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12th Annual STEP for Bleeding Disorders 5K Walk/Run Fundraiser
May 10, 2025
Saluda Shoals Park
6071 St. Andrews Rd
Columbia, SC 29212

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Sponsors,

Imagine receiving life-changing news about your health or a loved one's— a bleeding disorder. This diagnosis will affect every part of your life: your career, hobbies, family planning, and more. Your doctor can prescribe a treatment regimen, but what about the space in between visits? Who can offer support with firsthand knowledge and experience to help you navigate life with a rare, life-threatening chronic condition?

Being part of a community that shares experiential knowledge often makes all the difference in managing chronic disorders like Hemophilia or von Willebrand Disease. At the Bleeding Disorders Association of South Carolina (BDASC), we prioritize patient education, empowerment, public awareness, and advocacy for those affected. These principles drive our mission to support individuals and families throughout their entire journey.

As South Carolina's leading resource for families affected by bleeding disorders, BDASC helps families form vital connections with others who understand their challenges. Our members receive guidance and emotional support as they face the fear and uncertainty of a diagnosis. We are committed to serving more than 1,500 individuals and families across South Carolina—offering not just programs, but a close-knit, caring community.

BDASC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and a proud chapter of the National Bleeding Disorders Foundation (NHF). We are thrilled to invite you to join us for our **“STEP for Bleeding Disorders 5K Walk/Run Fundraiser”** on May 10, 2025, at Saluda Shoals Park in Columbia, SC. This event is our largest fundraiser, made possible by the generosity of our donors and sponsors. Funds raised will support our critical educational programs, advocacy efforts, and support services for those living with bleeding disorders. A portion will also contribute to vital research through the National Bleeding Disorders Foundation.

Bleeding disorders, such as hemophilia, are characterized by a lack of clotting factors in the blood, leading to severe bleeding episodes. These can be life-threatening and often cause long-term damage to joints and organs. While there is currently no cure, treatment is possible—but it is costly and complex.



For over 51 years, BDASC has been a lifeline for families in South Carolina. Your sponsorship will directly fund key programs, including:

- **Annual Educational Conference**
- **Support Groups & Workshops**
- **Summer Camp for Children & Teens**
- **Scholarships for College Students**
- **Financial Assistance for Families**
- **Advocacy and Awareness Campaigns**

And much more.

We hope we can count on your support to make a lasting impact in the lives of those affected by bleeding disorders in South Carolina. Hundreds of families rely on BDASC for essential services, and your contribution will help continue this mission.

For more information about the walk, sponsorship opportunities, and how you can get involved, please visit our website at www.bda-sc.org. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me directly at sue.martin@bda-sc.org, 864.350.9941.

On behalf of BDASC and the families we serve, we thank you for your generous consideration.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Suzanne Martin".

Suzanne Martin
Executive Director