



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.

Meeting Dates

June 13, 2013
June 27, 2013

THE STATEN ISLAND TCF CHAPTER MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. ON THE FRIDAY WHEN THERE IS NO MEETING ON THURSDAY, DORIS CAFERATTA AND ROBERT ALTAMORE DECIDED TO OPEN UP THEIR HOUSE TO US FOR AN INFORMAL GATHERING . THIS GATHERING IS FOR EVERYONE, **BUT ESPECIALLY FOR OUR NEW-COMERS**. WHILE IT DOES NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR A REGULAR MEETING, IT GIVES US ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW YOUR CHILD AND YOU. HERE, WE CAN TALK, SHARE, AND SIMPLY BE WITH ONE ANOTHER. THIS VENUE GIVES US A SAFE PLACE TO EXPRESS OURSELVES WITHOUT FEAR OF BEING MISUNDERSTOOD. NO MATTER HOW YOU'RE FEELING—HAPPY, SAD, MAD OR ANGRY.

Doris Cafferatta-283 Tanglewood Drive Staten Island, NY 718-984-1783

Robert Altamore- 182 Weed Avenue Staten Island, NY 718-524-6604

Next meeting May 30th & June 21st- Doris's house June 7th-Robert's house

The gathering begins at 7PM. Please call to confirm. THANKS



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.

NEW MEMEBRS:

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Anthony Scarpa 2/18 4/10



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

★ Dave Gifts ★

Dear Joey and Scott,
We love and miss you both so very much.
We think of you each day and remember you with everlasting love.
Rest in peace.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Christopher
(Ann Garofalo)

William (Billy) Paliotta, Jr.
1961-1994

In loving memory of my wonderful son.

Missed every day.

Love you

MOM

We wish

LINDA MARCUS

a speedy recovery.



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



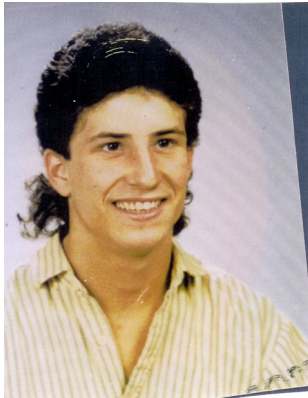
Thomas Libonati, Jr.



David Wolpoff



Mario Trueson



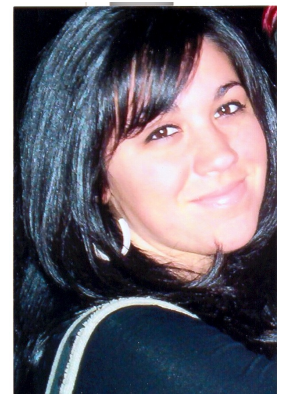
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Fred D'Amico



Blakely Russell



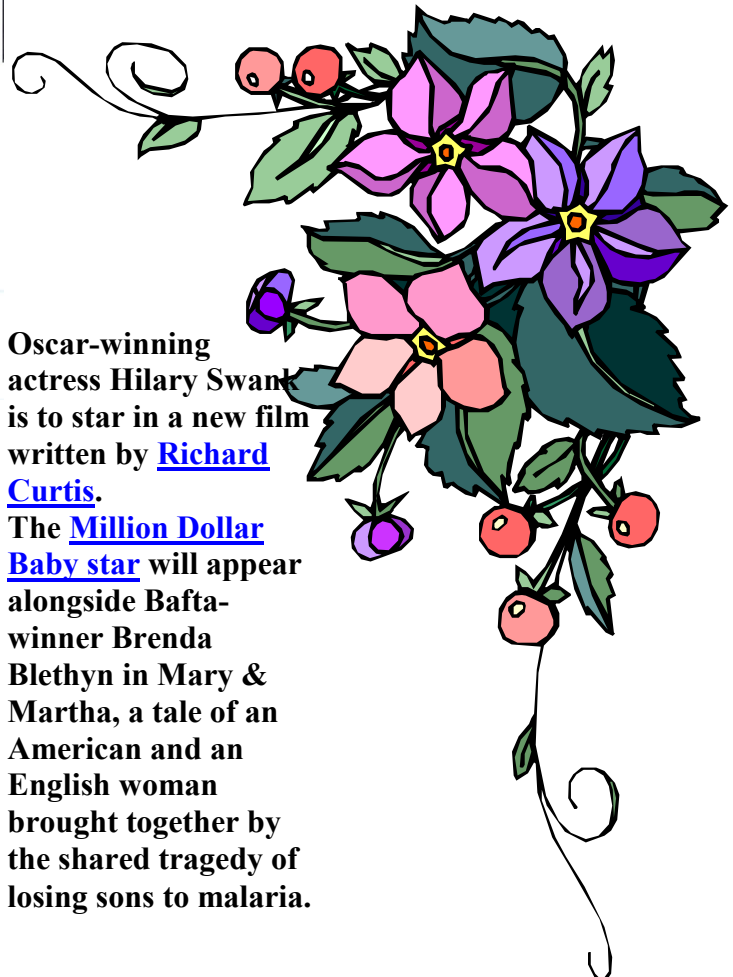
Danielle Ricco



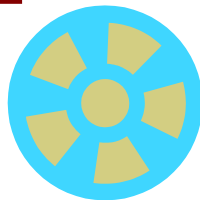
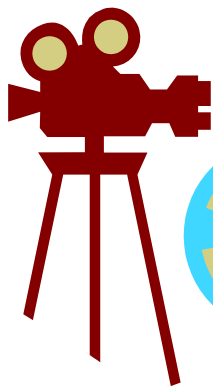
Patricia Bonsignore



Lauren Wendroff



Oscar-winning actress Hilary Swank is to star in a new film written by [Richard Curtis](#). The [Million Dollar Baby](#) star will appear alongside Bafta-winner Brenda Blethyn in *Mary & Martha*, a tale of an American and an English woman brought together by the shared tragedy of losing sons to malaria.



"Mary & Martha"

SIBLINGS

To Our Mother

This poem was written by Kelly Ward in memory of her sister Roisin Sheeny. Kelly recently joined her sister in heaven. May they both rest in peace!!!!!!!

“Sheeny”

I would like to say that there was panic and commotion in the city streets that awful morning in October. That the skies had opened and a blinding light came down to earth. The ground shook, everyone stopped frozen – just to have a moment of silence around the world to honor her short 24 years. Heads lowered in respect, whispered prayers everywhere. Birds stopped singing, planets all aligned.

After all, was that not the moment when the world changed? Didn't everyone stop to realize that earth lost its beauty? That stars would never be as bright? Nights heavy with loneliness. No more hopeful dreams

“bops”

Did they not feel her precious soul leave us all alone, taking with it everything good and pure?

Or- was it just us? The few fortunate ones whose days were graced with her presence? Who could recall her laughter by imply closing our eyes?

It has been almost a decade, never getting easier or better-just bearable. Life goes on, flowers will still grow. The whole world might have not stopped; it just became less beautiful without her.

Kelly Ward

2-23-81

To

10-26-05 + forever

REMINDER

BALLOON LAUNCH—

JUNE 9, 2103



What a Grieving Mother Really Thinks

Hello old friend
Oh yes you know
I lost my child a while ago.
Don't look away
And change the subject- It's ok
You see, at first I couldn't feel,
It took so long, but now it's real.
I hurt so much inside you see
I need to talk, Come sit with me.
You see, I was numb for so very long,
And people said, "My, She is so strong."
They did not know I couldn't feel,
My broken heart made it all unreal.
But then one day, as I awoke
I clutched my chest, began to choke,
Such a scream, such a wail,
Broke from me...
My child! My child!
The horror of reality,
But everyone had moved on, you see,
Everyone except me.
Now, when I need friends most of all,
Between us there now stands a wall.
My pain is more than they can bear,
When I mention my child,
I see their blank stare.
"But I thought you were over it,"
Their eyes seem to say,
No, no, I can't listen to this, not today
So I smile and pretend, and say, "Oh, I'm ok."
But inside I'm crying, as I turn away.
And so my old friend, I shall paint on a smile
As I have from the start,
You never knowing all the while,
All I've just said to you
In my heart.




OUR CHILDREN



Last Name	First Name	Birthday	Anniver- sary
Anderson	Malik James	6/1	
Alverson	Eric Ryan	6/7	
Williams (Muldrow)	Elyse	6/8	
Libonati	Thomas	6/10	
Hurley (Melnick)	John	6/11	
Wolpoff	David	6/12	
Ortiz	Michael	6/12	
Scotto	Jared	6/19	
Marcus	Bryan	6/21	
Pierro	Jason	6/21	
Riley (Bianchini)	Cierra	6/22	
Newman	Heather	6/22	
Gutterman (Sibling)	Mark	6/24	
Stiskin	Judy	6/25	
Gorayeb	Christine	6/26	
Trueson	Mario	6/26	
Ferrante	Vincent	6/27	
McCarthy	Stephen	6/28	
Hanger	Anna	6/29	
Angelina	Richard		6/2
D'Amico	Freddie		6/3
Grossman	Martin		6/6
Russell	Blakely		6/9
Ricco	Danielle		6/11
Kubiak	Christopher Ryan		6/12
Lamattina (Nicosia)	Michael		6/15
Bonsignore (Sparano)	Patricia		6/18
Lauer	Steven		6/18
Price	Mark		6/19
Mendez (Pontecorvo)	Mario Guy		6/22
Lenihan	Keith Patrick		6/22
Flack	John		6/25
Perri	John		6/25
Fuschetto	Carl		6/26
Dressler	John		6/28
Favors	Aniya Christina		6/28
Wendroff	Lauren		6/29
McGlynn	Coleen		6/30

JUNE 2013

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Balloon Launch
Picnic

June 9, 2013
August 18, 2103



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