

West Virginia Chapter National Hemophilia Foundation

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The following dates and events are subject to change

Learn About Hemlibra: October 27, Bridgeport, WV

 Join Genentech for an educational dinner: Learn more about Hemlibra with our friends from Genentech.

Bowling Night: November 3, Martinsburg, WV

• Join Octapharma and HPC Specialty Infusion for this educational dinner: Bring your family, friends, or just yourself for a night of yummy food and bowling!

Balancing Emotional Wellness: November 16, Online

• Join our friends at Pfizer as we talk about how emotional health impacts women and girls in the bleeding disorders community.

Virtual Holiday Party: December 8, Online

This year we are having a gingerbread house decorating competition! Register for the
party to get a box of holiday goodies including your gingerbread house kit and then
share what you've done at the party to win prizes. This will be the last chance of the
year for the community to see each other, so make sure you register early. This
year's party is brought to us by Octapharma, Bayer, Sanofi, and Takeda.

Check out our Events Calendar or Facebook for up to date info and registrations for events.

View the Events
Calendar



Unite Walk Recap

The Unite for Bleeding Disorders Walk was held in Charleston this year. It was the first live walk since 2019, and although it was a bit smaller than our community still made an impact. Together our community and industry partners were able to raise nearly \$11,000 for vital programs and services.

Although the walk is over, the page will remain up for the rest of the year, and you can still help teams reach their goals. Remember, each dollar that you raise will go right back into the West Virginia Bleeding Disorders Community.





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West Virginia Women



Thanks to a grant from NHF, we will be launching our West Virginia Women's Program; a program for women, girls, and anyone else who may be affected by the specific issues that come along with having a bleeding disorder during menstruation, family planning, childbirth, and menopause.

Through in person meetings, online events, and a monthly newsletter, this program will try to address lady specific issues like advocating for a full diagnosis and reproductive health, while building a community of women throughout the state.

Be on the lookout for our WOW women's events and our Monthly PERIODical Newsletter.

You Can Raise Funds Just by Shopping at Kroger!

There's an easy new way for you to support our education, advocacy, and financial assistance programs. Just shop and Kroger will donate up to \$10,000 a month!

3 Quick Steps and You'll be Showing Your Support!

STEP 1: Click the button below and scroll down to link your rewards card.

STEP 2: Sign in or create an account and link up your rewards card.

STEP 3: Search for WV National Hemophilia Foundation and enroll.

That's it! That's all you have to do to make a difference in our community! The more people we enroll, the more money we will raise, so make sure to tell your friends and family that shop at Kroger.

Enroll Today!



Online Education Series

Do you know about NHF's Online Education Series? It's a series of webinars and webcasts available to stream any time. The best part is that there seems to be a video on just about every topic; gene therapy, inhibitors, raising kids with a bleeding disorder, joint pain, clinical trials... Basically, anything you could want to learn about. Some are directed towards medical professionals, but many are geared towards a general audience. You can browse the collection or search by topic. If you have a question, or just want to learn more, check it out.

Learn More



For questions or to pre-register, contact Janet Barone, WPBDF Program Director (janet@wpbdf.org, 724-741-6160, Option 3) or Katherine Bush, HCWP Social Worker (kbush@vitalant.org, 412-209-7286). THIS RETREAT IS FOR TEENS ONLY! MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HAVE A BLEEDING DIAGNOSIS OR ARE A TEENAGE SIBLING OF SOMEONE WITH A BLEEDING DIAGNOSIS AND ARE A MEMBER OF THE WESTERN PA CHAPTER OR THE WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER.

We were graciously invited to attend the Western PA Bleeding Disorders Foundation's Winter Teen Retreat! This event is for affected teens and/or their siblings aged 13 to 18. The West Virginia chapter will provide travel assistance for any teens wishing to attend. Please contact Kristen at the WV chapter if you want to learn more about this event, or to register.

WVNHF Financial Assistance Program

The Financial Assistance program is part of the West Virginia Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation's continuing effort to improve the quality of life of individuals and families affected by bleeding disorders by providing financial support. The Financial Assistance program is supported by generous contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporations committed to the bleeding disorders community.

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We Still Have iPads!

We still have iPads available through our Virtual Connectivity Program. If you live in one of the following counties, you may be eligible for a FREE iPAD.

Boone, Cabell, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Wayne, Western Putnam

Contact me (Chelsea) at chilty@hemophilia.org or 304-261-9622 for more info.



Dental Program

We now have funding to provide financial assistance for dental work throughout the state. If you haven't been to the dentist for awhile, need a cleaning, or need major work done, please contact the chapter, or ask your HTC staff about the program.

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