



The Compassionate Friends
Manhattan Chapter
 Supporting Family After a Child Dies

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Manhattan Chapter Newsletter **May/June 2026**

MAY 19TH MEETING—3RD TUESDAY IN-PERSON ONLY

On the third Tuesday this month, May 19th. We are still working to figure out how and when we can work in on-line meetings. It's by far worth the extra effort to come in-person, but we recognize not everyone can.

The Courage to Come Back Again
 by Cathy Seehuetter

It will be eight years this May that my daughter Nina died. On the one hand, it often feels like the life-altering spring day of that horrible accident just happened. On the other hand, it sometimes feels like it has been forever that she has been gone; forever since I saw her unforgettable braces-laden smile that could light up any room she walked into; forever since I heard her infectious giggle as she good-naturedly but relentlessly teased her younger brother; forever since her nightly ritual of coming into my home office, hugging me from behind while I sat in my chair and saying, "Good night, Mommy. I love you."

Almost all of those eight years I have been attending TCF meetings, as I went to my first meeting three weeks later. I was kindly told of The Compassionate Friends shortly after Nina's death. I will be forever grateful to the director of the funeral home who led me to TCF. When I heard that there was a support group for bereaved parents in the area that met twice a month I quickly jotted it on my calendar – I couldn't wait to be with others who truly understood the devastation in my heart and soul, who wouldn't fear my grief, and who wouldn't say things like, "I know just how you feel; I once had a dog that died." (!!!!)

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Hope Springs...
 by Marie Levine

It's Spring again and I've been thinking of how far this journey has taken me. Coming out of a dark winter always brings me back to the beginning – remembering those earliest, terrible days when thoughts of Spring made me sadder – even angry.

This summer will mark the 33rd anniversary of Peter's passing. Is it possible? Can it really be that long since I've seen him walk through the door? Heard his voice? Shared his enthusiasm about life? How on earth have I traveled this far without him? Truth is, I haven't. He's always been right here beside me. My connection to TCF assures that.

The other day I was sharing these feelings with another fellow traveler who has been on this path almost as long as I have. We were reflecting on why we continue to be so involved and were talking about all the parents we have known through the years – hundreds and hundreds of parents, some of whom have been living this life even longer than we have. Most have moved on without TCF, gratefully remembering how important the group was during their early years. Still others took a taste of TCF and decided immediately that it was not for them and never returned (despite our strong suggestion that they attend at least three meetings before making that decision. Those of us who stayed recognized how each meeting has a different dynamic.)

Then there are people like me. The seemingly "permanent" people. For many of us our involvement with the group gave us a sense of purpose. It's interesting that I was one of those who decided immediately – at my first meeting a month after Peter died – that TCF was not for me. I didn't return until six

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TELEPHONE FRIENDS: When you are having the kind of day you feel only another bereaved parent or sibling can understand, we can listen and share with you. Don't hesitate to call our Manhattan Chapter phone for meeting information **(917) 300 3706**. To speak with someone please call one of the following volunteers; Jacquie Mitchell (eves) (347) 414-1780 jacquienytcf@gmail.com and for siblings, Jordon Ferber (917) 837-7752, beatniknudnik@yahoo.com

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THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS MEETINGS are now monthly - in person on the third Tuesday of the month
WE MEET AT 7:00pm—arrive or sign on at 6:45pm
 May 19 and June 16, 2026, we will be meeting only in person at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church
 55th Street and Fifth Ave (enter at 7 West 55th St.)

The Compassionate Friends is a mutual assistance self-help organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, grandparents and siblings. We are a group seeking support in our grief or are able to give it. Among us your religion, your race, your politics, your job or social standing are not important. We care about your grief—the tragedy that each of us have shared—and how we can grow through it, not back to the person we were, but to the person we can become.

The Courage to Come Back Again (con't from page 1)

Although my experience at the first meeting I attended was a positive one, I did have questions. For instance, why were some of these parents laughing? It was impossible to think I would ever hear the sound of my own laughter again. Didn't they love their child as much as I loved Nina?

Another quizzicality; why were some still attending meetings ten years after their child died? Did that mean that even after ten years they still felt the same horrific crippling pain that I was feeling then? Did that mean I was never going to "get better"? A horrifying thought to say the least!

I often wonder if some of the other parents who come to a meeting for the first time and then never return have had the same questions.

To say attending those first meetings is an easy thing to do would be wrong. In many ways, it can feel like the most difficult thing you have done since your child's death. Listening to the painful stories of other bereaved parents and sharing their sadness and despair is extremely hard. It is not surprising that many conclude they do not want to subject themselves to any more pain than they are already experiencing. However, maybe they were again able to find, in their own time, their long forgotten sense of humor, able to find a slice of joy again in their lives. If they could, then just maybe it would happen to me too – and I can assure you that it has.

It was also frightening to think about the parents who still came to meetings many years after their child's death. But after attending several meetings and getting to know these same people, I understood why they were still there. For one thing, there is a special closeness and bonding that we as bereaved parents have from sharing our innermost feelings and fears. Grief can be an isolating experience, but at a meeting that loneliness evaporates. Moreover, it is the one place we can talk about our child who has died as much as we like without making anyone feel uncomfortable. Because of this sharing, I feel like I personally know everyone of our TCF group's children and they know my daughter as well. After all, we have learned about them from those who love them the most!

However, I think the majority of us "veterans" of TCF will tell you the main reason we still continue to come to meetings is our desire to give back by being there for the newly bereaved parents who walk through our meeting-place doors, just as others were there for us early on in our grief. It has become a part of our life's purpose and a big step in our healing to return what we so gratefully received from those parents before us.

If you have found another healthy means of dealing with your grief, we are very thankful. We know that support groups are not for everyone. But, if not, give our meetings another try (or two or three). You can come to talk about your experiences or say nothing at all and listen to the others – that is entirely up to you. Whatever your needs, we truly believe that in our group you will find understanding, comfort, affirmation, hope, friendship, and caring. We know it takes a lot of courage to come back again, but we want to help – we are your Compassionate Friends.

With gentle thoughts,

Cathy Seehuetter, TCF St. Paul, MN

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Hope Springs...

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months later after another bereaved mom that I met on the phone asked that I join her at another meeting. Though I reluctantly agreed, that second experience really clicked with me. The rest is history.

I think it is a good thing when newly bereaved parents find us and are so helped by their experience they ultimately feel able to navigate into a new life without regularly participating in TCF. I also think it is a good thing when those who have spent significant time with the group discover how much they have been helped and decide to stick with the organization beyond their own "need", and reach out to help the newly bereaved. They recognize how important it is to be here to continue the work of the chapter and offer hope to those who come after. Their continuing connection brings them a new kind of healing.

At a recent meeting I met a mom whose son died 17 years ago. She admitted she had only been to one meeting back then but with a significant anniversary approaching, she felt compelled to come to another meeting. Wasn't it great that the chapter was still there, waiting for her? What if we had all "moved on"?

For me, The Compassionate Friends has been a life changing experience. Because of the death of my only child, I came to understand a grief and despair that I would never have known. As my experience grew and my despair softened, I recognized the magnitude of the pain in those who came after me. I felt compelled to reach out to them and when several of them told me I had helped them to cope, my involvement developed a purposefulness – it was the greatest therapy of all – for me.

As Spring presents another new beginning, I once again think about how different life has turned out for me. I recognize how important The Compassionate Friends has been in my life and how grateful I am that I may have made a difference in someone's life. All because of Peter. As I've said before, at The Compassionate Friends, I'll always be Peter's Mom.

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THOUGHTS ON MOTHER'S DAY

Oh, go away, sweet month of May
I just can't handle you today.
Flowers blooming all around,
new life springs from the ground.

How can this possibly be
with my precious child gone from me?
On my lips one sweet name.
will Mother's Day ever be the same?

Of course it won't, but maybe I,
for his sake shall give it a try,
to allow my grief to be held at bay
by the blessings of the month of May.

~ Ruth Gregory, TCF, Phoenix, AZ

Missing and Valuing on Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a special day, and special days are hard after the death of a child. It is a normal and natural thing for either parent for the first few years after the death to zero in on who is missing, rather than who is left... and I was no different.

Fortunately for me, a local psychiatrist, Dr. Victor Gonzales, spoke one evening shortly before Mother's Day. He told of his parents' loss of their first two children. His story of how his life had been influenced and molded by his mother's reaction touched me. He spoke about how he and his sibling who came later, were forever denied his mothers happiness and joy. She was unable to value what she had left as much as what she had lost.

Dr. Gonzales said he spent a great deal of his childhood trying to make his mother happy, always failing and always feeling there must be something lacking in him that caused him to fail. The picture in my mind of him and his sibling always trying and always failing, through no fault of their own, made a great impact on me. I determined from that day forward that my daughter would not have to lament later in life that she had been denied my happiness and joy because her brother had died.

On Mother's Day now I make room for both missing and valuing, for they are not, I have discovered, mutually exclusive. Now when I go to the cemetery with my rosebud on my day, my daughter has no part in my needs while I am there. When I come home, my son doesn't interfere with my acceptance and appreciation of my daughter's expression of love. She gives me a gift on my day, and I give her one in return. It's probably the best gift I could possibly give her ... my happiness and joy for life. She is as important as what I have lost, and I know her worth. If you are fortunate enough to have surviving children, I hope you too, are able to value as well as miss. There's room for both, you know.

~ Mary Cleckey, TCF, Atlanta, GA

....from *Healing After Loss* by Martha Whitmore Hickman....

We cannot afford to forget any experience, not even the most painful. ~Dag Hammarskjold

Why not?

Think about it. Even to ask such a question throws into relief how our lives would be impoverished were we to forget our painful experiences.

There is an old folktale about a group of people, each of whom was given the chance to throw one trouble into a central heap in the middle of the room. Then they were invited to choose one from the pile. They each ended up taking back their own.

I suppose this seems so right to us because we know we are, each of us the sum of our experiences, and to negate any of those experiences, even the most painful - maybe especially the most painful - is to deny not only what we have learned from those experiences, but also our very selves.

I will embrace my life, all of it. If there are changes for the better that I can make, I will try to make them. Where I cannot, I will accept that, too. But - even if I could - I will not forget my pain. I will honor it. It is part of who I am.

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Thoughts on Father's Day....

Do you ever wonder why your husband sits, almost robotically, absorbed in his newspaper or television while you cry? Do you ever talk to him - no - pour your heart out to him only to get a blank stare back from him when what you so desperately needed was for him to comfort you? Have you ever wanted to shake him and ask, "Would you just feel the pain I'm feeling for one second?"

Grief is like a chameleon and scorpion bred together. It blends into our lives so deviously that we almost don't know how it rooted itself so deeply into our being. We hardly can see when it comes and goes. All we know is that it's there, it's complicated and it's real. Then, when we put our guard down and things seem like they are going okay, it strikes us without warning. And it hurts.

This is partly why men seem like they're "not with it" when grief strikes. From the beginning of time, men have been hardwired to be rough, gruff, hunting, farming, hands-on, work-things-out kind of people. Furthermore, men are hardwired to want to rescue their ladies. Women long to be rescued by a hero and that is why they need someone to listen, to care, and to comfort! Men, however, are completely thrown into confusion when grief strikes because there is no easy way to rescue a person from grief! I can listen to my wife for hours when she is telling me about all the good things that happened to her throughout the day. But as soon as she starts sharing things that really hurt her, I clam up. I don't know what to say or how to say it. So, unfortunately, I usually say...nothing. Grief has no magical cure. A husband cannot come in and sweep his wife off her feet and lift her up to happiness. Grief completely confuses a man's world.

Men, for the most part, are mechanical. By this I don't mean mechanically inclined. A mechanical man, though he likes adventure and taking risks, needs life to run smoothly. He likes to know he can provide for his family, that he is secure in his job and relationships, and that his family respects him. When his wife is grieving a tremendous loss, his world is thrown so far out of balance that he literally doesn't know how to function. This is when men slide into their default mode of working with their hands. They pick up the paper, they turn on the tv or they go out to work in the garage.

Women, please understand that if a man is quiet or removes himself from the house, this does not mean that he isn't hurting as bad as you are. In fact, chances are that he is hurting worse. Men hate seeing their wives hurt. Men grieve in different ways - mostly they have to physically vent their frustration through different hobbies, and they absolutely need some alone time.

Men, please understand that grief confuses the women's world as much as it confuses yours. The irony is that women need a shoulder to cry on, someone who listens, and for their husbands to be vulnerable and express their emotions - the very things most of us aren't comfortable doing for them! Even if you don't know what to say, I promise that if you take time to listen and cry with your wives, you will be their hero and new avenues of healing will be opened.

~ Jimmy Hinton, silentgrief.com March 2008

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Dearest Mommy....

When you wonder about the meaning of life and love
know that I am with you.

Close your eyes and feel me kissing you
in the gentle breeze across your cheek.

When you begin to doubt that you shall ever see me again
quiet your mind and hear me,

I am in the whisper of the heavens
speaking of your love.

When you lose your identity,
when you question who you are and where you are going,
open your heart and see me.

I am the twinkle in the stars smiling down upon you,
lighting the path for your journey.

When you awaken each morning
not remembering your dreams
but feeling content and serene
know that I was with you –
filling your night with thoughts of me.

When you linger in the remnant pain
wholeness seeming so unfamiliar
think of me and
know that I am with you,
toughing you through the shared tears of a gentle friend
easing the pain.

As the sunrise illuminates the desert sky
in the breathtaking glory, awaken your spirit

Think of our time, all too brief, but ever brilliant.
When you were certain of us, together
When you were certain of your destiny.

Know that God created that moment in time,
just for us.

Dearest Mommy, I am with you always.

~ by **Joanne Cacciatore**

The Robin's Song

It's spring once again. Our part of the world is turning back towards the sun; trees are leafing out; wildflowers are blooming. Robins are again singing to one another. And, I believe, also singing to those who are grieving.

Before my daughter Lori died in the summer of 1991, I was under the misperception that only the English robin had a glorious song. That smaller, red-breasted scalawag of a bird delights all who hear it, and I had felt that we in the United States had been short-changed when they'd misnamed its larger, boring, American cousin the same sweet name. All I'd ever heard our robins do was cheep! Then one spring day in the year after Lori died, during one of the darkest times of my grief, my ears and heart flew open with surprise at a song I heard outside my window. I distinctly heard, in the midst of my pain, a bird singing loudly and clearly, "Cheer up! Cheer up! Cheerio! . . . Cheer up! Cheer up! Cheerio!" I went outside to see what marvelous bird might have been sent to sing to me. I could barely see the bird at the top of the neighbor's poplar tree, so, while hoping this exotic, magical bird wouldn't fly away while I was gone, I went to find our binoculars.

Rushing back, I could hear the bird from each room in the house. After adjusting the binoculars, I was truly amazed to see one of our "boring" American robins come clearly into view! As he continued singing clear as day, "Cheer up! Cheer up! Cheerio!" I marveled at this special message and wondered if my robin was the only one who sang these words. So I looked it up in my Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds and found that my robin was not an anomaly, but that robins are considered the true harbinger of spring, singing "Cheer-up, cheer-up, cheerily.

I stood there that day filled with wonder. I wasn't hearing things; there it was in the bird book: "Cheer-up, cheer-up, cheerily." I thought to myself, "Cheerily . . . No, that isn't what I hear. "We had lived in England for a year and our family, of renewal"See you later!" There was no doubt in my mind as I stood there listening. It WAS cheerio. Lori could have found no more perfect way to try to cheer me up AND say "hello"!

Nine springs have passed since then, and although I will always deeply miss Lori's physical presence in my life, those darkest of times are thankfully now mostly in the past. It is spring once again and as I hear the robin singing so hopefully in the highest branches, it takes me back to that first spring song, and I smile, remembering. And I think of all those who are now in the darkest depths of their own grief and pray they too will hear this lovely song.

~ by **Genesse Bourdeau Gentry**

SIBLINGS

I have often heard bereaved siblings referred to as “the forgotten mourners”, children of people lost in the abyss of their own grief – children whose parents seem to have mislaid them in the chaos of surviving their own unspeakable tragedy.

I have had five and a half long years to deal with the death of our youngest son and only recently have I been able to put the energy into realizing the high price each of his three siblings has paid in dealing with his death. Actually because two of our children are now married, the number increased to five siblings who no longer have Kevin here physically. This is further complicated because the spouses never knew Kevin. I’m sure outsiders often wondered why we couldn’t get on with it – “don’t you see your other children need you?”

My own mother’s “encouraging” yet warning words were “remember how fortunate you are to have three other healthy children.” Prompted by a lovely letter written by an adult sibling to us as newsletter editors, I write this to bereaved siblings everywhere. We, your parents, will always hold you, our surviving children, in our broken hearts – it may take time to tell you this in words, or to show you in our actions.

Recently I visited a family whose daughter had just died. During my conversation with the mom, her youngest daughter came into the room, went to her mom, protectively cradled her in her arms, while sitting halfway on her lap as a young child would. Herein lies the tremendous responsibility of the sibling – to need the love and support of parents with coping with his/her own misery while trying to care for parents who have all at once become dependent, needy, and no longer themselves. The bereaved mother I was visiting said in so many words, “I don’t know how to make it better for her.”

The positive side of this, as you who are surviving siblings know, is that you do survive, somehow. While worrying about caring for families, other sibs, and parents, while rearranging schedules, plans and yes, even your own lives, you do, in the end, get through the tunnel. Perhaps in so doing, you become better people – certainly more caring and compassionate. Definitely more mature.

Just know that always on this journey your parents are, and will always be grateful that you alone provided the one stable and constant part of their upside down lives. You were the reminders to hold on just a little longer – that the sun would return to their days and that waking up would become less painful. Speaking for your parents, we are sorry that you took this trip without us, but as we all reach some resolution of our grief, we will be forever grateful that you stayed on the train to our final destination. We love you.

~ **Lorie Hartsig**, TCF, St. Mary’s County,
newsletter editor

The Compassionate Friends Sibling Credo

*We are the surviving siblings of The Compassionate Friends
We are brought together by the deaths of our brothers and sisters*

Open your hearts to us, but have patience with us.

Sometimes we need our families to be there.

*Sometimes we must walk alone, taking our memories with us,
to become the individuals we want to be.*

*We cannot be our dead brother or sister; however a special
part of them lives on with us.*

When our brothers and sisters died, our lives changed.

*We are living a life very different from what we envisioned and
we feel a responsibility to be strong even when we feel weak.*

*Yet we can go on because we understand better than many the
value of family and the precious gift of life.*

*Our goal is not to be the forgotten mourners that we are, but to
walk together to face tomorrow as the surviving siblings of The
Compassionate Friends.*

TUESDAYS

TUESDAYS AT 7:00PM

With Jordon Ferber - Sibling Leader

Siblings in the Manhattan Chapter meet every
Tuesday of the month and more.

Sign up to get our siblings schedule emails
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TCF SIBLING ZOOM MEETINGS

SIB Suicide support - Meets 4th Monday of the month at 9PM Eastern

Meeting with Jordon - Meets Tuesdays at 7PM ET

Grief Book Club - Meets 1st Tuesday at 7:30 PM ET

Write your soul - Meets first & third Wednesday of the month at 7 PM ET

Meeting with Jason - Meets Thursdays at 7PM ET

LGBTQ+ Sibs - Meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 9:30PM ET

Sibs that died of addiction – meets 4th Friday at 7PM ET

Canada sib sharing circle - meets 2nd Saturday of the month at 1:00PM ET

Sibs in relationships & partners - Meets 2nd Sunday of the month at 7PM ET

To sign up for TCF SIBS newsletter,
visit siblingisland.com

Spring Tears

When the sun's sharp brilliance echoes in the luminescent blue,
a grim oppressive darkness stabs my aching heart anew.
Its golden glow upon my face, the warmth of winter's sun
holds the promise of renewal when the icy months are done.

It is this vow of nature's resurgence in the Spring
that bows my head, breaks my heart – unlocks my suffering..

For you will miss again the beauty of this time of year,
The growing warmth, the sunny days when life will reappear.

For nature has no power over death that holds you still,
and though I know, I still resent Spring's early daffodil...
Oh, would that I could speak to Mother Nature face to face!
To see her work her magic on your lonely resting place.

Why can't it be YOUR rebirth when the cold grey days are
gone?

Why mightn't YOU not live again to see Spring's fresh new
dawn...

And feel the warmth of sunshine,
Relish in the greening earth...
to open arms, embracing life,
Why can't it be YOUR birth?

You were so young, your life so new when death crept through
the door

And in my grief, beloved child, I'll ask forevermore
The reason why the earth's renewed when Spring comes
'round each year.

Yet in your grave you're silent still,
and I, condemned, am here.

~Sally Migliaccio, for Tracy, always

The Compassionate Friends Credo

We need not walk alone.

We are The Compassionate Friends.

*We reach out to each other with love, with understanding,
and with hope.*

*Our children have died at all ages and from many different
causes,*

but our love for our children unites us.

*Your pain becomes my pain just as your hope becomes my
hope.*

*We come together from all walks of life, from many different
circumstances.*

*We are a unique family because we represent many races
and creeds.*

We are young and we are old.

*Some of us are far along in our grief, but others still feel a
grief so fresh,
and so intensely painful that we feel helpless and see no
hope.*

*Some of us have found our faith to be a source of strength;
some of us are struggling to find answers.*

*Some of us are angry, filled with guilt or deep depression;
others radiate an inner peace.*

*It is pain we will share just as we share the love for our
children.*

*We are all seeking and struggling to build a future for our-
selves,*

*but we are committed to building a future together as we
reach out to each other*

in love, and share the pain as well as the joy,

share the anger as well as the peace,

share the faith as well as the doubts,

and help each other to grieve, as well as to grow.

WE NEED NOT WALK ALONE.

WE ARE THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS.

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Online Support from the National Compassionate Friends Website

Live Chats

The Compassionate Friends offers "virtual chapters" through an Online Support Community (live chats). This program was established to encourage connecting and sharing among parents, grandparents, and siblings (over the age of 18) grieving the death of a child. The rooms supply support, encouragement, and friendship. The friendly atmosphere encourages conversation among friends; friends who understand the emotions you're experiencing. There are general bereavement sessions as well as more specific sessions.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and a list and schedule of Live Chats.

Private Facebook Groups

The Compassionate Friends offers a variety of Private Facebook Groups. These pages cover a wide range of topics and are moderated by bereaved parents, siblings, or grandparents. They may accessed only after a request to join is approved by a moderator.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and a list of Private Facebook Groups.

**From “Come Walk Among the Stars”
by Winston Abbott**

*For years I never knew
whether
the twilight was the ending of the day
or the beginning of the night
and then, suddenly one day
I understood that this did not matter at all, for time is but a
circle,
and so there can be no beginning and no ending,
and this is how I came to know that birth and death are
one,
and it is neither the coming or the going that is of
consequence.
What is of consequence is the beauty that one gathers in
this interlude called life.”*

Recommended Reading.... See www.centering.com.

Into The Valley & Out Again by Richard Edler - A father’s Journey

Will Our Tears Frever Flow by Ted Wampler - A father’s story

Love Never Dies by Sandy Goodman – A mother’s journey from loss to love.

First You Die; Learn to Live After the Death of Your Child by Marie Levine

When The Bough Breaks by Judith Bernstein, PhD

Empty Cradle, Broken Heart by Deborah Davis – Surviving the Death of Your Baby

This Little While by Joy & Marv Johnson – for parents experiencing death of stillborn or very young infant



**TCF’s 49th National Conference**
Baltimore, MD | July 2-5, 2026

Registration Now Open

49TH TCF NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The national conference is a place for bereaved families to find community and hope, while learning and sharing with others. Lifelong friendships are often made at the conference through meeting others who truly understand the painful loss of a child, sibling, or grandchild. This eagerly anticipated event will take place in Baltimore, Maryland, during the weekend of July 2-5, 2026.

[More Information](#)



OUR CHILDREN—LOVED AND REMEMBERED



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1 **GEORGE D. MARAS**, son of Marilyn Maras
- 5/1 **MICHAEL ANTHONY EAGLE**, son of Leslie Katina Eagle
- 5/2 **CASEY LOW**, brother of Dara Low
- 5/2 **GAVIN PESKIN**, son of Leah Peskin
- 5/2 **VERNON KENNEDY**, son of Tressie Kennedy
- 5/3 **ISABELA ESPINOZA-THOMPSON**, daughter of Nayomi Espinoza & Hopeton Thompson
- 5/3 **JOSEPH MARINO**, brother of Joanne Marino
- 5/4 **CHRISTOPHER MEYER**, brother of Kimberly Meyer
- 5/5 **ANDRE AMES**, son of Jacqueline Jackson
- 5/5 **IAN DINER**, son of Martin & Nicki Diner, brother of Paige Diner
- 5/5 **PEARL PATEL**, daughter of Christian Peele & Vinay Patel
- 5/5 **ROBERT SULKOWSKI**, brother of Sarah Sulkowski
- 5/5 **RUBY MANE**, daughter of Mohasin Mane
- 5/5 **SAGE JOSEPH**, daughter of Debra Driscoll
- 5/6 **ANDREW MARTIN**, son of Marina Re
- 5/6 **BAYLIN CODDINGTON**, son of Debra F. Coddington
- 5/6 **DAVID KRANZ**, son of Denise Kranz and Charles Katz
- 5/6 **JASON ELLIS**, son of Michael Ellis
- 5/7 **CLAIRE DELORIS LUCIDO**, daughter of Kristen Lowman
- 5/8 **JORDAN JOHN**, brother of Christian John
- 5/8 **MARSHALL NEIDIG**, son of Quinn and Joe Neidig
- 5/9 **BRENDEN CARSON**, son of Debra Carson
- 5/9 **SACHA REID KANTOR**, son of Kathy Landau & Michael Kantor
- 5/11 **JOHN HULWIYA**, brother of Vanessa Hulwiya
- 5/11 **SEAN MCCLURE**, son of Patricia McClure
- 5/11 **TATE RAMSDEN**, brother of Ashley Ramsden
- 5/12 **CHRISTINE FORNATO**, sister of Theresa Fornato
- 5/12 **LEO CONAGHAN**, nephew of Ellen Barry
- 5/12 **MATTHEW YUDELMAN**, grandson of Anne Schuman & Ian Yudelman
- 5/13 **BRENDA CHAPMAN**, daughter of Della Scrugs
- 5/13 **EVAN MAXWELL**, brother of Jean Maxwell
- 5/13 **NOAH BOWER**, son of Pat Bower Cooley
- 5/13 **NOAH STERN**, son of Barbara Samuels & Nicholas Stern
- 5/13 **RORY STAUNTON**, son of Orlaith & Ciaran Staunton
- 5/14 **DAVID KILLACKEY**, son of Patricia Killackey
- 5/16 **ALIYAH RABSATT**, daughter of Patricia Rabsatt
- 5/16 **JUSTIN ALMON**, brother of Kristina Adam
- 5/16 **KHALID ALBABA**, son of Kerri Albaba
- 5/17 **ARTHUR KOZLOVSKI**, son of Anna Murzhenko, brother of Kristina Kozlovski
- 5/17 **LYDIA WOOD**, daughter of Matt Wood

- 5/17 **PATRICE WALKER**, daughter of Mazrene Holmes
- 5/17 **ROWENNA WIGHT WHITE**, daughter of Nancy Wight
- 5/18 **ABIGAIL BURG**, daughter of Jean & David Burg
- 5/18 **ALESSIA MORRONE**, daughter of Amy Morrone
- 5/18 **EDDIE WALSH**, twin brother of Tricia Walsh
- 5/18 **WILLIAM GRIFFO**, son of Yvona & William Griffo, brother of Mike Griffo
- 5/19 **BENJAMIN RACCALE**, son of Sara Raccale
- 5/19 **CHRISTOPHER EISELE**, son of Kathleen & John Montoya
- 5/19 **DAVID YOOD**, son of Nora & Barry Yood
- 5/20 **DAN OSHINSKY**, brother of Julie Mintz
- 5/20 **DANNY VOLLEN**, brother of Raizy Vollen
- 5/21 **ALEX WITONSKY**, brother of Ava Witonsky
- 5/21 **SERYNA RODRIGUEZ**, daughter of Marilyn Castro
- 5/22 **BRIAN GEWIRTZ**, son of Kathleen & Steven Gewirtz
- 5/22 **CAITLIN SANDERS**, daughter of Veronica & Lamar Sanders
- 5/22 **ISABELLA CARROLL**, daughter of Doreen Carroll
- 5/22 **LINDA GIOVE**, daughter of Arlene Schechter
- 5/22 **NOAH REISMAN**, brother of Rachel Reisman
- 5/24 **ALEX HARRY SINGER**, son of Susan & Lewis Singer
- 5/24 **CHARLIE DENIHAN**, son of Barbara and Ben Denihan, brother of Krissy and Kate
- 5/24 **DAVID MARTINEZ**, son of Alba Bautista
- 5/24 **ELSA ALMESTICA**, daughter of Kenneth Almestica
- 5/24 **JULIETTE DICKSTEIN**, daughter of Gail Luria
- 5/25 **BRANDON SCHWARTZ**, son of Joann & Mark Schwartz
- 5/26 **AMANDA RUSSELL**, sister of Katie Turner
- 5/26 **JOSEPH ALINI**, son of Maria Rodriguez
- 5/27 **ROBERT ZIETEK**, brother of Barbara Zietek
- 5/27 **ZAIDA SANTIAGO**, daughter of Selena Santiago & Lewis Harbour
- 5/29 **LOUIS PEREZ**, son of Mercedes Tapia
- 5/29 **WILLIAM MAEROV**, son of Lance Maerov
- 5/30 **JON ROMULO**, son of Tocy Friend
- 5/30 **KRISTINA ESPOSITO**, daughter of Cecilia Esposito
- 5/30 **OLIVIA PETRERA COHEN**, daughter of Nancy Petrera
- 5/30 **RICHIE BENANTI**, son of Monica Benanti
- 5/30 **TALIA NEWFIELD**, sister of Mike Newfield
- 5/30 **TROY O. MYERS**, son of Claudette Hannibal
- 5/31 **HARVEY STERMER**, brother of Carol Lee Stermer-Aulicino
- 5/31 **KOFI A. MENSAH JR.**, son of Rosinah Mensah & the late Samuel A. Mensah, brother of Dr. Kofi A. Mensah, Ph.D
- 5/31 **T.J. CRAIG**, son of Tom Craig, brother of Mac Craig





OUR CHILDREN—LOVED AND REMEMBERED



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/1 **AUDREY NIBLO**, daughter of John Niblo
- 5/2 **BRADLEY KEITH BONGAR**, son of Beth Bongar
- 5/2 **CRYSTAL LAUZAU**, daughter of Gwyneth Hotaling
- 5/2 **JONATHAN JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ**, son of Gina Rodriguez, grandson of Maggie Valentin
- 5/2 **MARLON LABOVITCH**, son of Hannah Labovitch
- 5/2 **WILLIAM EDWARD SHUBERT**, son of Irma E. Shubert
- 5/3 **ISABELA ESPINOZA-THOMPSON**, daughter of Nayomi Espinoza & Hopeton Thompson
- 5/3 **JOEY MASLIAH**, brother of Amanda Rockoff
- 5/4 **AVIVA LIPSKY-KARASZ**, daughter of Julia Zangwill & Daniel Lipsky-Karasz
- 5/4 **JAMIE ROBERTS**, son of Katelin Roberts
- 5/4 **ZACK KASNETZ**, brother of Alex Kasnetz
- 5/5 **ANDY FISHER**, son of Barbara Fisher
- 5/5 **BRIAN BURRELL**, son of Iciline Burrell
- 5/5 **JENNIFER BLANCHE BYRD**, daughter of Claudia Byrd
- 5/5 **JOE MCCLENAHAN**, brother of Michael McClenahan
- 5/5 **MATEO TASHMAN**, son of William Tashman
- 5/6 **CHRISTINE SCHLENDORF**, daughter of Karen Schlendorf
- 5/6 **MELISSA AVRIN**, sister of Andrew Avrin
- 5/6 **WILL TANG**, brother of Sandra Tang
- 5/7 **GER ANDLINGER**, daughter of Jeanne Andlinger
- 5/7 **KAMAAL C. KING**, son of Susan King
- 5/7 **PHILIP SULZER**, son of Barbara & Burton Sulzer, brother of Lisa Sulzer
- 5/9 **BATHSHEBA KOHN**, daughter of Yoel Kohn
- 5/9 **BENJAMIN LEWIS KAPLAN**, son of Barbara Lewis Kaplan
- 5/9 **BRUCE WALES**, son of Fran Wales
- 5/10 **LOGAN GENTRY**, son of Christine Spiro
- 5/10 **MICHELLE GITTENS**, daughter of Lanise M. Ballard-Gittens
- 5/11 **MATTHEW BAUMEISTER**, son of Lynn & Mitch Baumeister
- 5/12 **ELIZABETH O'HARE**, sister of Christopher O'Hare
- 5/12 **GIRBUN LAO**, brother of Ithreum Brown
- 5/12 **MICHAEL FABI**, son of Donna Leder
- 5/12 **SOPHIA MELILLO**, daughter of Kristen Leigh
- 5/13 **OWEN MULLER**, son of Jane K. Muller
- 5/14 **CANDICE CHEN**, daughter of Belle Tung
- 5/14 **NORBI MORGENSTEIN**, daughter of Gary Morgenstein
- 5/15 **HALLIE GEIER**, sister of M.J. Geier
- 5/15 **ROSE LIANG**, sister of Holly & Chue Liang

- 5/15 **RYAN THOMAS**, son of Jacqueline Thomas
- 5/16 **BENJAMIN HARTFORD**, son of Nora Madonick
- 5/18 **GRETA GREENE**, daughter of Stacy & Jayson Greene
- 5/18 **LAVONE SKY SANTANA**, son of Istrha Santana
- 5/18 **MAHLIK WILLIAMS**, son of Ramona Williams, brother of Mekael Williams
- 5/18 **MICHAEL RAVEN**, son of Selma & Rob Raven
- 5/19 **ALESSIA MORRONE**, daughter of Amy Morrone
- 5/19 **DEREK GOMEZ**, son of Marta Freyre & Robert McManus, brother of Xiomara Gomez
- 5/19 **MARY GIBBS**, sister of Cynthia Gibbs-Pratt
- 5/20 **JACK FREYTES**, son of Olga Lopez & Elvin Freytes
- 5/20 **JEREMY RODRIGUEZ**, son of Wanda Marrero
- 5/21 **ADAM JACOBS**, son of Rick Jacobs
- 5/21 **IAN DINER**, son of Martin & Nicki Diner, brother of Paige Diner
- 5/22 **STEVE DAVOREN**, brother of Doug Davoren
- 5/22 **TAYLOR HOLLOWAY**, brother of Brittany Holloway-Brown
- 5/23 **ADRIAN V. ROSAS**, son of Alejandra & Adriano Rosas
- 5/23 **MILES ELLIOT COUGHLIN**, son of Fredricka Weinstein & Matthew Coughlin, brother of Marla Tolson, uncle of Lena Tolson
- 5/24 **AMELIA (YANNIE) CORBETT**, sister of Sara Corbett
- 5/25 **JACK ROBERTS**, son of Joanne Wright
- 5/25 **JOVI RAMOS**, son of Desiree Ramos
- 5/25 **KAREN ROSS**, daughter of Ian Ross
- 5/25 **MICHAEL VINCENT ROSEN PIPITONE**, son of Alison Rosen & David Hantman
- 5/26 **LISA DONOFRIO**, daughter of Christina Korteweg
- 5/27 **CRAIG MARTINEZ**, son of Louis Hampton Martinez
- 5/27 **EMMA GRACE KNOWLTON**, daughter of Samantha Knowlton
- 5/27 **ISAIAH VILLAFANA**, son of Camille Evans & Elijah Burgos
- 5/27 **JOEY HOLLIDAY**, son of Billy & Terry Holliday
- 5/27 **SARAH AKHTAR**, sister of Alafia Akhtar and Rahil Darbur
- 5/27 **TERRANCE RICHARDSON**, son of Theresa Richardson, brother of Francina Branch Elysee
- 5/28 **HUMZA MALIK**, brother of Amani Malik
- 5/29 **DAVID KILLACKEY**, son of Patricia Killackey
- 5/29 **MAMADON JOHNSON**, sister of Djassi Johnson
- 5/30 **CAMDYN JAYEL DUCKWORTH**, daughter of Tiffany Clark
- 5/31 **AMY ROSENBERG**, daughter of Carol Rebsch
- 5/31 **ANTONIO LAW**, son of Jacqueline Law





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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1 **TSAIGH GREENIDGE-JAMES**, son of Sinaya Greenidge,
brother of Niasia Greenidge-James

6/1 **WILLIAM MONEN**, son of Nancy Monen

6/3 **JESSE VALENTINE**, son of Joanna Valentine

6/3 **KATHLEEN YANCHIS**, sister of Marybeth Bannon

6/4 **ADAM JACOBS**, son of Rick Jacobs

6/5 **JOHN COOPER JR.**, brother of Keith P. Cooper

6/5 **MAYA CZEPULKOWSKA**, daughter of Anna Klegon, sister of
Matt Klegon

6/6 **HOLLY OESTREICH**, daughter of Joyce Oestreich

6/6 **ZACH HOWELS**, brother of Matt Howels

6/7 **JOSETTE GIBBS**, daughter of Juanita Gibbs

6/9 **JOEY**, son of Shantel Morrison & Tamara Cantave

6/9 **LIAM JAVIER NGUY**, son of Vutha Nguy & Angie Garcia

6/9 **RASHID WASHINGTON**, son of Chakaina Anderson

6/9 **TIMOTHY KOK**, brother of Tse Wei Kok

6/10 **BLAKE GARY**, daughter of Denyze Gary

6/10 **LOUIS DEDAJ**, brother of Victor Dedaj

6/10 **MARLON LABOVITCH**, son of Hannah Labovitch

6/10 **NOAH GLARPHAM**, son of David & Heather Kopp

6/10 **ORIAH GRAY**, daughter of Chelsea Conklin

6/10 **TAYLOR HOLLOWAY**, brother of Brittany Holloway-Brown

6/11 **BENJAMIN GOURDJI**, son of Anna Gourdji

6/11 **RUSSELL GABAY**, brother of Lori Gabay

6/12 **EBONY N. JACKSON**, daughter of Diana Jackson, cousin of
Aaron Jackson-Kent

6/13 **BRIAN QUINN**, son of Susan Quinn

6/14 **KHEMALI MURRAY**, daughter of Georgette Murray

6/14 **ORION DUMITRIU**, son of Winnie Yang

6/15 **AODHAN CUMISHEY**, daughter of Donal Cumishey

6/16 **JASON ZAINTZ**, son of Linda Zaintz

6/16 **SHAY DORRITIE**, son of Richard Dorritie

6/17 **REBECCA MOORE**, daughter of Debra Phillips

6/17 **URSULA PARSON**, daughter of Bernetta (Penny) Parson

6/17 **VICENTE EDUARDO**, son of Tomasina Eduardo

6/18 **CHANDI PYTOWSKI**, daughter of Rosanne Cosentino &
Bronck Pytowski

6/18 **CHARLIE HEIM**, son of Susan Heim

6/18 **JACK FREYTES**, son of Olga Lopez & Elvin Freytes

6/18 **JOSIAH BAAWUAH**, son of Porsha & Terry Baawuah

6/18 **JUDAH GUBBAY**, son of Marge Gubbay

6/18 **KASRIEL BENJAMIN**, son of Sarah & Tony Benjamin

6/19 **RACHEL AUSTER**, daughter of Gail Auster

6/20 **PAUL FONGKIN**, brother of Desiree Brown

6/20 **YULIA KRASHENNAYA**, sister of Deb Faynshteyn

6/21 **RALPH JOSEPH GONZALEZ**, son of Blanca Gonzalez

6/21 **WILLIAM EDWARD SHUBERT**, son of Irma E. Shubert

6/22 **CELINA PACHECO**, daughter of Evelyn Gonzalez

6/22 **JELANI CARTER**, son of Darlene Hoffman

6/23 **ANNETTE JOSEPH**, daughter of Era Joseph, sister of Jeannette

6/23 **JOE MCCLENAHAN**, brother of Michael McClenahan

6/23 **JOHN CORBETT**, brother of Sara Corbett

6/23 **PAUL WALKER**, son of Ellen Walker

6/24 **HUMZA MALIK**, brother of Amani Malik

6/25 **JASON R. CHIN**, son of China Chin

6/25 **SANDRA CHU**, Best friend of Emanuel Veras

6/26 **ALAN SOLITAR**, son of Susie & Bruce Solitar

6/26 **ANTHONY HELZER**, son of Donna Romer

6/28 **CIANNA L. ALEXANDER**, daughter of Rebecca Harper-Alexander

6/28 **JAMIE ROBERTS**, son of Katelin Roberts

6/28 **VIRGINIA JOHNSON**, sister of Angela Pistilli

6/29 **DAVID ZABLIDOWSKY**, son of Doris & Martin Zablidowsky

6/29 **JAVAN STEWART**, son of Omarr & Ursula Stewart

6/29 **KAREEM EDWARDS-MITCHELL**, son of Jacquie & John Mitchell,
brother of Kristopher & the late Kevin Mitchell

6/30 **CAROLINE MASON**, daughter of Rachel Mason

6/30 **IAN BYSTOCK**, son of Marc Bystock

6/30 **JORGIE PEREZ**, sister of Janeisy Perez

6/30 **LINDA MARQUEZ**, daughter of Hilda Mendoza

6/30 **SAVANNAH WIGGINS**, daughter of Dolores Wiggins

Our Children Remembrances — Changes

A longstanding tradition in our Manhattan Chapter of Compassionate Friends newsletter has been the listing of our children's and sibling's birthdays and anniversaries. I know I look *first* at each issue of the newsletter to see my child's listing, my sister's listing, and scan for the birthdays and anniversaries of my TCF friends' loved ones.

It is very important that our listings are correct and meaningful and we try to keep the listings as accurate and up to date as possible, but we are not perfect. Should you desire a change to your loved one's listing or if your listing is missing, please let us know. Email to tcfmanhattan.nyc@gmail.com and tell us what needs to change.



**OUR CHILDREN—LOVED AND REMEMBERED
JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**



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|------|---|------|---|
| 6/1 | LOUIS PEREZ , son of Mercedes Tapia | 6/15 | PIERRE MCALOON , son of Peggy McAloon |
| 6/1 | WILFRED DELVALLE , son of Carmen DelValle, brother of
Judy DelValle | 6/16 | BRIAN GOLDBERG , son of Gloria & Arthur Goldberg |
| 6/2 | NICHOLAS SOTO , son of Deborah Freeman & Eddie B. Soto, Jr. | 6/16 | JOSH GROSSE , son of Susan Grosse |
| 6/2 | WILLIAM MAEROV , son of Lance Maerov | 6/16 | MALCOLM LIVESEY , son of Katey Bernard, brother of
Gigi Livesey |
| 6/3 | ISABELLA PALMER , daughter of Alan & Meghan Palmer | 6/18 | BLAKE GARY , daughter of Denyze Gary |
| 6/4 | SACHA REID KANTOR , son of Kathy Landau & Michael Kantor | 6/18 | LISA WEINER , sister of Abby Moller |
| 6/6 | JOCELYN REED , daughter of Cynthia Powell | 6/20 | AARON BENVENISTE , grandson of Susan & Richard Rosenbluth |
| 6/7 | ANDREW MARTIN ARNOLD , brother of Barbara Arnold | 6/20 | ALEX KNEPPER , son of Lisa & Emanuel Psychojos |
| 6/7 | BLAKELY RUSSELL KAY , daughter of Barbara Russell | 6/20 | JAKE MAJER , grandson of Linda Reed |
| 6/7 | VIRGINIA JOHNSON , sister of Angela Pistilli | 6/20 | JESSE GARRETT , son of Gwen & Sandy Garrett |
| 6/9 | HARVEY STERMER , brother of Carol Lee Stermer-Aulicino | 6/20 | MARIA KUZNETSOVA , sister of Nina Kuznetsova |
| 6/9 | JENNIFER CARGILL , daughter of Virginia Crosby | 6/21 | MARIA , daughter of Gigi Semone |
| 6/9 | STEVEN SCHWARTZ , son of Ellen Schwartz | 6/22 | KAREN CASBAY , sister of Laura Reissman |
| 6/10 | BRYAN KELLY , son of Sean Kelly | 6/23 | ANDRE AMES , son of Jacqueline Jackson |
| 6/10 | DAVID GIBBS , son of Ann Gibbs | 6/23 | GERRI SHIMMIN , sister of Marybeth Bannon |
| 6/10 | MIKE CHARY , brother of EllaRose Chary | 6/23 | ROBERT WILLIAMS JR. , son of Kimberly Hatwood |
| 6/10 | REBECCA MOORE , daughter of Debra Phillips | 6/24 | PETER TRAKIS , son of Dolores & John Trakis |
| 6/10 | SCOTT LACROIX , brother of Kendra Lacroix | 6/26 | CAMERON NICHOLLS , son of Stephanie Moore Nicholls |
| 6/10 | ZIGGY MARTINEZ , daughter of Sally Tucker | 6/26 | JULIETTE DICKSTEIN , daughter of Gail Luria |
| 6/11 | BRENDAN CLAVIN , son of Nancy Hamma | 6/27 | ANJELINA PATRICE WILLS , granddaughter of Patricia Tyler-Owens |
| 6/12 | CHRISTOPHER WAGNER , son of Linda & Edward Wagner | 6/27 | BETTY DIBIASO , daughter of Susan Carty |
| 6/12 | FRANK UNTENER , son of Barbara Chase | 6/27 | JAQUELINE AHERN , niece of Nan Ahern |
| 6/12 | LUIS A. GARCIA , son of Tania Germes | 6/27 | JASON MARKS , son of Helena Marks |
| 6/12 | PATRICK CESARIO , son of Sharon Cesario, brother of
Frank Cesario | 6/28 | ANTONIA DALEY , granddaughter of Linda Daley |
| 6/13 | ELI BENDER , son of Sara & Evan Bender | 6/28 | MALIK DUFOR , son of Waltrina DeFrantz-Dufor |
| 6/13 | STEFANO AGOSTINELLI , son of Pascale Agostinelli | 6/30 | DAVID PICARD , son of Darlene Picard |
| 6/14 | AHMAD SHARRIEFF-AL-BEY , son of Rashied Sharrieff-Al-Bey | 6/30 | KAREEM EDWARDS-MITCHELL , son of Jacquie & John Mitchell,
brother of Kristopher & the late Kevin Mitchell |
| 6/15 | CHRISTOPHER ROMINE , brother of Jennifer Romine | 6/30 | MITCHELL WALKER , son of Fountain Walker |
| 6/15 | NEILL PERRI , son of Maddie & Cliff Kasden | 6/30 | ROMEL ARIAS , son of Luisa Cabrera |

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A Love Gift is a donation given in memory of a child who has died, or sometimes a memorial to a relative or friend. It can be in honor of a happy event that you would like to acknowledge, or simply a gift from someone who wants to help in the work of our chapter.

All TCF chapters are totally dependent on funds from our families. We DO NOT receive funds from our National Office. Everything we need to operate our local chapters is paid directly from our local resources and our local family contributions. Thank you to all who can contribute and support this chapter. Please see 'Making a Contribution' below:

Passing the Basket – We raise needed funds at each meeting by passing a basket for voluntary contributions at our in-person meetings. We are so glad to hold online meetings whenever possible, but there is no 'basket' at our online meetings. If you are able to, whenever you can as an online participant, please help and make a 'Basket' contribution to help our organization.

Making a contribution –

Easiest way – online – use a credit card securely with Paypal – Click this link: [Please donate here](#)

Or you may mail a check to The Compassionate Friends, c/o Sally Petrick, 945 West End Ave Apt 2B, New York, NY 10025. Please make your check payable to The Compassionate Friends – Manhattan Chapter. We need and appreciate your support.



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JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/1 **JONAH BING**, son of Dana Lodge
- 7/1 **NOAH MITCHELL**, son of Melody Mitchell
- 7/2 **ALLIE HUGGINS**, daughter of Matt Huggins, sister of Sarah Huggins
- 7/3 **ALEC FELDMAN**, brother of Andrew Feldman
- 7/3 **CORLYN HAYNES**, daughter of Yvonne Haynes
- 7/3 **MICHAEL CYRUS**, son of Linda Reed
- 7/5 **PIERRE MCALOON**, son of Peggy McAloon
- 7/6 **NARI GAJADHAR**, son of Beena Birmingham, nephew of Asha Singh
- 7/6 **RASHID SOLIS**, son of Frank Solis
- 7/7 **SIMONE MILLER**, daughter of Josephine Wong & Steve Miller
- 7/7 **TODD C. FIORE**, son of Yvonne Fiore
- 7/8 **CHRISTOPHER MURPHY**, brother of Nina Murphy
- 7/8 **JOEL MALDONADO**, son of Alisha Murzi, grandson of Evelyn Murzi
- 7/8 **MICHAEL SINCLAIR**, son of Susan Sinclair
- 7/8 **TIONNIE MURRAY**, daughter of Marie Caballero
- 7/9 **DYLAN LAKER**, son of Claudette Kraus & Robert Laker
- 7/10 **DANILO RODRIGUEZ**, sister of Enrique Rodriguez
- 7/11 **MILES STEPHENSON**, son of Syntyche Stephenson
- 7/12 **ELIOT BARTLETT**, brother of Emanuekl Bartlett
- 7/12 **ELIZABETH O'HARE**, sister of Christopher O'Hare
- 7/12 **KANNE IKONOMOU**, sister of Natasha Ikonomou
- 7/12 **KARINA VETRANO**, sister of Tara Vetrano
- 7/12 **SABRINA CLAUSS-EHLERS**, daughter of CC & Julian Clauss-Ehlers
- 7/12 **SARAH AKHTAR**, sister of Alafia Akhtar and Rahil Darbur
- 7/12 **THOMAS PARISI**, son of Pamela Parisi
- 7/13 **LAVONE SKY SANTANA**, son of Istrha Santana
- 7/13 **MICHAEL WHITLOCK**, son of Peggy Whitlock
- 7/14 **CAMERON CHIANG**, daughter of Joanna & Chris Chiang
- 7/14 **MIA SACASA**, daughter of Malik Sacasa
- 7/14 **PETER ADAM LEVINE**, beloved son of Marie Levine & the late Philip Levine
- 7/14 **STEFAN THEGEBY**, son of Dale Thegeby
- 7/15 **BRIAN MEEHAN**, brother of Kevin Meehan
- 7/15 **JEM MAIR**, daughter of Ilana Mair
- 7/15 **MICHELE SIEGEL**, daughter of Lillian Hass
- 7/15 **SEYQUAN CHAMBLISS**, son of Derricka Chambliss
- 7/16 **AMIAS**, son of Samantha Diaz, nephew of Jasmine Burney
- 7/16 **HOLLAND WILLIAMS**, daughter of Asia & Jarell Williams

- 7/16 **LUIS A. GARCIA**, son of Tania Germes
- 7/16 **MICHAEL KAMEO**, son of Mordi and Keren Kameo
- 7/17 **JACK PAHLE**, brother of Rebecca Pahle
- 7/17 **MICHAEL DURNIN**, son of Karen & Mike Durnin
- 7/17 **TEPLY RACHMEL**, daughter of Allison Tepley & Nir Rachmel
- 7/17 **TYREE SHEPPARD**, son of Laura Sheppard
- 7/18 **BAJUN RIDDICK**, son of Gable Grehan
- 7/18 **BRADLEY FRIEDMAN**, son of Jane Friedman
- 7/18 **CALLIE LONG**, daughter of Jackie Long
- 7/18 **JEFFREY VANCHIRO**, son of Sylvester (Sly) Vanchiro
- 7/18 **RHETT THOMPSON**, son of Gayla Thompson
- 7/19 **JOSH GROSSE**, son of Susan Grosse
- 7/19 **MATTEO SACHMAN**, son of Alexia & Steve Sachman
- 7/20 **ANDREW MARTIN ARNOLD**, brother of Barbara Arnold
- 7/20 **OSCAR REED PUGH**, son of Jon Pugh & Rachele Guiragossian
- 7/20 **ROBERT GRAUP**, son of Leona Graup
- 7/22 **MAHLIK WILLIAMS**, son of Ramona Williams, brother of Mekael Williams
- 7/22 **NATALIE JOY HERTEL-VOISINE**, daughter of Barbara Hertel & Don Voisine
- 7/23 **ANYA GABRIELA KUPPERSMITH**, daughter of Judith Koppersmith
- 7/23 **GINO FONGKIN**, brother of Desiree Brown
- 7/23 **PETER SCHLENDORF**, son of Karen Schlendirf
- 7/23 **SHAUN BECKWITH CHASEN**, son of Dr. Barbara Chasen
- 7/24 **LUIS LARA**, son of Harry & Maria Ruff
- 7/25 **BRENDAN BITTNER**, brother of Jessica Bittner Markus
- 7/25 **KHALIL KNOWLEDGE SMITH**, son of Malazha Wright
- 7/28 **ANTONIO LAW**, son of Jacqueline Law
- 7/28 **JASMIN REQUENA**, daughter of Eleanor Requena, sister of Jaqueline
- 7/29 **CLARIS GLOVER**, daughter of Crystal Glover
- 7/29 **CRYSTAL LAUZAU**, daughter of Gwyneth Hotaling
- 7/29 **DIMITRI VAZQUEZ**, son of Maria Bryant
- 7/29 **GRANT PHILLIPS**, son of Linda Phillips
- 7/29 **RICK HOWELL**, brother of Annie Howell
- 7/30 **BRITTANY MCGRATH**, sister of Chelsea McGrath
- 7/30 **JUSTIN HOLLAND**, son of Carole & Marvin Holland
- 7/31 **JESSIE MORGAN PEK**, daughter of Karyn Pek
- 7/31 **PAIX MICHAEL BARILLON**, son of Christine & Benjamin Barillon





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JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/1 **ALAI A MOSELEY**, daughter of Patricia Mosley
 7/1 **NOAH MITCHELL**, son of Melody Mitchell
 7/1 **SEAMUS WOOD**, son of Will Wood & Deb Funkhouser
 7/2 **KEVIN MITCHELL**, son of Jacquie & John Mitchell, brother of Kristopher & the late Kareem Mitchell
 7/2 **MELISSA ANN WALSH**, sister of Stephanie Walsh
 7/2 **NATHANIEL LOUIS RAND**, son of Jacob Rand
 7/3 **DMITRI PAJITNOVA**, son of Nina Pajitnova
 7/4 **DEVON WONG**, son of Jennifer Bailey and Allan Wong
 7/4 **JONAH BING**, son of Dana Lodge
 7/4 **LISA**, daughter of Masha Leyn, sister of Max Leyn
 7/4 **SYTIRA JAMES**, daughter of Roslyn James, sister of Shantel
 7/4 **TREVOR LOUGHLIN**, son of Suzy & Joe Loughlin, brother of Juliette Loughlin
 7/4 **TYLER MADOFF**, son of Michael & Marianne Madoff
 7/5 **ALAN ROSENTHAL**, son of Lynne Rosenthal
 7/5 **YIANNIS STATHOPOULOS**, son of Kathleen Negri Stathopoulos
 7/6 **BENJAMIN IMBROGNO**, son of Naomi Imbrogno
 7/6 **BOSTON GRIMM-STIBEL**, son of Travis Grimm
 7/6 **EVAN MAXWELL**, brother of Jean Maxwell
 7/6 **RUSSELL FERBER**, son of David Ferber & Dorothy Jordon, brother of Jordon Ferber
 7/7 **ELINOR FRIEDBERG BLUME**, daughter of Leslie Kandell
 7/8 **JACK PAHLE**, brother of Rebecca Pahle
 7/8 **LATASHA ALCANTARA**, daughter of Anita Guy-Martin
 7/8 **MICHAEL KLINOFSKY**, brother of Melanie Klinofsky
 7/8 **SEAN MCCLURE**, son of Patricia McClure
 7/9 **LAURA NAMIE**, sister of Matthew Namie
 7/9 **T.J. CRAIG**, son of Tom Craig, brother of Mac Craig
 7/10 **GABRIEL J. DIERRE**, son of Marie Nicole Rene
 7/11 **ELYSE CARVER**, daughter of Violette Carver
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 7/16 **SHAY DORRITIE**, son of Richard Dorritie
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ET	MORNING	EARLIER EVENING	LATER EVENING
MON	Parents/Grandparents/Siblings	First time CHAT orientation	General Bereavement Parents/Grandparents/Siblings
TUE		Loss to Substance Related Causes First time CHAT orientation	Bereaved less than 2 yrs Bereaved more than 2 yrs
WED	Parents/Grandparents/Siblings	First time CHAT orientation	General Bereavement Parents/Grandparents/Siblings
THU		No Surviving Children First time CHAT orientation	General Bereavement Parents/Grandparents/Siblings
FRI	General Bereavement Parents/Grandparents/Siblings	Pregnancy/Infant Loss	General Bereavement Parents/Grandparents/Siblings
SAT			General Bereavement Parents/Grandparents/Siblings
SUN		Suicide Loss	General Bereavement Issues Parents/Grandparents/Siblings

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Brookhaven	2nd Friday	(631) 738-0809	Rockland County	3rd Tuesday	(845) 398-9762
Brooklyn	3rd Wednesday	(917) 952-9751	SmithPoint/Mastic	2nd Thursday	(631) 281-9004
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24/7 PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUPS

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| <u>TCF – Loss of a Child</u> | <u>TCF – Loss of a Grandchild</u> |
| <u>TCF – Loss of a Stepchild</u> | <u>TCF – Grandparents Raising their Grandchildren</u> |
| <u>TCF – Loss of an Only Child/All Your Children</u> | <u>TCF – Miscarriage, Stillbirth, Loss of an Infant Grandchild</u> |
| <u>TCF – Multiple Losses</u> | <u>TCF – Loss to Long-term Illness</u> |
| <u>TCF – Daughterless Mothers</u> | <u>TCF – Loss to Cancer</u> |
| <u>TCF – Men in Grief</u> | <u>TCF – Loss After Withdrawing Life Support</u> |
| <u>TCF – Bereaved LGBTQ Parents with Loss of a Child</u> | <u>TCF – Loss to Mental Illness</u> |
| <u>TCF – Bereaved Parents with Grandchild Visitation Issues</u> | <u>TCF – Sudden Death</u> |
| <u>TCF – Loss to Miscarriage or Stillbirth</u> | <u>TCF – Loss to Suicide</u> |
| <u>TCF – Infant and Toddler Loss</u> | <u>TCF – Loss to Homicide</u> |
| <u>TCF – Loss of a Child 4 -12 Years Old</u> | <u>TCF – Loss to Substance Related Causes</u> |
| <u>TCF – Loss of a Child 13-19 Years Old</u> | <u>TCF – Loss to a Drunk/Impaired Driver</u> |
| <u>TCF – Loss of an Adult Child</u> | <u>TCF – Grieving with Faith and Hope</u> |
| <u>TCF – Loss of a Child with Special Needs</u> | <u>TCF – Reading Your Way Through Grief</u> |

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