Cristina Hassinger

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Cristina previously collaborated with others who are also on the Leadership Council after the mass shooting in Newtown, CT on Dec. 14, 2012 where her mother, Sandy Hook Elementary School principal Dawn Hochsprung was murdered – one of six educators and 20 children taken that day. Following the shooting, Cristina was the first to speak up to try to keep donations safe for the victims of that tragedy after non-profits swooped in to collect funds. Others now involved in VictimsFirst also joined with her to lend support. This mother of four was responsible, too, for bringing 9/11 Special Master Kenneth Feinberg in to help the Newtown families secure the donations meant for them. Cristina has subsequently helped behind the scenes on other mass casualty crimes, educating officials about why one centralized fund is crucial to help prevent fraud. Cristina's mother, Dawn, will forever be remembered as was one of the day's heroes whose last act was to save her students.





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