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A JOURNEY OF GRIEF, A SPIRIT OF HOPE

Parents of Charlotte Bacon, Killed in Sandy Hook Tragedy, Share the Power of Therapy Dogs and Offer Help to Others

In December of 2012, The Bacons' lives were changed irreversibly. Their beloved six-year-old daughter and sister, Charlotte, was a victim of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, CT. As the world looked on in horror, parents Joel and JoAnn and brother Guy were left to begin a difficult and ongoing grieving process.

Not long after the tragedy, therapy dogs were brought into school, where the children, including Guy, were immensely comforted by their presence. The Bacons felt that Charlotte must have had something to do with bringing the therapy dogs to Newtown, as she had been an avid dog lover. Soon Charlotte's Litter was formed: a program that advocates for and supports appropriate therapy dog programs in educational and societal settings by connecting resources and experienced people, while providing input and guidance to parents and educators.

The Bacon family also published two beautiful books: *Good Dogs, Great Listeners: The Story of Charlotte, Lily and the Litter* by JoAnn and Joel with the help of award-winning author Renata Bowers, and *The Dogs of Newtown* by Guy Bacon. All of it was and still is an important part of their journey of grief, and a way to share the bold spirit of Charlotte, as well as provide help and hope to others.

In a powerful interview, Joel and JoAnn can discuss:

- Who Charlotte was and why it's so important to honor her
- Their family's personal experience with therapy dogs following the tragedy
- How therapy/comfort dogs help and why they should be in ALL schools
- What inspired them to create Charlotte's Litter and to author two books
- The future of Charlotte's Litter

Joel, JoAnn and Guy Bacon are the parents and brother of Charlotte Bacon, who died as a result of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT. Charlotte was just 6 years old but left a bold impression on everyone she met. The Bacon family has founded and developed a number of projects to honor their spirited Charlotte, share her joy and beauty, and advocate for what has helped them most as they grieve.

Both books, *Good Dogs, Great Listeners* and *The Dogs of Newtown*, are able to stand alone, but are also used as tools for the Charlotte's Litter Program. Charlotte

Bacon's bold story, the things she loved, and the Bacon family's own grief process have contributed to a brand that is unique to their family.

The Bacon family lives in Sandy Hook, Connecticut. They will always be a family of four.

For more information, visit www.gooddogsgreatlisteners.com and www.charlotteslitter.org, and connect with [Charlotte's Litter](#) and [Good Dogs, Great Listeners](#) on Facebook and [Twitter](#).

Good Dogs, Great Listeners can be purchased from www.amazon.com.

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