

March is Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month

RED TIE CAMPAIGN

FOR ALL BLEEDING DISORDERS

What do we have planned for raising awareness?

Annual Giving and Awareness Campaign

The Bleeding Disorders Association of South Carolina's Annual Giving drive is held every year during the month of March as part of the Red Tie Campaign. Funds raised during the campaign help us support research, global initiatives, provide community advocacy and education, and help us secure access to quality treatment care. All donations to our Red Tie Campaign stay within South Carolina to serve our community. BDASC's Red Tie Campaign runs from Rare Disease Day, February 28th through World Hemophilia Day on April 17th. For more information and to help us reach our \$5,000 goal, please visit our campaign website from www.bda-sc.org or tinyurl.com/RedTie22

Securing Proclamations

Help us raise awareness about Bleeding Disorders by asking your local Towns and Counties for a Proclamation! All you need to do is take one of the forms from our campaign website page and give it to your Town or City council representative with a note saying, "I would like our (town/city) to recognize March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month". That's all. You can do the same thing at the county level using the County form. Visit tinyurl.com/BDASCP2022 for more information and contact the Chapter for additional assistance.

NHF Virtual Washington Days - March 1 & 2

The National Hemophilia Foundation's 2022 Washington Days will take place virtually on March 1-2. Last year, volunteer advocates met with legislators and staff to discuss federal funding for bleeding disorders programs and access to skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). The issues and priorities for the 2022 Washington Days will be announced soon. Join BDASC and community members throughout the nation on the hill and make your voice heard! Visit tinyurl.com/BDASCWD2022 for the link to register! Registration closes Friday, February 4, 2022 at 11:59 PM EST.

SC State Capitol Advocacy Days - March 8 & 9

BDASC will be holding its 13th Annual Advocacy and State Legislative Days on March 8 & 9. We'll be hosting advocacy training sessions leading up to the event. This important advocacy event fosters educational awareness with state legislators on the effects living with bleeding disorders can have on families. You will have the opportunity to have important discussions and to ask for support on key areas of concern for access to affordable treatment care. These meetings are of key importance in helping our elected officials understand our communities unique needs, and asking for support of our state programs that provide a safety net to those in need.

Registration deadline for hotel rooms and meetings: February 14, 2022

More information and how to register for our State Advocacy Days can be found at tinyurl.com/BDASCSCD2022

Women's Conference - March 25 to 27

For our women, we will be holding our first conference intended for women who are affected by hemophilia, Von Willebrand Disease, or other rare bleeding and platelet disorders. This includes; women who are carriers of genetic bleeding disorders, are caretakers of loved ones with bleeding disorders, and women with daughters who are obligate carriers. Join us for conversations and education providing support, friendship, and understanding, while learning how to advocate for women's health care treatment needs. For our VDW community, come learn and understand the new guidelines for VWD management, treatment, and diagnosis. There is a great deal of movement in understanding and supporting women who bleed and we invite you to share your voice, your experiences and concerns, while participating in addressing the needs of our "Women Who Bleed". This weekend is offered to adult women with no onsite child care being offered. Financial stipend assistance for childcare may be available for those who request this need. We believe this is a time to celebrate and concentrate on our women and we are planning a wonderful weekend for you! We encourage you to join us for this conference. Updates on sessions, speakers, and registration, can be found on our website at bda-sc.org/events/support-programs/ladies-support-group The deadline to register is March 2nd.

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