EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA BLEEDING DISORDERS FOUNDATION



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Dear Community Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff, I am pleased to share an exciting change to our Foundation. Our goal always is to positively impact more lives and connect families throughout our 41-county coverage area. In 2014, we changed the Foundation name from "Delaware Valley" to "Eastern Pennsylvania" as an important step down this path. We hold educational and group programs in many of our counties and recently developed the Advocacy Ambassador program so everyone can get involved in this important effort.

To better define our Foundation's evolving mission and those who we serve, the staff researched which bleeding disorders were supported by the Hemophilia Federation of America and the National Hemophilia Foundation. These findings were shared with our six hemophilia treatment centers to confirm that they support them as well, which they do. Therefore, our Board formally approved support for the following bleeding disorders:

- Hemophilia A (Factor VIII deficiency)
- Hemophilia B (Factor IX deficiency)
- Hemophilia C (Factor XI deficiency)
- von Willebrand's disease (types I, II, III, aVWS, and pseudo-VWD)
- Factor I deficiency
- Factor II deficiency
- Factor V deficiency
- Factor VII deficiency
- Factor X deficiency
- Factor XII deficiency
- Factor XIII deficiency
- Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP)
- Acquired platelet function defects
- Congenital platelet function defects
- Congenital protein C or S deficiency
- Disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC)
- Glanzmann disease

While conducting this research, we learned Foundations across the country were doing the same. To better reflect this positive change, many of our colleagues were replacing "Hemophilia" in their name with "Bleeding Disorders." We agree with this movement and as a result, have changed our name to the Eastern Pennsylvania Bleeding Disorders Foundation. We thus continue to grow, touch more lives, and connect with more families. In addition, the Foundation has moved its office to Liberty Place at Kennett Square in Chester County. Please let the staff know if you are interested in visiting this new location.

All the best,

Len Azzarano **Board President**

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