

TRUCK SAFETY COALITION

FIRST ANNUAL FUNDRAISING SOIRÉE

Friday, September 29, 2023



"A NIGHT TO CELEBRATE TRUCK SAFETY"

700 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20003

Greetings Distinguished Guests:

On behalf of the Truck Safety Coalition Board, staff, victims, survivor families, and volunteers, it is a pleasure to welcome you to our 1st Annual Fundraising Soirée.

The Fundraising Soirée is a way to bring together business and community leaders, policymakers, and safety organizations to pause and acknowledge advancements in truck safety, network and exchange ideas, and most importantly, support the most influential organization leading the charge to improve truck safety for EVERYONE on our roads, the Truck Safety Coalition.



The Soirée's theme, "A Night to Celebrate Truck Safety," is most appropriate for our time together. For more than three decades, TSC has collaborated with partners in safety, business, nonprofit, and government to save lives and reduce injuries from truck crashes. We appreciate your partnership!

Looking ahead, we have a tremendous challenge as truck crash fatalities continue to rise, reaching their highest levels in decades. The Truck Safety Coalition can be counted on to never stop fighting and to work relentlessly to inspire policymakers to improve road safety and to help make our nation's roadways safer.

It is our pleasure to recognize, with immeasurable gratitude, our partners who continue to support our mission and vision. In the spirit of preserving and advancing excellence, thank you for your commitment standing in solidarity with crash victims and never accepting the safety "status quo."

Sincerely,

**Tami Friedrich
President, Truck Safety Coalition**



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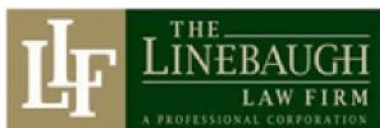
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Program



“A Night Celebrating Truck Safety” 2023 Fundraising Soirée

Friday, September 29, 2023 | 6:00 P.M.

Opening Remarks.....	Tami Friedrich <i>President, Truck Safety Coalition</i>
Greetings.....	Zach Cahalan <i>Executive Director, Truck Safety Coalition</i>
“Honoring Philanthropy” & Safety Philanthropist Award.....	Johnetha Lindsey <i>Director of Strategic Partnerships & Development, Truck Safety Coalition</i>
Honoring Excellence in Safety Journalism.....	Dawn King <i>Board Member, CRASH</i>
Introduction of Speaker.....	Joan Claybrook <i>Board Chair, Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways (CRASH)</i>
Keynote Speaker	
Award Presentation.....	Franklin Wood <i>Crash Victim Volunteer, Truck Safety Coalition</i>
Remarks from Honoree (Video).....	the Honorable Gerald Connolly <i>U.S. Congressman, D-VA-11</i>
Truck Safety Volunteer of the Year.....	Zach Cahalan <i>Executive Director, Truck Safety Coalition</i>
Acknowledgments & Recognition.....	Tami Friedrich <i>President, Truck Safety Coalition/CRASH Board Member</i>
Closing Remarks.....	Jennifer Tierney <i>Board Member, Truck Safety Coalition/CRASH Board Member</i>

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The Truck Safety Coalition is a partnership between Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways (CRASH) and Parents Against Tired Truckers (P.A.T.T). The Truck Safety Coalition is dedicated to reducing the number of deaths and injuries caused by truck-related crashes, providing compassionate support to truck crash survivors and families of truck crash victims, and educating the public, policy-makers, and media about truck safety issues.

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2023 TRUCK SAFETY CHAMPION AWARD HONOREE

The Truck Safety Champion Award was established in 2023 to honor individuals or groups who have exemplified extraordinary leadership in a project or cause to advance truck safety and the strategic goals of the Truck Safety Coalition. This year's honoree is Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-VA-11).



Congressman Gerald E. "Gerry" Connolly is serving his eighth term in the U.S. House of Representatives from Virginia's 11th District, which includes Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax in Northern Virginia. Before his election to Congress, he served 14 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, including five years as Chairman. He earned a reputation as a pragmatic leader for his initiatives to expand affordable housing opportunities, reduce gang violence, promote reusable energy, and advance critical transportation improvements.

On June 13, 2022, a horrific truck crash occurred in Colorado with a United States Postal Service contracted carrier. Five people, three generations of one family, including an infant, were immediately killed. TSC learned of several troubling factors about the contractor involved in the crash and felt it had no business being on the road in the first place, let alone in service of the US Government. After making several inquiries of the USPS and receiving no response, Congressman Connolly's office offered to assist.

Truck crash victims and survivors had recently met with the Congressman's staff as part of Sorrow Strength in 2022. His team offered to do whatever they could to support the TSC cause. Then serving as Chair of the House Subcommittee overseeing the USPS, TSC asked for Congressman Connolly's team to help in get answers from USPS regarding how it selects its motor carriers and if it is aware of the deaths and injuries they cause. Congressman Connolly's office did not hesitate to jump in the fray and promptly requested documented answers to TSC's questions.

USPS ultimately disclosed they had no idea how many deaths and injuries their contractors caused. Once this disclosure reached the media, USPS promptly issued a memo advising all contractors to inform them within 24 hours of a crash involving death or injury. Additional alarming information came to light regarding serious and dangerous shortcomings in USPS' motor carrier selection and oversight practices. Congressman Connolly swiftly issued a strong letter demanding a USPS Office of Inspector General Investigation into the issue, an investigation that was opened and continues to this day. Additionally, Congressman Connolly continues to seek ways through oversight and legislation to force USPS to become more responsible, transparent, and accountable in their motor carrier selection and contracting practices.

There are no shortage of Members of Congress who extend only sympathies after meeting with crash victims. Congressman Connolly is NOT one of them. He CAN be counted on to take decisive action when lives are at stake. His staff is incredibly knowledgeable and a pleasure to partner with. Congressman Connolly's leadership has made and continues to make a difference in making our roads safer from the preventable carnage caused by large trucks.

2023 SAFETY PHILANTHROPIST AWARD HONOREE

The Truck Safety Philanthropist Award was established to communicate a powerful message of appreciation to businesses and individuals who have given significant philanthropic gifts, time, and expertise toward advancing TSC's mission and goals. The Truck Safety Organization proudly salutes its newest awardee: Daniel Langenkamp.



Foreign Service Officer Daniel Langenkamp has served the Department of State in six international posts for two decades. During Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, he was spokesperson and press attaché for the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv. He worked for the next several months at the Poland-Ukraine border with a small team of diplomats who did not evacuate to the U.S.

Before his Ukraine tour, Langenkamp served at posts in Afghanistan, Iraq, Uganda, Vietnam, and Cote d'Ivoire. In Washington, D.C., he was head of public affairs for the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, worked on the Turkey and NATO desks, and served in the Department of State Operations Center. His wife Sarah (Debbink) Langenkamp also served the Department of State in an extremely distinguished fashion, conducting mission-critical work to advance American interests in the same challenging posts alongside Daniel. They frequently rode their bikes to their respective offices while deployed abroad.

In July of 2022, Sarah returned to the United States from Ukraine for her safety, where she had been leading a team managing some of the U.S. government's most sensitive and important priorities, such as helping to reform Ukraine's anti-corruption institutions, holding Russia accountable for war crimes, and providing assistance to Ukraine's national police and border guard. Just a month later, U.S. Diplomat, mother of two, and wife, Sarah (Debbink) Langenkamp, was tragically killed while biking home from her sons' new elementary school in Bethesda, Maryland. An avid cyclist, Sarah had commuted by bike all over the world. On August 25, 2022, after completing a 24-mile roundtrip ride to work in downtown Washington, D.C., she was heading home from her children's new elementary school when her phone's map app took her down an unprotected bike lane on Bethesda's River Road—a busy commercial route where bikes must compete with cars and industrial traffic. She was fatally injured by a flatbed truck turning right into a parking lot.

A true philanthropist, Daniel used his grief and anger as a driving force to push for changes in bike and truck safety, raising nearly \$300,000 to help local and national organizations in their efforts to advocate for change. In partnership with Truck Safety Coalition, Daniel launched the "Brakes for Life's Sake" Campaign honoring his late wife, Sarah. This \$30K matching gift campaign seeks to raise funds, save lives, and reduce injuries from commercial truck crashes with Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB). Donations to the Brakes for Life's Sake Campaign can be made to the Truck Safety Coalition at <http://www.trucksafety.org/brakes4lifessake>.

Sarah and her husband, Dan, have two incredible children, Axel and Oliver.

2023 TRUCK SAFETY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR HONOREE

The Truck Safety Coalition's Volunteer of the Year Award was developed to honor persons who are making significant contributions to the TSC community through their time, actions, talents, and dedication. The honoree selected serves as a role model for compassion and service and strives to make the world a safer place. It is the Truck Safety Coalition's express our gratitude to Anna Guardipee with this award.



Anna Guardipee is a crash survivor who was paralyzed and lost her best friend, Jenny Burton, as the result of an minimally insured, distracted truck driver crash. She is an active TSC volunteer and is committed to both helping other victims and creating positive change to make our roads safer.

Anna is one of the most courageous and generous people we know. Immediately after attending Sorrow to Strength in 2022, Anna was ready to make her presence felt. She immediately made herself available for ANY and EVERY opportunity in service of the Truck Safety Coalition mission.

Anna soon found herself in a Washington, DC TV news studio delivering a sobering victim perspective on the need to improve truck safety and the necessity to increase the Minimum Liability Insurance for Commercial Motor Vehicles (which hasn't been raised in over 40 years). Then, she volunteered to join the CRASH Board of Directors and was confirmed unanimously. In addition to her work overseeing the organization as a Board Member, Anna volunteered to coordinate the volunteer team conducting outreach calls to new crash victims as well as making calls herself. These calls can be extremely difficult, and Anna and her team conduct them with grace, understanding, and compassion that only crash victims and survivors are able to extend with the power of sincere authenticity. As if all this was not enough, she also took a leading role in the "Night to Celebrate Truck Safety" planning committee and even recruited her niece to volunteer!

Anna Guardipee is a force to be reckoned with and her contributions to the TSC mission are above and beyond anyone's wildest imagination. She is an integral part of the TSC team. We could not imagine doing what we would do without Anna in the fold. It is with great gratitude and pride that TSC confers the 2023 Truck Safety Volunteer of the Year Award to Anna Guardipee.



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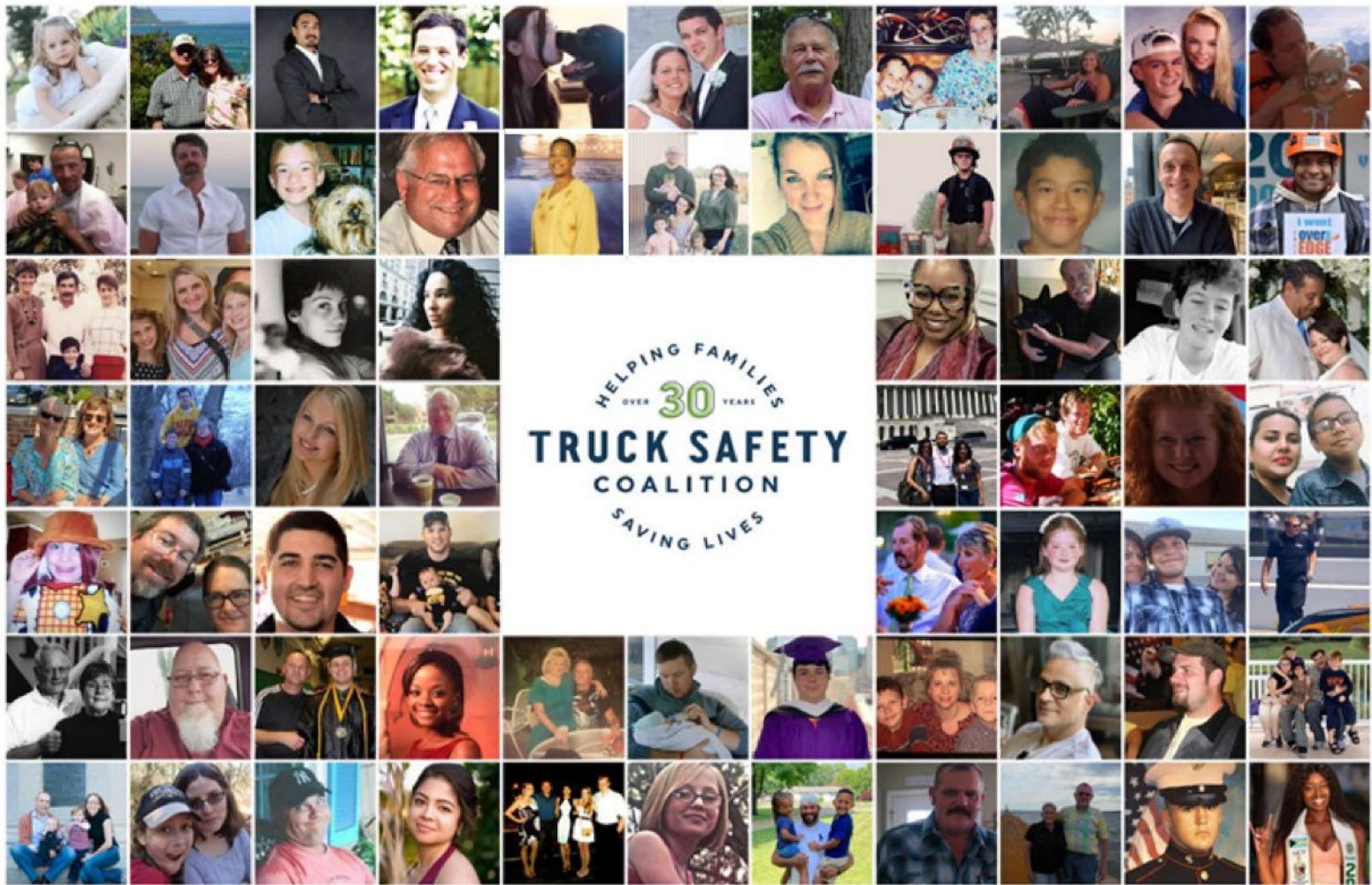


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