

As I reflect on yet another year of National and Worldwide unrest, I remain inspired and honored to be a part of this community. In a world and year that **continues** to present new challenges, our Foundation has continued to forge forward, serve those in need, and set new goals for the future. All of this is possible because we can count on you, our generous supporters, donors, and volunteers.

APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> was Christopher's Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Angelversary. As always on this date, I reflect on his life and wonder what he might be doing if he were still here. This year, I couldn't help but think about the state of the world and how Chris would be concerned as we all are about what the future holds. As I have always said, he wanted to Assist the World and make a difference. Chris found the positive in all situations. He was hopeful and gave his energy to support the people he cared about.

This is how Chris inspires me to move forward and continue to focus on the Foundation's Missions despite the chaos that challenges us. I always reflect on what Renee Gillies, a committee chair, has said from Day One: "It takes our Village to make the changes we see." Year after year, this is so very true.

We are working very hard planning our 2022 activities and fundraisers. Please mark your calendars for April 22, 2022: Our Winery Event and November 19, 2022: Our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit. In addition, we are also planning Equine Therapy for our grieving families and an additional fundraising and support day at Jersey Shore Blue Claws in the Spring/Summer 2022. We are excited to plan these events and hope you will participate.

As you read this, I hope you feel great satisfaction knowing you are making a difference in the lives of many. This news is the news we want to spread and know you are always looking forward to hearing. We wish you and your loved ones health, happiness, and peace in 2022 and .....Always.

Fondly, Joni