



# 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*      February 11th & 25th, 2016**

## **SIBLINGS-** 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
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**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**

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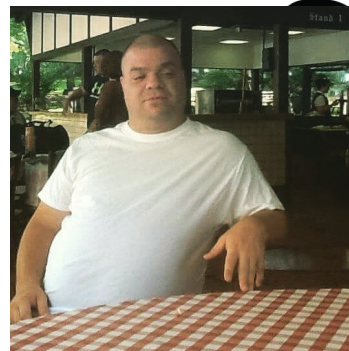
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**Christopher 1/22 11/2**

**Emily Elizabeth Foote 5/3 11/11**

In Memory of my Thomas John Bogan  
January 1 1978 - September 5 2014  
Happy Birthday in Heaven my love  
love & miss you more than you know.

Ronnie Bogan  
Irene Scott



**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.



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|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 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



## Love Gifts



In Loving Memory  
of our son & brother  
Michael Audiore  
Loving you forever!

The  
Audiore  
Family



*Dearest Nick,*

*You are always  
in our hearts !*

*Love Mom,Dad,Matthew  
and Lauren*



Dear Frankie,

I miss you every day.  
I miss all of the  
wonderful times we  
spent together.

Love forever,  
Lauren Donato



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



Michael Human



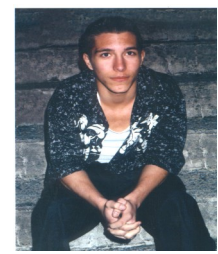
Danielle Ricco



Stacey Kaphan



Nicholas Conte



Daniel Kubiak



Patricia Bonsignore



Blakely Russell



Roisin Sheeney (Coohill)



Nicky Chieco



Mark Zogby



Haley Gray Daquara



Emily Martinez (Miller)



Christine Veni (Fox)



Carmine Esposito



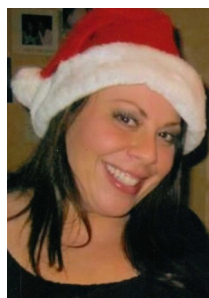
Melissa Mattia



Nolan Sacks



James Bono



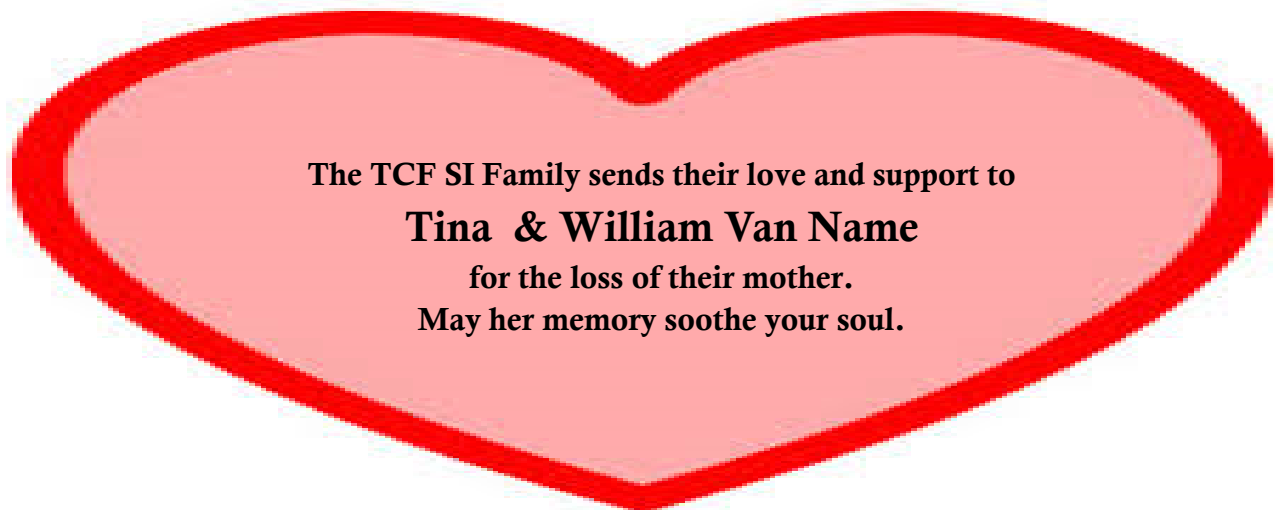
Michelle Zarra



Nicholas Johs



Christina Dontello



The TCF SI Family sends their love and support to  
**Tina & William Van Name**  
for the loss of their mother.  
May her memory soothe your soul.

**Dear Christina:**

**On February 6th, you will celebrate**

**Your 30th birthday in heaven. I truly don't know what to say.**

**There is such a large hole in my heart. The pain seems to get worse with each new day.**

**I resent that I never got the chance to hug you one last time.**

**I resent that I'll never see your beautiful face or hear your laughter anymore.**

**I resent that on your birthday I'll be celebrating "In memory of" instead of with you.**

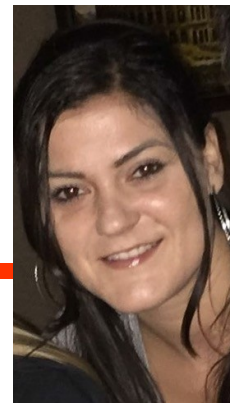
**Though I cry each day, it's through my sadness that I'm reminded of all the joy you have brought into our lives. Christina I wish you a Happy Birthday.**

**Give my love, hugs, and kisses to all and know that one day we will all be together, Celebrating life in heaven.**

**PS: I asked the Lord to pick a dozen roses and give them to you, from me. Let me know when you receive them.**



**Love,  
Mom**



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**Dear Christina,**

**There are no words that I can find to explain how I am feeling other than being sad, angry and regret-ful. Your time here was cut short; February 6<sup>th</sup> you would be 30 which is supposed to be a day of celebration not remembrance. Through your struggle with addiction mommy and daddy always made me promise if anything happened to them that it would be my job to take care of you, I was your keeper. With you gone days feel longer, nights feel colder and I just feel like there is no light at the end of the tunnel. I regret some things that were last said between us but this is something I will have to live with even though I know I was your world, I was your little brother and you always looked up to me. When you were doing bad, I played tough love and I'd give you the cold shoulder. I just always thought that maybe it would help you get better. No matter how mad I'd be with you, you still looked up to me, you'd still tell the world how much you loved me and how proud you were of me for the man I've become. I'm angry because it's not fair; you're supposed to be here. I know there is a "bigger picture" of why God called you so soon, but I'm mad at him and I tell him in my prayers how he is going to get it from me when it's my time. It just hurts that your there and I'm here, so many days I wish I can just see your face and hear your voice. I have a lot of dark hours where I just think about you and how things should be. I know I didn't say it enough but I love you so much Christina and I miss you beyond imagination. Happy Birthday in heaven.**

**Rest easy Christina,  
Until we meet again!**

**Love ,your Bro  
Vincent**

### A Father's Prayer

I am a man, God and I have been taught  
That I should be strong and show no  
Weakness. My wife needs me to be  
Strong; I cannot and must not be weak  
And lean on her. It is only with You that I  
Can be honest, Lord, and even with you I  
Am ashamed to admit it, but I want to  
Cry. I can feel the tears securely damned  
Up behind eyes that want to burst. There  
Is a voice in me that shouts, "BE STRONG!"  
But there is another voice inside that speaks  
Softly, and somehow I feel that it is YOUR voice.  
Father, You who tell me that maybe my wife  
Needs the tenderness of my tears more than  
She needs the strength of my muscles? You are  
Right, my Lord, as always.  
My wife needs to see my grief. She needs  
To feel the dampness of my tears  
And know the aching in my heart. Then just as  
We became one to create this life, we become one  
In our grief which mourns his death. I think I  
Understand now, Lord, it is in sharing that awful  
Pain of my grief that I become an even stronger  
Man. It is in sharing tears that I share my true  
Strength. Oh, God, help me communicate my  
Deepest and most sensitive feelings to my wife so  
That we may become whole together.

# HOPE RISES ON THE WINGS OF LOVE

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS  
39<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference  
July 8-10, 2016 ~ Scottsdale, AZ



## In loving memory of my son

Alexandros Bakratsas  
July 18 1980 - January 19 2011

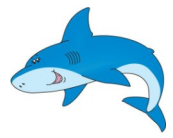
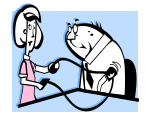
In life I loved you dearly  
In death I love you still  
In my heart I hold a place  
That only you can fill

Love always your Mom , Dad and Sister



Human (Rivero)	Michael	2/1	
Ricco	Danielle	2/1	
Kaphan	Stacey	2/5	
Datello	Christina	2/6	
Shankman	Sharon	2/7	
Rinchiusso	Louis	2/9	
Fay	Jessica	2/12	
Perri	John	2/13	
Conte	Nicholas Paul	2/14	
Kubiak	Daniel	2/16	
Lakeman (Cellamare)	Kenny	2/16	
Bahar	Michelle	2/18	
Scarpa (Hunt)	Anthony	2/18	
Bonsignore	Patricia	2/19	
Russell	Blakely	2/20	
Zick	Michael	2/21	
Parente	Derek	2/21	
Sheeny (Coohill)	Roisin	2/23	
Petrizzo	Dante III	2/23	
Harris (Bensen)	Sheri	2/24	
Goff (Scala)	Dean	2/27	
Lauer	Steven	2/27	
Chieco	Nicholas	2/28	
Zogby	Mark		2/1
Malucelli	Michael		2/2
Martinez (Miller)	Emily		2/2
Leguizamo	Destiny		2/2
Modella	Anthony Scott		2/2
Kaplan	Elaine		2/3
Veni (Fox)	Christine		2/4
Donadio	Jacquie		2/6
Esposito	Carmine		2/9
Gold (Guberer)	Pamela		2/9
Ruggiero	James		2/10
Ortiz	Michael		2/3
Papaleo	Raymond		2/13
Conte	Nicholas Paul		2/14
Anderson	Malik James		2/14
Marcus	Bryan		2/14
Mattia	Melissa		2/16
Thomas	Botti		2/16
Parente	Derek		2/21
Sacks	Nolan		2/21
Daquara	Haley Gray		2/21
Badiran, Kemeny	Joshua		2/22
Bono	Jamers		2/23
Morales	Jason Lloyd		2/23
Scarfia	Michael		2/24
O'Callaghan	Joseph		2/24
Zarra	Michelle		2/24
Kubiak	Daniel		2/28
Rinchiusso	James		5/14

# OUR CHILDREN




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