

## **Marianne Angelillo**

On Father's Day 2004, Marianne Angelillo's world was turned upside-down when her seventeen-year-old son, Matthew, was killed as a passenger in a high-speed car crash. "Profound sadness" and "unimaginable grief" became the new normal in the Angelillo family.

Matthew was a promising young teen, honor student, athlete and dedicated friend to many. The community of Skaneateles NY was crushed and the ripple effects were far-reaching. Matthew was planning on attending the United States Air Force Academy after graduation. In recognition of his great potential, the Academy awarded Matthew an honorary membership in the Class of 2009.



Marianne has been speaking publically since 2004 sharing her family's journey in the hopes of preventing other families from experiencing such tragedy. As she presents the facts of the crash and subsequent fallout, she uses Matthew's life to educate and reach into the hearts of teens about the devastating consequences of risk-taking. Through public school presentations, and collaboration with local and state prevention networks, Angelillo demonstrates the effect one parent can have to be a change agent for teens. Her efforts have been awarded by several New York agencies for their profound statewide impact.

Marianne Angelillo is also the author of the book, *Sharing My Stones*, a memoir about her family's difficult journey to go on through the transforming power of grief, love, and faith. She is married for over thirty years, the mother of four children, and a multi-media professional and outdoor photographer who lives in Skaneateles, NY

