

Help us raise awareness this October, upcoming events, and all the latest from the NY Metro Chapter!

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Raise Awareness this October!

Did you know that October is Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month? Star Legacy chapters across the nation have been active all month long to bring stillbirth out of the shadows - **and we need your help!**

Here are 5 simple ways you can get involved:

1. Follow along with **#NeverBeStill** on all your favorite social media platforms (be sure to use this hashtag when you post about your baby this month!)
2. Share & Like posts on the [NY Metro Chapter](#) & [SLF National](#) Facebook pages (or any of our chapters!)
3. Utilize one of our 4 Facebook Frame styles to raise awareness wherever you go on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/profilepicframes and search for "star legacy"
4. Send an awareness letter to your church, synagogue, or community organization asking them to acknowledge families who have lost a baby (form letters available - [email us!](#))

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5. Call/postcard/email your Federal and State representatives asking them to co-sponsor legislation to

give parents of a stillborn baby a tax credit in the year they are born (form letters available - [email us!](#))



NY Metro Updates & Achievements

The NY Metro Chapter has been hard at work making progress in several areas! Here's a quick roundup of some of our recent accomplishments:

-- Medical Provider Education --

In Sept, we hosted an **overnight retreat** at Glen Cove Mansion for 18 area medical professionals from **North Shore Hospital, Huntington Hospital, and Long Island Jewish**. The retreat focused on self-care for providers in the wake of their own grief over patients' losses, along with information about how to best serve families who lose a baby. Several chapter members served on the Parent Panel!

Our chapter arranged for SLF Executive Director Lindsey Wimmer to speak at **Northern Westchester Hospital's Maternal Child Health Day** to an audience of



Upcoming Events in the NY Metro Area

Don't miss these great upcoming events being hosted in our area by our chapter members and partners!

-- Diana's Hope 5K --

5K, 1 Mile Walk, Tot Trot

Saturday, 11/4
Belmont Lake State Park, West
Babylon, NY (Long Island)
8:30 am

Adults \$30, Kids \$20
(\$5 off for early bird registration
before 10/27!)

"Virtual" runners welcome!

www.dianashope.com
dianashope613@gmail.com

All proceeds to benefit Star Legacy Foundation!

-- Topics in Perinatal Loss:

experience a loss.

In October, chapter representatives presented at **Northern Westchester Hospital's Grand Rounds** to a mixed audience of doctors & nurses.

Also in October, our chapter hosted **3 Education Days** for multiple departments at **Valley Health System** in NJ. Executive Director Lindsey Wimmer flew in to educate medical professionals on "Perinatal Bereavement 101" topics, and also facilitated Parent Panels comprised of several chapter families!

-- Partner Outreach Underway --

We recently established relationships with **NYC's Mt. Sinai Hospital** and **Huntington Hospital** in Long Island, and provided informational brochures on stillbirth prevention and pregnancy loss for use with patients at **Northern Westchester, Winthrop, Mt. Sinai, and Huntington**.

Our chapter also represented SLF at several local events, including the **North Shore Hospital 10/15 Memorial Service** and the **10/7 Walk to Remember in Binghamton, NY**. We are in the process of reaching out to several other partners in the New York metropolitan area!

Training via videoconference is available for any chapter members who wish to reach out to their own hospital/doctors/grief support contacts!

Conference for healthcare professionals working with perinatal women, such as physicians, nurses, social workers and community members interested in providing compassionate care and support to bereaved families.

Featuring Star Legacy's Medical Advisor Joann O'Leary!

Thursday, 12/7
St. Clare's Denville Hospital,
Denville, NJ
8:00 am to 2:30 pm

\$35 General Admission

More info and registration [here](mailto:iventura@partnershipmch.org)
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Follow us on Facebook to stay up-to-date with upcoming events and volunteer opportunities in our area!

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Your Help Needed!



If you haven't already, please take a moment to review Star Legacy Foundation at [Great Nonprofits](#). Our 5-star rating is incredibly important toward qualifying for grants to continue our life-saving work!



Thanks to all who attended our recent Social in Long Island! (If you missed it, don't worry! We have plans for another in the works, likely in Westchester or NYC)

Want to Get Involved?

Our chapter is growing! If you'd like to get more involved, we have volunteer opportunities available in several areas: Peer Companions (training session coming soon!), event planning, hospital/partner outreach, legislation efforts, and more. Please [email us](#) if you're interested in pitching in!

Best wishes,
Hilary, Samantha, Amanda, Eleni, Christine & Bobbie



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