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AirCRAFT Casualty Emotional Support Services

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In loving memory of
Ellyce Kausner lost aboard
Continental Flight 3407

"It is impossible to explain your grief and shock to someone who has not experienced this kind of loss. ACCESS put me in touch with Marion who lost her daughter in an airline disaster. She had already walked this painful road and listened compassionately to my story."

- Marilyn Kausner lost her daughter Ellyce, 24, on Continental Flight 3407 which crashed on February 12, 2009 in Buffalo, NY

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When I lost my fiancé aboard TWA Flight 800 in 1996, I was devastated. I had nowhere to turn and the grief was overwhelming. I realized that only others who had been through this type of tragic loss could understand what I was going through and I vowed that no one should ever have to go through this experience alone. In the fall of 1996, with the help of New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Governor George Pataki, I founded ACCESS.

ACCESS is the only organization dedicated to pairing individuals suffering in the wake of an air disaster with volunteers who have experienced a similar life-altering tragedy years earlier. By matching mothers with mothers, survivors with survivors, orphans with orphans etc., our Volunteer Grief Mentor Program provides unique and vital support to those affected by air disasters. Our Volunteer Grief Mentors provide immediate and on-going peer-to-peer bereavement counseling to those who have been affected by recent and previous private, commercial and military air disasters. We are here for those who are grieving for as long as they need our help. ACCESS helps the bereaved gain strength, hope and purpose, and to productively move through their sorrow and isolation to a brighter and more hopeful future.

This has been a critical and sorrowful year with the tragedies of Continental Flight 3407 in Buffalo, NY (2/12/09), Turkish Airlines Flight 1951 (2/25/09) and Air France Flight 447 (6/1/09), as well as other recent private and military air crashes. Your generous support will allow us to continue providing our vital services to those who call ACCESS for help.

Your tax-deductible donation will make it possible for ACCESS to:

- Train and educate our Volunteer Grief Mentors
- Provide our Toll-Free Helpline for the grieving
- Produce and distribute our educational videos and bereavement materials
- Expand our outreach to ensure that those who need our support are aware that we are here for them
- Provide free, immediate and long-term peer-to-peer bereavement counseling to those affected by air disasters

We would be so grateful to you for any amount that you can contribute in support of our efforts -- on behalf of all of us whose lives have been tragically changed in an instant, we thank you.

Sincerely,

Heidi Snow, Founder / Executive Director



ACCESS Volunteer Grief Mentors
Veronica Campanelli & Lyzbeth Best
Veronica lost her husband Michael in a private aircraft. Lyzbeth lost her husband Jeremy on United Flight 93.



ACCESS board member Rachel Courtney-Reilly & ACCESS founder Heidi Snow
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Former 49er Gary Plummer & Corey Stein at the 5th Annual Hearts, Clubs & Aces charity golf tournament and dinner on September 11, 2009
Photo: Jeff Bayer



In Loving Memory
Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Dr. Aisling Butler who was lost aboard Air France Flight 447 which crashed into the Atlantic on June 1, 2009. Aisling, 26, was from Roscrea, Co. Tipperary, Ireland and a recent medical school graduate from Trinity College.
Photo submitted by her parents, Evelyn & John Butler

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To register visit www.accesshelp.org



Marc McClure, ACCESS Event Chair Jeremy Umland & Scott Rodrick



ACCESS Volunteers at the 5th Annual Hearts, Clubs & Aces charity golf tournament and dinner on September 11, 2009

Photos by Jeff Bayer



ACCESS President Andrew August, Jack Majszak, Devon Reilly, Paul Gorman, Janae Smith, Mitchell Gee & Bryan Philon

If you have survived or lost loved ones in an air disaster please join us for our upcoming Volunteer Grief Mentor Training Program on February 6, 2010 in San Francisco, CA. For more information visit www.accesshelp.org.

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