



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

February 9th & 23rd , 2017

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

We regret to announce the passing of **KAREN SCHERER** the beloved mom of Matthew (RIP) and Michelle. We wish the family peace and love.



Visit our website at www.sitcf.com

Chapter Corner

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:

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WELCOME

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

NICHOLAS JOHS

FROM HIS LOVING FAMILY

LOVE GIFTS

PATRICIA BONSIGNORE

2/19

Your memory is vivid in our hearts.

We love you.

Mom (Anita Sparano)



Dear Mark,

I love and miss you very much. You are always in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Mom
(Fran Zogby)



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 | 718.917.0633 | 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



2007-10-20

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Author unknown

Dear Mom.

As I sit in Heaven and watch you every day, I try to let you know with signs I never went away.

I hear you when you're laughing & watch you when you sleep.

I even place my arms around you to calm you as you weep.

I see you wish the days away, begging to have me home, so I try to send you signs so you know you're not alone.

Heaven is truly beautiful just wait & see.

So live your life, laugh again, enjoy yourself, be free.

Then I know with every breath you take, you'll be taking one for me.

Wishing our son, Nicholas, a Happy Birthday in Heaven.

Forever loved & missed!

Virginia & Mike Chieco



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.



Michael Human



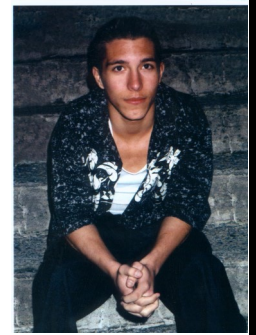
Danielle Ricco



Stacey Kaphan



Nicholas Conte



Daniel Kubiak



Anthony Scarpa



Patty Bonsignore



Blakely Russell



Roisin Sheeney



Nicky Chieco



Mark Zogby



Emily Martinez



Christine Veni (Fox)



Carmine Esposito



Michael Medina



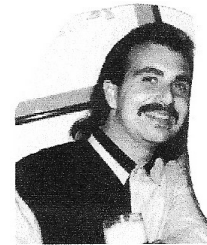
Melissa Mattia



Nolan Sacks



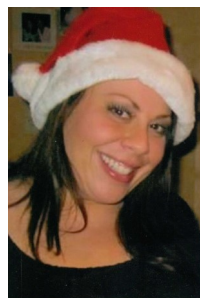
HALEY GRAY DAQUARA



James Bono



Michael Scarfia



Michelle Zarra



Christina Datello

Dear Christina:

February 6th, will be your 31st birthday, which you now get to celebrate with all our family in heaven. From your last birthday, I've watched the snow fall, outlining the branches of trees. As the sun shone upon the snow covered branches they glittered like jewels. Reminding me of your beautiful face, always laughing and smiling. Months passed, then buds started to appear on the branches. This was the first sign that spring was near. It was beautiful watching flowers bloom, leaves turning a vibrant green, and the weather warming up. With this beauty came the unsettling awareness, that you were no longer here with us. Summer came and went. Before you knew it, the flowers died, the trees became bare, and the weather grew cold. The chill was a constant reminder that I would no longer see your beautiful face, be able to hold you, or talk to you. **SOMEDAYS, MEMORIES ARE JUST NOT ENOUGH.** I love you and miss you so much. One day we will be together again. Have a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Love always, Mom (Lorraine Datello)



Dear Christina,

Happy 31st birthday in heaven. I miss you so much. It's been almost two years since you've been gone and not a day goes by that I don't think of you. I know you are looking down but so much has happened and there have been so many moments I wish you could have been here to share with. Mommy and daddy miss you so much. They have more bad days than good because they wish you were here. I miss our talks and I miss your smile. It will always hurt knowing you are no longer here; my heart has a hole that will never fill. Life will never be the same it will just be different. I wish I could have spoken to you one last time, people tell me there was nothing I could have done but me and you shared a particular bond. You always talked to me and listened to me. I was so mad and I should have just put that anger aside. There are many days that I battle myself in my head of what I could have done different, what I could have changed or even what I could have said. The biggest loss I've had to ever face was losing my big sister. I have many days that are worse than others, I try not to let it show for mommy and daddy's sake; just know that I miss your voice and your smile so much.

Love forever and always,
Your bro Vin (Vincent Datello)

IN LOVING MEMORY

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To all our children, grandchildren, and siblings whose birthday or anniversary falls in February...

May the love you left behind help all parents, grandparents, and siblings who are suffering. As others celebrate Valentine's Day, may we celebrate the life and love of these children.



An Ugly Pair of Shoes

Author Unknown

I am wearing a pair of shoes.
They are ugly shoes.
Uncomfortable Shoes.
I hate my shoes.

Yet, I continue to wear them.
I get funny looks wearing these shoes.
They are looks of sympathy.
I can tell in others eyes that they are glad
they are my shoes and not theirs.

But, once you put them on,
you can never take them off.
I now realize that I am not the only one
who wears these shoes.
There are many pairs in the world.
Some have worn the shoes so long
that days will go by
before they think of how much they hurt.
No woman deserves to wear these shoes.

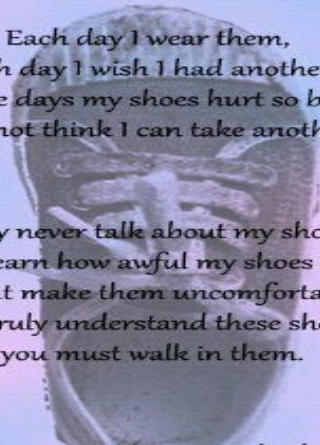
They have made me who I am.
I will forever walk
in the shoes of a woman
who has lost a child!

Each day I wear them,
and each day I wish I had another pair.
Some days my shoes hurt so bad
that I do not think I can take another step.

They never talk about my shoes.
To learn how awful my shoes are
might make them uncomfortable.
To truly understand these shoes
you must walk in them.

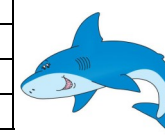
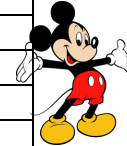
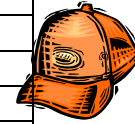
Some women are like me and ache daily
as they try and walk in them.
Some have learned how to walk in them
so they don't hurt quite as much.

Yet, because of the shoes
I am a stronger woman.
These shoes have given me
the strength to face anything.



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

OUR CHILDREN



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February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Meeting	24	25
26	27	28				