

Presenters and support team for our Healing Hearts & MSD Community “Day of Healing”



[Bob Resciniti](#) - Bereaved Dad to Bobby, Founder/President of The Bobby Resciniti Healing Hearts Foundation & Grief Center called "[Bobby's Place](#)", he is a speaker, workshop presenter, writer, philanthropist, visionary and at the heart of the healing hearts foundation. Bob lost his 21-year-old son Bobby on July 13, 2006 and has dedicated the rest of his life – helping the broken hearted!



[Richard Reynolds](#) - Founding Board member with Healing Hearts, awesome dad, husband, mentor, long time friend and a dynamic individual. Richard will be the Master of Ceremony for "The Day of Healing".



[Dr. Tina DiCicco Reynolds](#) - Founding board member with Healing Hearts, clinical Psychologist who treats children, adolescents, and adults with a variety of concerns including, anxiety, adjustment difficulties & grief & loss just to name a few. Dr. Reynolds is our Healing Hearts In-house Psychologist at Bobby's Place in Coral Springs. She was born and raised in Broward County!



[Mitch Carmody](#) - Bereaved Dad to Kelly, Mitch Carmody, GSP, CCP is a writer, artist, grief educator and a nationally recognized motivational speaker has his own YouTube channel known as MrHeartlight. He is the author of several books, and hosts his own Radio Show “Grief Chat”. He is a Grief Facilitator for the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (T.A.P.S) of military loss, member of The Association of Death Education and Counseling (A.D.E.C.) and has served on the National Board of Directors for The Compassionate Friends, the largest grief support organization in the world. <http://www.heartlightstudios.net/> His foundational philosophy is proactive living and proactive grieving. Meeting challenges full on, being all in. Whether experiencing a loss or meeting the challenges of success and personal fulfillment. Knowing who you are and operate is being vulnerable to oneself; to recognize and own your strengths and weakness. This builds resilience when engaged in all of life’s matters. Capitalize on your strengths, admit your short comings. Being honest and appropriately transparent garners respect.

After losing his twin sister in an accident in 1985 and then his son to cancer in 1987 Mitch has dedicated his life to serving the bereaved in any way he can. He has conducted both national and regional workshops for The Compassionate Friends, BPUSA, hospice/health care providers, social workers and clergy across the country for over 20 years. His philosophy of Proactive Grieving® and the S.T.A.I.R.S. ® model of grief processing are changing the way America grieves. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4PwGSiCQSFJag2TVqYbbUg>



[Scarlett Lewis](#) - Mother of Jesse Lewis who was killed in his first-grade classroom during the tragedy at Sandy Hook/Newton. She is a national speaker, advocate and writer who started the [Jesse Lewis "Choose Love Movement"](#).

Scarlett Lewis is the mother of Jesse Lewis who was killed in his first-grade classroom during the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012 along with 19 classmates and 6 teachers and administrators in one of the worst school shootings in US history. She founded of The Jesse Lewis Choose Love Foundation in honor of Jesse and to spread a message he left on their kitchen chalkboard shortly before he died, Nurturing Healing Love, the formula for choosing love, and to promote social and emotional education in schools as well as a consistent message of compassion in our communities.

Scarlett is the recipient of the International Forgiveness Award, the Live Your Legacy Award and the Common Ground Award for her advocacy work for peace and forgiveness. When she became a parent for the first time, Scarlett wrote and published a children's book, Rose's Foal. Following Jesse's death, Scarlett wrote, "Nurturing Healing Love", a story about her journey of turning personal tragedy into something that can positively impact the world. An artist and avid horsewoman, Scarlett lives on a small horse farm in Connecticut with her son and animals. <https://www.jesselewischooselove.org/about/board-of-directors/scarlett-lewis/>



[Dianne Gray](#) - Bereaved mom to Austin, she is a hospice, palliative care and grief expert; a journalist; speaker, grief educator, patient advocate, TV/Film/Podcasts producer, the founder of [Hospice and Health Care Communications](#) and president of the [Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Foundation](#).

I was 28 years old, had what society deems "everything" including a long awaited blonde-haired green-eye son named Austin. What we didn't know was that Austin has a rare neurodegenerative disease named NBIA Disorders (neurodegenerative brain iron accumulation disorders).

Unfortunately, in 2005, I had to make the most difficult medical ethical decisions of my life regarding my son's care and prognosis. Austin died February 25, 2005 at age 14, comfortable and at peace with Christina and I holding his hands.

The fourteen-year experience with Austin and Christina, our hospice and medical care providers, friends, family and faith community, was filled with the best and worst of pretty much everything which has provided me with a bundle of insight, and the desire to create incredible programming and education projects and partnerships in the hospice and palliative care fields.

This experience changed forever my views not only on death and dying but also on life and living. Make no mistake about it: I want my son alive and healthy, but I can't change that. What I can change is how I live the rest of my life.

I commit to doing substantive work where and when I can in the areas of hospice and palliative care, including pain management and end of life care.

To me, it's this simple: Death is not optional, but living life fully, is. ~ Dianne Gray



[Lynda Cheyden Fell](#) - Mom to Aly!!! Lynda the renown creator of the [Grief Diaries](#) is a pioneer and visionary in restoring hope to the wounded at heart representing authors worldwide. She is powerful advocate for the bereaved and is our Circles of Hope Village coordinator with Linda Findlay.

Considered a pioneer in the field of inspirational hope, Lynda creates groundbreaking projects dedicated to raising awareness and compassion, teaching others that they hold the power to change someone's life with just one smile, and inspire hope that life can be full and rich in the aftermath of loss.

<http://www.lyndafell.com/her-story.html> & <http://www.griefdiaries.com/>



[Alan Pedersen](#) - Bereaved Dad to Ashley, Singer, songwriter, speaker, creator of the [Angels Across the USA tour](#), and former ED for The Compassionate Friends and long-time friend of the Healing Hearts Foundation. . He has spent more than 30 years as a professional writer and performer of music, comedy and news. In August of 2001 Alan's world changed forever when his 18-year-old daughter Ashley was killed in an automobile accident. In 2003 the focus of Alan's writing and performing changed as he began using his talent and creativity to help others walking the grief journey. Alan's music and message have become very popular with grief organizations throughout the United States. In 2010 Alan founded The Angels Across the USA Tour and he has traveled to over 340 U.S. cities sharing a message of hope for organizations offering support to those in grief.

In 2010 Alan received the Professional of the Year Award from The Compassionate Friends, and in 2011 he was received the Humanitarian of The Year Award from the Bobby Resciniti Healing Hearts Foundation.

In 2011 Alan worked as a creator, writer, producer and video editor on the highly acclaimed "Walking Through Grief" DVD series distributed internationally by the Grief Toolbox. Alan is certified as a Grief Services Provider through the American Grief Academy and has gained the respect of many grief support organizations as a skilled and entertaining workshop presenter and keynote speaker. Alan served on the National Board of Directors of The Compassionate Friends for a year (2013) before being asked to serve as their current Executive Director. <https://www.opentohope.com/learning-to-live-again-after-loss/>



[Kris Munsch](#) - Bereaved Dad to Blake, Kris is an inspirational, energetic, and moving speaker.

He tells his own story with brutal honesty, and takes workshop attendees through his journey of despair and darkness, to hope and light. After Kris lost his only son Blake, in a car accident, his wife left him. Suddenly alone and without a family, Kris wonders not only how he is going to survive, but if he even wants to. Hitting rock bottom, Kris gets in his car and travels throughout the United States speaking to others who have suffered losses.

He uses a birdhouse as a metaphor for grief, loss, hope and healing. I have been to hundreds of workshops and this is hands down one of the best workshops I have ever attended. Kris speaks from the heart, he talks the talk

and walks the walk. Kris is a true example of someone who despite major adversity, has gone on to find hope again. He inspires others to believe that it is possible to not only survive after loss, but to eventually thrive.

<http://thebirdhouseproject.com/>



[Dr. Michael Rovito](#) - Local Professor at UCF, Writer, Founder of Men's Health Initiative, Inc. (MHI) is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization working on reducing the gender health gap by supporting the achievement of wellness for all. He is a powerful speaker who empowers young men and young woman to practice self care and nurture their natural resilience for better health and a productive life. <http://www.mhinitiative.org/>



[Dr. Bob Baugher](#) - Psychology Instructor at Highline Community College in Des Moines, Washington where he teaches courses in Psychology and Death Education. As a trainer for LivingWorks he has trained more than 1,000 people in suicide intervention. He has given more than 600 workshops on grief and loss across the U.S. including England, South Africa, and Namibia. As a professional advisor to the South King County Chapter of The Compassionate Friends, Bob has been invited to speak at many of the TCF national conferences during the past 20 years. He earned a certificate in Thanatology from the Association for Death Education and Counseling and in the 1990s he was a clinician with University of Washington School of Nursing Parent Bereavement Project. Bob has written several articles and seven books on the bereavement process. Reach him at b_kbaugher@yahoo.com. Dr. Baugher appeared on the radio show "Healing the Grieving Heart" with Dr. Gloria & Dr. Heidi Horsley to discuss Coping with Anger and Guilt After a Loss.



[Debbie Rambis](#) - Bereaved Mom to Tony and Executor Director of [The Compassionate Friends](#). Debbie is a kind, compassionate, giving and awesome person. The Compassionate Friends is the world's largest self-help bereavement organization, providing support to bereaved parents, siblings, grandparents, and close family members who are going through the natural grieving process following the death of a child of any age (from pre-birth to adult) from any cause. We are not a religion based organization. Part of our mission is also to provide ...(more) information to help others be supportive and we welcome those to this site who are quietly trying to learn how to be supportive.



[Carla Blowey](#) - **Carla Blowey** is a bereaved Mom and **Carla Blowey** is a Certified Dream Work Facilitator through the Marin Institute for Projective Dream Work with director Jeremy Taylor. The author of ***Dreaming Kevin: The Path to Healing*** (2002/2014), a speaker and presenter, Carla has presented workshops on the healing power of dreams, for local, regional and national bereavement groups and organizations since 2003; and facilitates individual and group dreamwork sessions on-site and online. The title of one of her workshops, *Dreams: A Blessing in Disguise* sums

up the profound influence of dream work in her personal path to healing. Carla invites participants to see beyond the illusions of death, bringing their dreams, their deceased loved ones and ultimately themselves, into the Light. Weaving the values of spirituality with personal loss and transition, Carla invites the dream images to speak their truth, thus creating a space for grace to nourish...and Love to flourish. www.dreamingkevin.com



[Sharon Strouse](#) - MA, ATR-BC, LCPAT, is a board-certified art therapist and licensed clinical professional art therapist with 30 years of clinical experience with adults in both group and individual settings. A year after her 17-year old daughter Kristin ended her own life; Sharon immersed herself in a creative process involving collage which became the foundation for her book, *Artful Grief: A Diary of Healing*. Additional published works can be found in Neimeyer's *Techniques of Grief Therapy: Creative Practices for Counseling the Bereaved* and Thompson and Neimeyer's *Grief and the Expressive Arts: Practices for Creating Meaning*. She is a workshop presenter for The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors 2008-2018, The American Association of Suicidology 2012, 2014, The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention 2016, The Association for Death Education and Counseling 2012-2015, 2018 The Compassionate Friends 2005-2015, the American Art Therapy Association National Conference 2016- 2018 and the Expressive Therapies Summit 2015-2018. She is a board member on the Johns Hopkins Medicine: Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Sharon is co-founder of The Kristin Rita Strouse Foundation (www.krsf.com) a non-profit dedicated to supporting programs that increase awareness of Mental Health through education and the arts. In addition to national workshops, she leads weekly art therapy circles and spiritual and intuitive development circles for survivors of loss.



[Joanne Fink](#) is founder of *Zenspirations and a bereaved spouse*. She is a world renowned calligrapher, designer, author and teacher. More than simple lines on a page, her unique art style and approach to spiritual and creative expression builds bridges of understanding between people. She is a passionate advocate for artist's rights, and has a long history of community service. <https://zenspirations.com/>



[Dr. Gloria Horsley](#) - Bereaved Mom to Scott is an internationally known grief expert, psychotherapist, , and founder of "[Open to Hope Foundation](#)" she also an author, speaker, TV & Radio host and more.

[Dr. Heidi Horsley](#) -Bereaved Sibling to Scott, National Advisory Board for the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors of Military Loss (TAPS), Author, TV & Radio host "[Open to Hope Foundation](#)" <https://www.opentohope.com/>

Open to Hope Foundation® is a non-profit foundation with the mission of helping people find hope after loss. We invite you to read, listen and share your stories of hope and compassion.

Dr. Gloria and Dr. Heidi Horsley share their over 500 radio interviews on topics of grief, loss, hope and healing. <https://www.opentohope.com/radio>



[Glen Lord](#) - Bereaved Dad to Noah, former president of The Compassionate Friends, speaker, workshop facilitator, visionary and entrepreneur who developed a website for the broken hearted called [The Grief Toolbox](#).

Having been down this road, we want to give back. We want to reach out to those who are earlier on this road. We cannot make your pain go away, nor can we provide answers for you. What we can do is help you to find the tools that you need to work through your grief journey. Thus was born The Grief Toolbox. The Grief Toolbox is an ambitious project. Its goal is to be an all-encompassing place for grief tools: a singular area where a person can find all the resources they need to help them with that grief that neither time nor money can solve. We here at the Grief Toolbox understand that needs change as we go from the raw encompassing pain of the first year to the stark reality of the second year, and then to the growth and reinventing ourselves of the middle years to the acceptance and blessing that now coexists with the pain and love that will always be a part of our life.

Grief, in our opinion, falls into two categories: grief that can be solved with time or money, and grief that cannot be solved. If you leave your favorite coat on a plane, with time and money you can replace it and the grief will slowly fade. However, with the loss of a loved one - whether a spouse, a parent, a child or a sibling - no time and no amount of money will make this grief go away. www.thegrieftoolbox.com



[Anne Castaldo](#) – Our volunteer coordinator is a bereaved Mom to Tony and founder of the [Tony Brown Foundation](#), she is the former event coordinator for The Compassionate Friends, workshop presenter, speaker and studied at the American Grief Academy with Darcie Sims.



[Angela Miller](#) - Bereaved Mom to Noah, writer and grief advocate and the author of *You Are the Mother of All Mothers: A Message of Hope for the Grieving Heart* and the executive director and founder of [A Bed For My Heart](#), Angela is also an accomplished Poet.

And when we have remembered everything, we grow afraid what we may forget.

A face, a voice, a smile? No need to fear forgetting, because the heart remembers always. ~Angela Miller



[Kelley Hunt](#) - Songwriter, Singer, Piano Player, Guitarist, Recording Artist, Speaker and Producer, - Kelley is known for her songs that uplift the human spirit, she will sing to our hearts and souls. She makes music with its righteous roots intact that also crosses boundaries, has an open-minded, exploratory attitude and takes on social and political issues. Together with a commanding, passionate stage presence and superior vocal, keyboard and songwriting skills she has earned the respect of critics and fans across North America and Europe.



[Denise Ganulin](#) - Bereaved mom to Holland Ashley; singer & songwriter. Denise will perform at our mid lunch concert her song “[What a Party https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ny-bpOOTWaE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ny-bpOOTWaE)” and others with her friend and colleague Alan Pedersen. Denise is writing and performing music across the nation for the bereaved ... songs that touch the heart keep our loved one close.

Denise writes - I lost my only child when she was just 36 years old. She left behind two babies who would never know her amazing spiritual being. Her death sent me into the dark. Looking deeply into spirituality helped pull me out of the depths of grief. I have written music previously, but not of this genre. One day, my son-in-law suggested I start writing again with my grandchildren in mind. Calling on the spirit within, these songs came forth. And although, they started as children's songs, it soon became clear they are for children of all ages, because after all, we are all children of God! From that sprung more uplifting spiritual songs that led to my "adult" CD "What I Can't See". Newest release is "One More Day" and includes songs performed in Washington DC, Veteran's Day 2017. Now I'm also writing and performing music for bereaved parents ... songs that touch the heart and keep our children close. <http://www.deniseganulin.com/>



[Barry Kluger's](#) daughter Erica died in a car accident in Arizona in 2001. Since 2011 he and Kelly Farley of IL created the [Farley-Kluger Initiative](#) to add loss of a child to the FMLA.



[Sara Ruble](#) is a bereaved mom to Scott our “Healing Haven Village” Coordinator who has facilitated support groups in her hometown of Stow, Ohio and across the country at many national conferences, and reaches out daily from her website: www.spiritteaches.org

When the love for a child goes beyond the meaning of life and death, what do we do with it? Sara Ruble is Scott’s mom.

Scott Michael Jessie died suddenly at age nineteen of natural causes that could never have been predicted. Through a profound poem found the day after Scott's funeral, Sara knew his Spirit was very much alive. Today she and Scott work together, as he channels through her the deeper spiritual meaning of life and death, the power of the soul plans we make with our children, and how healing comes from understanding those pre-birth plans.

Sara has facilitated support groups in her hometown of Stow, Ohio, presented workshops at many national conferences, including The Compassionate Friends and Bereaved Parents of the USA.

Sara's new website is Spirit Teaches at www.spiritteaches.org where Scott/Spirit's channeling delves even more deeply into the soul journey, the afterlife, and so much more!



[Linda Findlay](#) -Bereaved mom to Aubrie. Linda is our other Circle of Hope coordinator, author of many books, the founder of Mourning Discoveries Grief Support Services, and creator of Journeys of Hope, Healing & Health bereavement cruises. As an Aftercare Coordinator she represents over 300 funeral homes currently across the US and Canada. <http://journeysofhopehealingandhealth.com/>



[Barbara Hopkinson](#) founder of *A Butterfly's Journey* will have her Photo Shoot Booth to take beautifully cathartic photos of the bereaved in an iconic and unusual way to express their pain and hope. Participants are photographed expressing a phrase meaningful to them written on their arms. <http://portraitsfloss.org/>

A Butterfly's Journey (ABJ) has a mission to help individuals and families struggling with grief after the loss of a child, or other traumatic loss, to find hope and a new normal. We do that through grief recovery classes, through providing a comprehensive online Resource Center, and through our photo shoots to allow griever to express themselves simply, visually and emotionally to spark discussion. We also provide assistance to other community, healthcare and grief support organizations through education and resources. Our founder and our board have all suffered traumatic loss and contribute in memory of their loved ones, in an effort to help others heal.



[Vicki Jay](#) is the CEO of [The National Alliance for Grieving Children](#) which brings decades of experience in the children's bereavement field; she contributes significant subject matter expertise in the field of grief and loss. She is known for her ability to collaborate, bring people with diverse perspectives together, and create sustainable impact. <https://childrengrieve.org/>



[Jeannette Maré](#) is the founder and Executive Director of [Ben's Bells Project](#). As a legacy to her son Ben she has created this organization now with four studios, collaborating with hundreds of local organizations and recruiting more than 25,000 annual volunteers. Ben's Bells has become nationally recognized and "kindness" is becoming part of the nation's collective consciousness and is truly legacy in action.

The mission of Ben's Bells is to inspire, educate, and motivate people to realize the impact of intentional kindness, and to empower individuals to act according to that awareness, thereby strengthening ourselves, our relationships and our communities. <https://bensbells.org/>



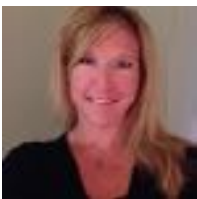
[Kanchana Krishnan Ayyar](#) - Author, Hamsa Meditation Coach, Motivational Speaker, writer and friend of Healing Hearts. Author of *When the Lotus Blooms*, *A Rose from a Dream* *Snapshots and The Present: a gift from the Divine*. Hamsa Meditation Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc56RBYJoHbvgl9onQ598ig>



[Rev. John H. Stanley](#) - Rev. Stanley will lead an ecumenical prayer; nationally known speaker, he is a commissioned Lay Pastor-Union Seminary (Charlotte), Academy of Reformed Theology, Chaplain of The South Atlantic Shrine Association and Visitation Minister at Gastonia SC Presbyterian Church.



[Tina "V" DiSalvo](#) - LMFT, Healing Hearts group therapist at Bobby's Place in Coral Springs. V facilitates bereaved parent groups, sibling groups and private counseling.



[Tricia Conlon](#) - LMFT, Healing Hearts group therapist at Bobby's Place in Coral Springs. Tricia facilitates bereaved parent groups and private counseling. She also is certified in trauma work and specializes in crisis situations. Tricia also works at the Center for Trauma counseling in Lake Worth.



[Josh Robinson](#) is a drummer and artist. He is affiliated with many arts organizations and partner organizations for his work with grieving children including T.A.P.S. Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors), The Moyer Foundation, and NAGC (National Alliance For Grieving Children). Drumming can be used as a tool to teach an array of life skills. It provides a positive and creative outlet for young people to express themselves and release their emotions in a safe space. <http://www.joshrobinsondrums.com>



[Zachary Green](#) founded and operates the Princeton Stained Glass Company. Zach is also a writer, a multi-instrumentalist musician and songwriter, an actor and puppeteer, a photographer, a painter, a sculptor and carpenter. His workshops aim to empower kids and adults alike.



[Jordon Ferber](#) humorist, speaker, grief activist and bereaved sibling will be Master of Ceremonies for our luncheon concert.

Comedian Jordon Ferber is the producer of the podcast “Where’s the Grief” Inspired by the death of his brother, Russell. As the sibling leader of the Manhattan chapter of The Compassionate Friends Jordon has helped thousands of siblings recover from loss.

ALL the above participants are flying in on their own money and not charging anything for their time and resources.

They just want to help the Stoneman Douglas Community.



