

Building Community

A Shared Responsibility – A Shared Opportunity

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Over the next few months we at GLHF will be focusing on building community. Building community. You've heard the phrase used over and over again, but have you really given much thought to what it really means?

The dictionary defines community as a group of people with a common background or with shared interests within society.

The communities in which we belong help define us, support us, teach us and engage us. We find strength in community and community can give us a sense of belonging and purpose.

Our reasons for being a part of a community are different, but there is a common thread of understanding and responsibility among each of us within a community. You are reading this newsletter because one of the communities in your life is the bleeding disorders community-as a patient, parent, sibling, healthcare provider, sponsor, friend or volunteer.

Being a part of a community is a little like being a part of a family – it can feel warm, fun, and embracing, but it can also, at times, be frustrating because of our different views, opinions and priorities. It is, however, these very differences, interests and roles that strengthen the fabric of the community.

Each of us gains from being a member of a community; in return we have a responsibility and an opportunity to contribute to the community to ensure future generations will also benefit. Contributing takes many forms: sharing ideas, providing feedback, participating in events, volunteering, and offering financial support.

Challenge yourself and challenge us here at GLHF. Let us know how we can work together, in what direction you would like us to move and how you can contribute.

Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation exists to advance the interests of the bleeding disorders community. Your positive contributions toward building GLHF will ensure our common goals as a community are achieved. Be a part of the solution. We would like to hear your ideas of how to build community. Please email us at info@glhf.org.