Celebrating 2017, Looking Ahead to 2018

All of us at Star Legacy NY Metro Chapter are incredibly proud of all we’ve accomplished in just a few short years (with your help!) and are excited to embark on our ambitious plans for the coming year. Some highlights:

In 2017, we --
- Established partnerships with **8 area hospitals**
- Conducted **6 educational seminars/retreats** for medical professionals
- Distributed **200+ informational packets and boxes of gifts** for stillborn babies to healthcare professionals, public health partners, and bereavement support organizations
- Raised **over $137,000** at events organized by NY Metro Chapter volunteers
- Sponsored **4 nurses** to attend the 2017 Stillbirth Summit international conference
- Supported new loss families across the NY Metro region with our **Peer Companions**
- Saw a **50% increase** in chapter volunteer membership (welcome new members!!)
- Facilitated **SLF National efforts** including the #NeverBeStill October Awareness Campaign & collaborating with leadership at other SLF chapters across the US

In 2018, we’re looking forward to --
- Expanding our new **Medical Committee**’s reach to a target of 10 more area hospitals, plus OB/GYN practices (particularly high-risk), and other community partners
- Providing all our partners with **educational events & brochures** (in **English & Spanish**) and family support resources
- Organizing 6 events through our new **Events Committee**, including 4 fundraisers (more info below!!) & 2 social gatherings for loss families
- Partnering with legislators in the tri-state area to establish a **Stillbirth Tax Credit**
- Continuing to support **SLF National**’s many worthy initiatives, including the **#SleepOnSide campaign**, an international October Awareness Month campaign, launch of the Pregnancy Research Project registry, and more!
- Training several new **Peer Companions** to provide broaden our mentoring range
Registration Open for Spring 5Ks!

Let's Not Be Still! New York 5Ks
Family-friendly Festival, Run & Walk
2 Events on 2 Dates in 2 Locations

Saturday, April 28th
South Salem, NY (Westchester)
9:00 am
5K Run & Walk
Awards, Raffle & Food to follow

Saturday, May 5th
Port Washington, NY (Long Island)
9:00 am
5K Run & Walk
Awards, Raffle & BBQ to follow

Early Bird Registration!
Adult $35, Youth $15
Both dates $50
Prices go up on 4/8!
www.letsnotbestill5k.com

Both events are stroller friendly!
Sponsorship opportunities available

Hope to see you at one or both dates!!

Get Involved in 2018

So many opportunities to honor your baby and make a difference!

-- Hospital/Partner Outreach --
In addition to maintaining our established relationships with Mt. Sinai, Northern Westchester, North Shore, Winthrop, Huntington, Valley Health, Newark Beth Israel, & Putnam Hospitals we are looking to expand to new hospitals in our area including Phelps, NYP/Columbia, NYP/Weill, Montefiore, St. Barnabas, Bridgeport, Danbury, & several others, along with OB practices and local grief support organizations.

We need your help! Training via videoconference is available for any chapter member who wants to assist with improving prevention and post-loss care in our area. Sign up today!

-- #SleepOnSide Campaign --
Did you know a 4th study recently confirmed a link between back sleep and stillbirth?

Star Legacy is teaming up with Tommy’s in the UK and StillAware in Australia to raise awareness through the global #SleepOnSide campaign in hopes of educating every pregnant woman to sleep on her side in the 3rd trimester to reduce her risk.

A PSA video and more info is available here - please spread the word and share on social media!

-- Write Your Reps: Tax Credit --
Encourage your State
Follow us on Facebook to stay up-to-date with upcoming events and volunteer opportunities in our area!

www.facebook.com/NYMetroStarLegacyFoundation/

Be sure to click Like and Follow in order to see our posts in your News Feed!

Representatives to pass a law easing the financial burden on families who lose a baby in our region through a one-time tax credit.

Similar laws exist in other states and are important for acknowledging our babies and raising awareness. Form letters to get you started!

-- PR Help Needed! --

Do you know of anyone who might be able to donate some time or expertise towards helping us raise awareness? Let us know!

-- Peer Companions --

Become a mentor! 3 hour videoconference training dates coming up soon.

Register via email

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 Gathering in Westchester!
Missed out? Never fear! We have plans for 2 more get-togethers this year in different locations across the NY Metro region.

Driving Change in 2018

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported our chapter’s efforts in ways big and small. 2017 was a pivotal year for us, and we’re going into 2018 with lots of momentum from motivated new volunteers, enthusiastic medical partners, and - as always - unwavering support from our National organization.

We pledge to work tirelessly to move the needle on research, education, and prevention in our area and beyond --- because every pregnancy deserves a happy ending!

As always, don’t hesitate to email us with ideas, questions, or comments!
Best wishes,
Hilary, Samantha, Amanda, Eleni, Christine & Bobbie
(Star Legacy Foundation NY Metro Chapter Chairs)