



# 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*

**April 10, 2014**  
**April 24, 2014**

We regret to announce the passing of Compassionate Friends' very good friend

**DARCIE SIMS**

She taught us so much about grieving and love. We will remember her forever.

RIP

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 MEMBERS

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**Anthony Campton 3/8-12/18 (49) Eddie Cahill,III 8/10 6/7 (20)**

**Keith 9/26 1/29 (27)**

**Gary Feline**  
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**Brian 7/16 1/23 (32)**

### 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	718.97.0633 only child
Richard Pierce	908.653.1994 young child
Fran Zogby	718.356.6874 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

### The Forty Fifth Anniversary in Heaven

We love you so very much, Scott, our beautiful baby boy  
You filled our lives with happiness and with lots of joy



But on April 12, 1969, our lives were turned upside down  
The smiles once worn on our faces became a darkened frown

Finding your lifeless body in the crib was a shock without time to prepare  
Our souls have scars with wounds so deep within it is beyond repair

We miss our beautiful little boy who is an angel in the sky  
And we miss the way he looked at us with a twinkle in his eye

Forty-five years have gone and passed yet it feels like yesterday  
Because it is still so clear in our minds - the day you passed away

We often wonder how you would have looked today if you were alive, son  
We're sure you'd be a handsome middle aged man when all is said and done

We think about how our lives would have turned out if you were here today  
Because the missing is so unbearable, Scott, since the day you passed away

Rest in Peace, dear son, along side of the angels in the Heavens above  
We miss you more than words can say and send our everlasting love

Love,

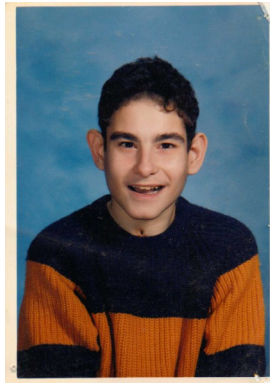
Mom

Ann Garofalo

**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.



Deean Magrone



Richie Cohen (Richter)



Lori Singer



Desi Perez (Rodriguez)



Marti LoMonaco (Fisher)



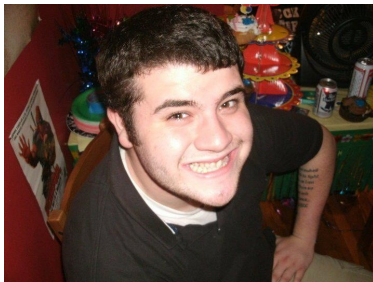
Fred D'Amico



Hugh White, Jr.



Helene Bonsignore



Josh Brand (Willette)



Jack Steinberg



Ryan Pisapia



Matthew Scherer



Stephen Ventilmiglia



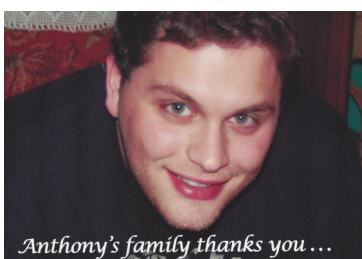
Arielle Newman



Gerald Ascunson



Lenny Ingrassia



Anthony Scarpa



John Gintole



Carolyn Baer



Suzie Brunelle





Robert Hagerman



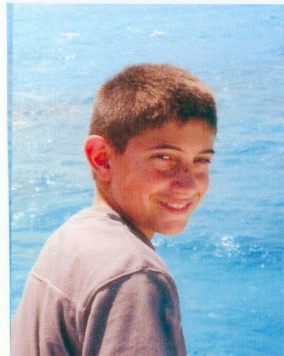
Patrick Bogan



Bobby Bright



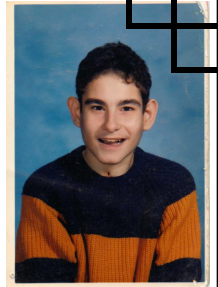
Eddie Ernst



Nicholas Johs

## Richie Cohen

We think about you and miss you every day.



With love,  
Mommy , Aunt Phyllis, Uncle Ira, and Cousins

LOVE GIFTS

Love Note to: **Stephen Ventimiglia**

April 30th

Dear Steve:

I know that in Heaven age doesn't add up but I like to picture you as a grown, handsome man with a beautiful smile and good manners as you were on earth! We miss you so much. Our life is not the same without you!

Happy Birthday! Lots of kisses.

From Mom, Dad, and Brother



**A Picture Of You**

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I only have a picture now,  
A frozen piece of time,  
To remind me of how it was,  
When you were here, and mine.

I see your smiling eyes,  
Each morning when I wake,  
I talk to you, and place a kiss,  
Upon your lovely face.

How much I miss you being here,  
I really can not say,  
The ache is deep inside my heart,  
And never goes away.

I hear it mentioned often,  
That time will heal the pain,  
But if I'm being honest,  
I hope it will remain.

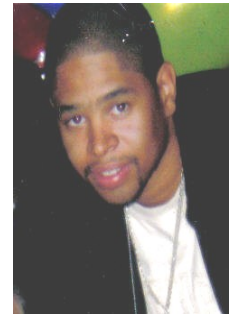
I need to feel you constantly,  
To get me through the day,  
I loved you so very much,

The angels came and took you,  
That really wasn't fair,  
They took my one and only Son,  
My future life. My heir.

If only they had asked me,  
If I would take your place,  
I would have done so willingly,  
Leaving you this world to grace.

You should have had so many years,  
To watch your life unfold,  
And in the mist of this,  
Watch me, your Mum grow old!

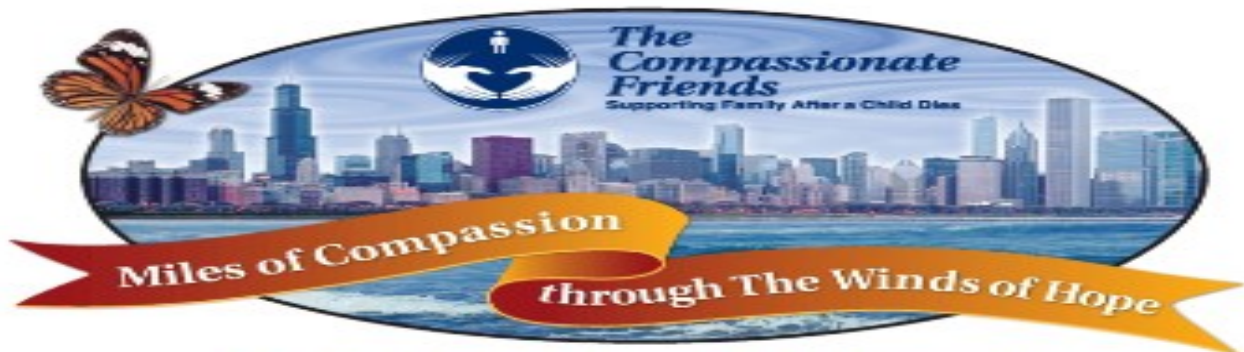
I hope your watching from above,  
At the daily tasks I do,  
And let there be no doubt  
at all,  
I really do love you.



**In Loving memory of**

**Hugh White, Jr.**

**Junior**



**37<sup>th</sup> National Conference**  
Chicago, Illinois  
July 11-13, 2014

Gutter (Johnson)	Sha-Ron	4/2	
Stiskin	Jerry	4/4	
Restivo	John Lewis	4/6	
Magrone	Deanna	4/7	
Johs	Nicholas	4/8	
Cohen (Richter)	Richie	4/8	
Singer (Muro)	Lori	4/10	
Perez (Rodriguez)	Desi	4/11	
Lustig	Suzanne	4/13	
Glotzer	Jonathan	4/15	
LoMonaco (Fisher)	Marti	4/16	
D'Amico	Freddie	4/19	
McGlynn	Coleen	4/19	
Saha	Augustine	4/20	
Babera (Lissita)	Alicia	4/22	
Amore (Rosen)	Ronda	4/23	
Nierenberg	Matthew	4/23	
White	Hugh, Jr.	4/23	
Bonsignore	Helene	4/24	
Brand (Willette)	Josh	4/24	
Steinberg	Jack	4/27	
Filipowicz	John	4/27	
Pisapia	Ryan Anthony	4/24	
Bergenfeld	Amy	4/29	
Scherer	Matthew	4/29	
Ventimiglia	Stephen	4/30	
Paliotta	William	4/30	
Kenneke (Dym)	Michael		4/1
Tush	Jessica		4/2
Newman	Arielle		4/3
Asuncion	Gerald		4/3
Reitano	Amy		4/3
Ingrassia	Lenny		4/4
Levine	Scott		4/5
Restivo	John Louis		4/6
Stiskin	Jerry		4/10
Scarpa (Hunt)	Anthony		4/10
Graney (Garofalo)	Scott		4/12
Gintole	John		4/16
Realmuto	Philip		4/17
Baer	Carolyn		4/19
Saha	Augustine		4/20
Petrizzo	Dante III		4/20
Brunelle	Suzan		4/22
Pierro	Jason		4/22
Hagerman	Robert Jr.		4/23
Bergenfeld	Amy		4/23
Bogan	Patrick		4/24
Bright	Bobby		4/24
Katz	Sam		4/25
Cohen (Richter)	Richie		4/27
Ernst	Eddie		4/28
Johs	Nicholas		4/30



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# April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Meeting	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Balloon Launch  
Picnic  
Walk

June 8, 2014  
July 27, 2104  
September 7, 2104