



Christian Foster

Died Age 27

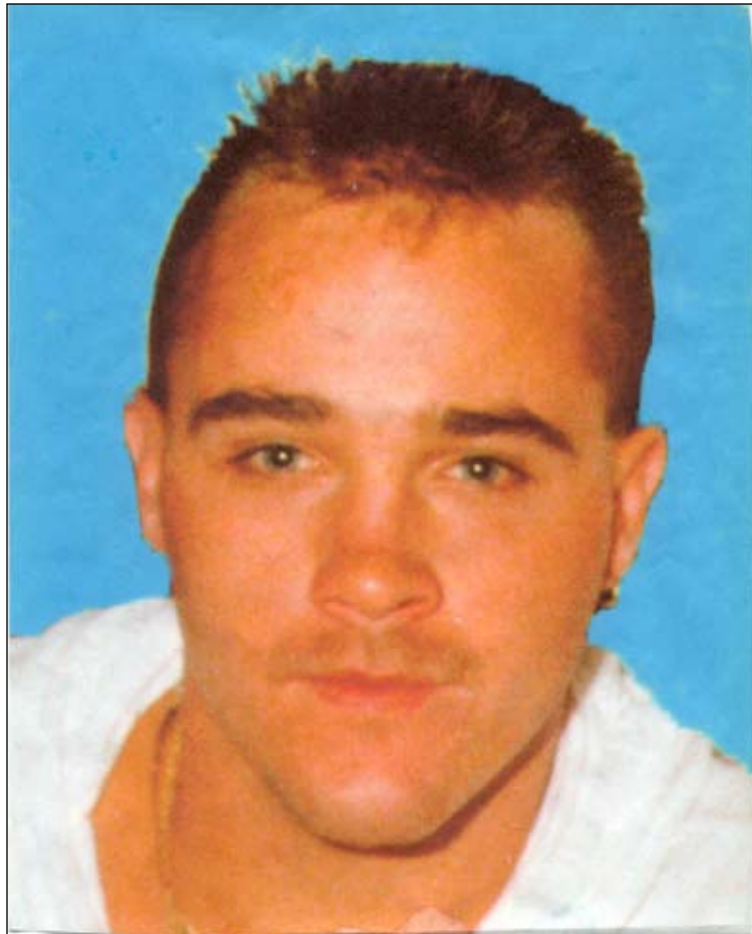
Heroin

In 1997 our son Christian was on a waiting list for long-term treatment for a heroin addiction. Our son wanted to live, but he died while waiting. Addiction is the only disease where you have to wait in line for a bed.

Then I met other Moms who had lost and suffered, and we formed a coalition called Parent-to-Parent. Along with Susan Foose, Louise Habicht, and Kathleen Dobbs, the four of us fought for long-term treatment for south Jersey. On April 29th 2005, after eight long years, Day Top South opened its doors for long-term adolescent treatment.

Parent-to-Parent continues to help adolescents, adults, parents and the community through education, support, advocacy, and assistance in finding detox, treatment and aftercare for those struggling with substance abuse. Our voices have been heard in Trenton for insurance parity and to raise the alcohol tax just a nickel a gallon, which would provide \$10 million in additional revenue for addiction in our state. We do not want this to be the only generation not to outlive their parents. Our nation has a plague that has been ignored far too long.

Thank you, Kathleen (Kass)Foster



Remembering Lost Promise