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13th Annual STEP for Bleeding Disorders 5K Walk/Run Fundraiser

May 16, 2026 — Saluda Shoals Park

6071 St. Andrews Rd • Columbia, SC 29212

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Sponsors,

Imagine being told that *one small injury could lead to a life-threatening medical emergency*. Imagine learning that a simple bruise could lead to internal bleeding—or that your child may grow up unable to dream freely because their body cannot make a proper blood clot on its own. For families affected by bleeding disorders, this isn't hypothetical. It's daily life.

A diagnosis of hemophilia, von Willebrand Disease, or any rare bleeding disorder changes everything—your career, activities, dreams for the future. Doctors can guide treatment, but families still ask:

Who will guide us through the unknown?

Where do we go for lived experience, community, and hope?

That's where the **Bleeding Disorders Association of South Carolina (BDASC)** becomes a lifeline. **We walk because lives depend on it.**

BDASC serves as South Carolina's leading resource for education, advocacy, and support for families living with rare, lifelong bleeding disorders. We walk so that no family faces that diagnosis alone.

Today, we proudly support **over 685 families or 1,800 individuals across the state in every county**. We walk so that they have access to:

- Lifesaving educational programs and workshops
- Support groups and resources
- Academic Scholarships and youth leadership opportunities
- Financial assistance when hardships become a reality
- A safe, inclusive camp for children who want to feel “just like everyone else”
- Advocacy that protects access to treatment care and medication
- Research supports advanced innovative treatments and a potential cure

And most importantly—**a community that understands.**



On May 16, 2026, we will STEP forward.

And we hope you will step forward with us.

Our Annual STEP for Bleeding Disorders 5K is our largest fundraiser of the year. Your sponsorship makes it possible for children to attend camp, for parents to find guidance after diagnosis, for adults to receive the support they need to live full, safe lives—and for critical research to continue through the National Bleeding Disorders Foundation.

Your support doesn't just write a check.
It changes a future. It gives someone hope.

Will you join us as a sponsor this year?

Together, we can ensure that no family in South Carolina ever feels alone, overwhelmed, or afraid after hearing the words *“you or your child has a bleeding disorder.”*

Visit www.bda-sc.org for full sponsorship details or contact me directly at sue.martin@bda-sc.org or **864-350-9941**. I would be honored to discuss how your generosity can make a meaningful impact.

On behalf of BDASC and the families we serve—thank you for considering a gift that truly transforms lives.

With gratitude,

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