



Dear Friend,

*Love Clara* is a licensed nonprofit charitable organization whose focus is to give support to families that have lost children to illness or tragedy. Unfortunately for my husband, Marc, and I, this is a cause that strikes close to home. In September 2016, our lives were shattered when our youngest daughter, Clara, at just fourteen months of age tragically and without all warning suffered multiple strokes that led a few days later to her passing. The deepest and darkest days and months followed, marked with unimaginable heartache, sleepless nights, and meaningless days. While each day continues to present its difficulties, Marc and I are resolute in "paying it forward," helping ease the heartache of others who are walking similar paths. We have been inspired by the people who have helped pick us up and urged us to put on yet another brave face to conquer, or simply get through, the day.

*Love Clara* is driven by our sweet baby girl's spirit, yet also the spirit of community that has so lovingly and thoughtfully helped us along. When a family experiences their darkest hour, *Love Clara* seeks to offer not only financial support to offset some of the funeral and burial costs, but also emotional support through "love" baskets from a family who understands and empathizes with their depths of pain and loss.

With that said, our kick off event will be a luau in honor of Clara's first birthday, sadly the only birthday she ever had. For years to come will we celebrate her spirit and her memory through this event. Now, we realize her purpose is to be able to reach out to other families that may not have the same amazing support we have had through this horrific tragedy. On July 9, 2017 at Auletto's Catering in Deptford, NJ we are inviting family, friends, and community members to come together for a day of fun, hope, and inspiration, but most importantly to accomplish our goal of raising funds to support other families that are faced with the tragedy of losing a child.

We would like to invite you to donate a basket, item, or gift certificate for our charity auction. We are also seeking sponsorship to meet our goal of raising \$50,000 to support grieving families of young children. As a sponsor, you will receive positive recognition during all stages of the event based on your association with *Love Clara*, a 501(c)3 non-profit. Your sponsorship is tax deductible, and any level of sponsorship or donation will benefit *Love Clara's* kick-off year. We hope that you will lock arms with us as we support families that are faced with the unimaginable.

Please contact us to donate and get involved at [loveclara.org](http://loveclara.org) or email us at [info@loveclara.org](mailto:info@loveclara.org). Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have. We look forward to working together with you to make life a little easier on families that are adjusting to their new lives without their beloved children.

Love Clara



**Basket/Donation Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (most preferred): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donating a gift certificate? Please describe:

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Donating an item? Please describe:

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If donating a basket, please describe the contents:

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Name/Business sponsoring this gift certificate/item/basket (to be shared on the list of *Love Clara* contributors):

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If applicable, this donation is in memory of / in honor of (circle):

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**All items are due by Friday, June 2nd, 2017. You may opt to hand deliver the item(s) to a *Love Clara* committee member or send directly to: 328 Forrest Lane, Woolwich Township, NJ 08085**

