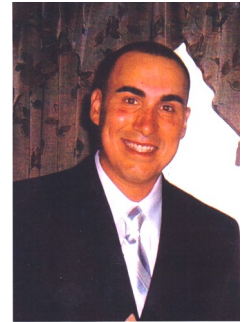
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Lori Singer



Nicky Chieco



Anthony Paino



Vinny Galiano



Winston Wright



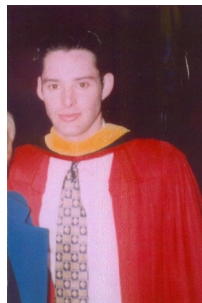
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Tamara Piazza



Stephen Ventimiglia



Matthew Zogby



Thomas Libonati, Jr.



Joey Pellot



Brian Benevento



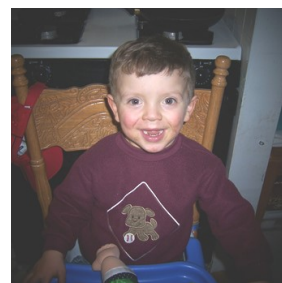
Christopher Schebece



Suzie Brunelle



Anthony Compton



Matthew Van Name



Mindy Denora (Cohen)



Dear Dan,

You and Joe were born on St. Patrick's Day. It was Aunt Susie's birthday too, and a few weeks later mine. March for us the month of birthdays and daffodils. When Sue and I were kids Grandma would fill the house with daffodils, we kept this tradition. Sue would come down from Boston and we would all celebrate. Joe and Natalia made special events for you. We miss you so much.

I am weighed down with anger that you suffered and were cheated. Filled with regrets for what I should have done. Funny things are a comfort. The day I yelled in the medical office that no matter what form was needed the doctor would see you TODAY! You loved seeing me turn into a "tiger Mom", and told your friends and teased me. Dad reads to you every night and finished all of Moby Dick. A special time.

Your family and friends think of you every day, your music rings out, we have an ocean of love for you.

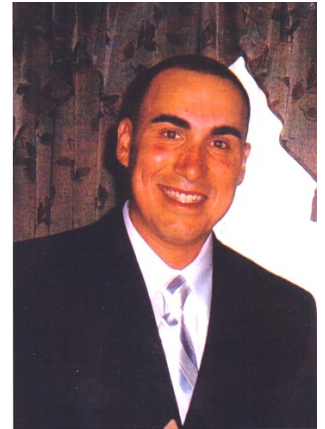
Mom  
Barbara Cohen



Dear Anthony,

March 18, 2018 will be 9 years that you gained your wings. I don't know how I was able to go on with the pain since that day. However, you sent me signs to give me the strength I needed. I know you are 4Ever by my side as I go thru this grief journey. I love you to the moon and back. I promise to keep your memory alive until we meet again on the other side and see your smiling face again.

Love you 4Ever,  
Mom



**A Letter from Heaven**

When tomorrow starts without me  
And I'm not here to see.  
If the sun should rise and  
Find your eyes, filled with  
Tears of me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
The way you did that day.  
While thinking of the many things  
We didn't get to say.

I know how much I love you,  
And each time you think of me.

I know you'll miss me too  
When tomorrow starts without me.  
Don't think we're far apart  
For every time you think of me  
I'm right here in your heart.  
Excerpt from E.E.Cummings

Dear Tamara.

I cannot believe it is ten years that you have gone too soon. I miss you more than words can say but I try my best to get up and face each day. I will always honor and carry on your legacy, you will never be forgotten our love will never die and one day we will be together again forever in my heart and soul love you Scooby forever and ever xoxo

Mom Pat



I once had plans for my sweet child.  
Like who they would turn out to be.  
But how foolish I was to dream  
That their life is up to me.  
God had different plans of his own.  
And some day I hope to know why.



**Kelly Jan. 8th**

He left me here alone and cold.  
Making every effort just not to cry.

Time has passed, but never enough  
To heal my broken heart.  
I long for the day that you are no longer away.  
And we will never be apart.

Written by Kelly Ward (Coohill-Fuchs)



Dear Christina:

As you celebrate your 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday in heaven, look down because we are celebrating your birthday here and sending up hugs and kisses. I'm kind of jealous but also comforted knowing that my sister gets to celebrate with you. I remember two days before she passed away, she was so excited to tell me she dreamt of our parents and you. All of you looked beautiful, were smiling and told her you would come back for her soon. As much as that made me sad, I was happy because all of you would be together. Christina this year was very difficult. The pain is so unbearable. I can't believe how my heart constantly aches. The past may be gone but it left me beautiful memories. These memories I hold deep within my heart and every night before I sleep I'll pull one out and remember the good times that we all shared. On a lighter note, I know you and Aunt Marie must be cracking up watching me, of all people, raking, picking up leaves and watering the grass and flowers at the cemetery. See there is humor to be found in my broken heart! I love you and miss you so much!



I found a picture of you  
One that I had not seen in awhile  
I held it gently in my hands  
Lost for a moment in your smile

I found a card from you  
Written in your own special way  
I held it gently in my hands  
Lost for a moment in that day

Memories, sweet gifts from you  
To allow my heart a breath  
To let me be lost for a moment  
To remember life not just death

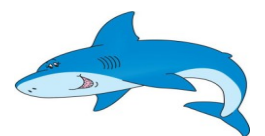
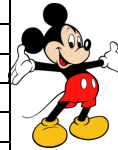


Love,  
Mom (Lorraine Datello)



Last Name	First Name	Birthday	Anniver-sary
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	
Klein (Cohen)	Daniel	3/17	
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	
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 (Coohill)	Kelly		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
Wilkinson	Edward		3/14
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
DiMartino	Dominick		3/23
Libonati	Thomas		3/23
Wright	Winston		3/23
Lanza	Stephen		3/24
Van Name	Matthew		3/24
Gutterman (Sibling)	Mark		3/24
Mandel	Christoopher		3/24
Trueson	Mario		3/25
Davila	Jeremy		3/25
Barone	Matt		3/27
Crupi	Johnathan		3/29
Pierce	Nicholas		3/30
Singer (Muro)	Lori		3/30
Piazza	Tamara		3/31
Bell	Julianna		3/31

# OUR CHILDREN



# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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