



SSCF Newsletter November 2022

Our Mission:

To financially assist families who have experienced the death of a child by offering monetary grants to help with some portion of funeral costs.

A REMINDER...

This summer we marked the 38th anniversary of the death of 18-year-old Christopher John Conti, I.

It is to honor Christopher's life of kindness and joy that The SonShine Charitable Fund has been established.



Questions? Email us at: Sonshinecharity@gmail.com

WRAPPING UP 2022...

So far this calendar year we have helped 27 families by supporting them with a financial gift, which brings our total to 43 since our inception. Alex has personally visited WNY funeral homes in the counties of Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Alleghany, Erie, Niagara, and Potter County PA to deliver grant checks and offer the thoughts and prayers of The SonShine Charitable Fund.

We were able to spread the word about our cause by participating in a number of local events at the end of the summer: The Fredonia Farm Festival, Cassadaga Labor Day Festival and The Red, White and Blues Festival. Continue to look for us at events like this, where we can advertise upcoming fundraising initiatives; thank those who have previously donated time, raffle items and money; and even meet some of the families we have been able to assist.

Our September Monte Carlo Night fundraiser at the Sheridan VFW brought in over \$7000 and helped us make some new connections in the communities we serve. We would like to thank our wonderful group of people and businesses who donated items for the raffle, all of the volunteers who helped us make that night a success, and Joe & Rene Granata and staff at the Sheridan VFW. The biggest thanks goes out to all who came to participate in the event. So many gave donations over and above the cost of meal, raffle and gaming tickets.

WHAT IS COMING UP ??

We will have a presence at the following events:

- The Fredonia Miracle on Main Street on December 3rd. [Miracle on Main Street - Festivals Fredonia](#)
- On January 14, Alex will be a guest on Chautauqua Sunrise with Doc Hamel, a live, county-wide, informational program that airs from 9:00 to 10:00 AM on Saturday morning. [Access Chautauqua County TV - YouTube](#)
- And, look for more information about a FEBRUARY FUNDRAISER that is currently in the planning stages.

WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW...

Our message is getting out and reaching those who have a heart for our cause.

In this newsletter we would like to feature a Buffalo area family-owned business that donated a \$1000 gift card for our Monte Carlo Night Raffle. [About Us | Lake Effect Furniture and Mattress](#)

Chris Schunk and his team at Lake Effect Furniture in Cheektowaga reached out to The SonShine Fund after learning about us from one of the families we helped. Chris has a heart for the community and has built a business based on a set of core values that matches those of The SonShine Fund. We love to partner with like-minded folks and highly encourage you to patronize family owned businesses that strive to provide customers with quality products, competitive prices and outstanding customer service. We know that Chris and his team are doing that in Western New York and we truly appreciate them supporting our charity.

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Other end of year giving can be done via our DONATE button on our website.