

# About Us

Hemophilia of South Carolina, a chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation, is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to raise awareness for and advocate on behalf of persons with bleeding disorders and their families; provide education and supportive services; and promote ongoing research to improve the quality of life for those affected. HSC was founded in 1973 by a group of parents interested in promoting awareness, providing group support, and assisting other organizations like the National Hemophilia Foundation and Hemophilia Federation of America. HSC serves over 900 members and their families in 38 counties in SC, and in NC and GA.



★ NHF PARTNERSHIP

★ ADVOCACY & PUBLIC POLICY

★ PROGRAMS & SERVICES

A Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation

A Chapter Member of the Hemophilia Federation of America

A Registered Greenville County Charitable Organization

A Proud Member of the South Carolina Associations of Non Profits—SC Together

## Help Us Continue Our Success Stories...

*"When our kids come to the Teen retreat, they learn independence and share accomplishments with each other about living with a bleeding disorder- one young lady learned how to self-infuse her medication with the encouragement of her friends. Now she is off to college and independently able to care for her own condition." Our support groups and retreats are made possible by donations and support from our bleeding disorder community.*

*"A young man was in need of assistance with dental care. His dentist stated he would lose his teeth without repair immediately. HSC stepped in to help cover some of the cost. Today, he smiles brightly because we were there to help."*

*"A new mom is connected to other parents with the assistance of our events and opportunities. She receives support and encouragement and knows she is not alone in this new journey. This is our greatest gift we can provide; a comforting commitment, she will not be alone."*

*"A man needed our help to advocate on his behalf when his access to his medication (factor) was in jeopardy. We were there to advocate on his behalf and today, he is doing well."*

**These and countless additional stories are what we are all about. Help us to continue to serve our mission!**



## Providing Education



Family Educational Camp

## Advocacy



Legislative Days

## Awareness



Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk

## Programs & Services

- ◆ Educational Symposiums, workshops and additional Patient and Family Educational Events.
- ◆ Support groups
- ◆ Recreational Networking Events/ Family Weekend Camp
- ◆ College Scholarships
- ◆ Emergency and Non-Emergency Financial Assistance/ Compassionate Care
- ◆ Referral Assistance
- ◆ Patient Advocacy- Annual Legislative Day/ Advocacy Training//Participation in NHF Washington Days
- ◆ Teen Retreats
- ◆ Fundraising Events and Public Awareness Campaigns
- ◆ Outreach Networking and Training — Local and National
- ◆ Regional Education and Support (community-based outreach and support)
- ◆ Annual Holiday Celebration
- ◆ Quarterly Newsletter
- ◆ Annual State Educational Meeting and monthly board meetings
- ◆ State Advocacy Coalition and Ambassadors



## Bleeding Disorders

Hemophilia and von Willebrand Disease (vWD) are the most common inherited bleeding disorders. Bleeding disorders result when the blood's ability to form a clot at the site of blood vessel injury is impaired by the lack of a specific clotting factor in the blood needed to control bleeding. There are two types of hemophilia; factor VIII deficiency, known as hemophilia A which occurs in about 1 in 5,000 male births and Hemophilia B, known as Christmas Disease or factor IX deficiency occurring in approximately 1 in 25,000 births. Hemophilia primarily affects males as it is an x-linked genetic condition. Approximately 20,000 individuals in the US are affected. Uncontrolled bleeding into the muscles, joints and internal organs cause extreme pain and debilitating damage. There currently is no cure.

Von Willebrand Disease (vWD) is caused by a deficient or defected blood protein in the blood known as von Willebrand factor. Although less widely known than hemophilia, vWD is estimated to affect over two million people in the US., and as many as 1 in 100 males and females. There are several additional rare bleeding disorders such as factor VII deficiency, which affects as little as 1 in 500,000.



## Resources

Hemophilia Treatment Centers (HTCs) are federally funded, recognized centers of excellence that provide individual patient and family-centered, state-of-the-art medical and psychosocial services, education, and research.

**Hemophilia Treatment Center  
of South Carolina  
Children's Cancer & Blood Disorders  
Clinic at Palmetto Health Richland Hospital  
7 Richland Medical Park Rd.  
Suite 7215  
Columbia, SC 29203-6872  
schemophilia@palmettohealth.org  
Phone: (803) 434-3533 w Fax: (803) 434-3094**

**The Children's Hospital  
of the Greenville Hospital System  
BI-LO Charities Children's Cancer Center  
Serving Hematology/Oncology Patients  
900 W. Faris Road  
Greenville, SC 29605  
Phone: 864-455-8898 w Fax: 864-455-5164**

**MUSC Children's Hospital  
171 Ashley Ave  
Charleston, SC 29425  
Phone: 843-792-2300  
Pediatric Hematology Oncology  
135 Rutledge Ave  
Charleston, SC 29425  
Clinic Location: MUSC  
Rutledge Tower, 6th Floor  
Phone: 843-876-0444 w Fax: 843-792-8912**

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