

# BLOODLINE

news from your local nonprofit for all bleeding disorders

Quarter One Newsletter

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## A Note from Your Executive Director

Two steps forward, one step back. After so much progress with COVID, we've been reminded this month that things are not simply as easy as the pre-pandemic life. We were so thrilled to gather with community members at our Beach Day event July 24, where we utilized outdoor space, social distancing, and food trucks to maximize health and safety.

We will continue to leave no stone uncovered to bring people together in a safe way. The Unite for Bleeding Disorders Walk on August 28 offers a tremendous opportunity to connect – again using the weather to our advantage and the vast space afforded to us at Sloan's Lake to promote socially responsible gathering. In the coming months, our Women's Retreat in Glenwood Springs and our Education Empowerment Days in Denver will continue to monitor public health recommendations to adopt the protocols needed for mitigation success. We will incorporate hybrid virtual options into events so that they are inclusive to EVERY member of the community, whether they are able to gather personally or not. We may need to step back again – delay events or redesign them in a way that is less intimate than ideal – but know any modifications are done with your best health in mind. We will bring you ways to connect and together we will emerge from the pandemic closer and more innovative than ever before.

Alongside,

**Perry Jowsey, Executive Director**

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# Unite

for Bleeding Disorders

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH**  
**WALK KICK OFF CEREMONY: 9:00 AM**

Join us on Saturday, August 28th at Sloan's Lake Park for a walk around the lake and festivities! Whether you feel comfortable gathering in-person or prefer to walk in your own neighborhood, there will be opportunities for ALL to be involved! We have a new starting location for 2021! We will be on the northeast side of Sloan's Lake, also called the North Central Area, near 22nd Street and Stuart Street. You can find more information on the new location and [walk details here](#). Registration starts at 8:00 AM where the Team Captain can pick up the teams shirts and goodies before enjoying the exhibitors and festivities! Follow the sound of a DJ and look for a village of tents - that's when you've found the Unite Celebration!

**IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL!** Unable to join us in person at Sloan's Lake on August 28th? No problem! Follow NHF Colorado on Facebook to watch the Walk Kick Off Ceremony LIVE! Walkers who indicated their virtual attendance will receive their walk shirt and goodies in the mail prior to the big event.



**CAMPER REUNION TENT** Have you attended or are thinking about attending Mile High Summer Camp? This Camper Reunion Tent is for YOU! Calling all camp friends of all ages! Join your fellow campers at the 2021 Camp Reunion Tent this year. Enjoy favorite snacks, face tattoos, games and more! The Unite for Bleeding Disorders Walks helps to fund opportunities just like camp. Unite with your fellow campers to celebrate all that the community has accomplished!



**WHY YOU SHOULD GET INVOLVED** The Unite for Bleeding Disorders Walk is much more than just a fundraiser - it is an opportunity for the community to gather and celebrate all that we have accomplished together. Because of YOU, a camper may be able to attend their first overnight camp away from their parents. Because of YOU, a community member in need may receive a life saving Medical ID piece. Because of YOU, a newly diagnosed family will receive education and materials to know what to do next in this uncertain time. Though don't take our word for it! Check out what your community has to say above!

UNITE TODAY

# **WOMEN'S WELLNESS RETREAT**

## ***GROW THROUGH WHAT YOU GO THROUGH***



**Saturday, September 11 - 12, 2021**

**Glenwood Hot Springs**

*Glenwood Springs Lodge*  
415 E. 6th Street, CO 81601

Join us for a weekend of relaxation! We are inviting all women in the bleeding disorder community, ages 18+ to join us for this overnight retreat at Glenwood Hot Springs Lodge. Enjoy an afternoon of fellowship with women from

across the state as we express ourselves creatively and address the needs related to diagnosis and treatment, social connections, education and healthy living.

With your **FREE** registration you are securing your private hotel room at Glenwood Hot Springs Lodge. Registration will also include meals and retreat giveaways. Act fast! There are only a few rooms left and this a weekend you do NOT want to miss! Not comfortable joining us in person but still interested in getting involved? There will be a virtual component offered including an experience box! Register now and talk to Hanna for more details.

As the State of Colorado starts to regain a sense of normalcy, the Colorado Chapter would like to remind all community members of the safety protocols we have as we return to in-person events. Please visit our [COVID-19 Resource Page](#) for details.

Register TODAY!

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## EDUCATION EMPOWERMENT DAYS

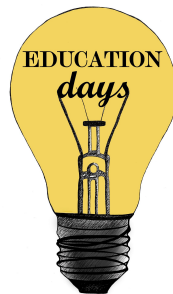
**Opens: Friday, October 8, 2021 5:00 pm**

**Closes: Sunday, October 10, 2021 12:00 pm**

**Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center 7800 E Tufts Ave, Denver, CO 80237**

Education Days is a two-day conference for those affected by Bleeding Disorders and their families. This event is dedicated to community building through support, education, and connection for all. Registration is **FREE** for all those directly impacted by bleeding disorders. This year's event is much anticipated by our community after experiencing isolation during the pandemic, and sessions will be delivered in a hybrid format including a live audience of more than 100 community members as well as a virtual option. Register today to guarantee your place.

REGISTER NOW



## CSL GETTIN' IN THE GAME, JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WEEK LONG ESSAY CONTEST SUBMIT YOURS BY THURSDAY, AUGUST 19TH AT 5:00 PM

CSL Behring is inviting all bleeding disorders chapters throughout the United States to nominate up to TWO participants - each selected for either golf, baseball, or swimming. NHF Colorado wants YOU to represent the chapter and the great state of Colorado by submitting a brief essay TODAY! The Chapter will review and select the two candidates. Finalists will be selected through a combination of ranked essay as well as a scale-based score of Chapter involvement over the past year. All youth are encouraged to apply!

Learn more about the Gettin' In The Game and the COVID guidelines and protocols before applying.

APPLY TODAY

## NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER - HANDI

NHF's information resource center **HANDI** is ready to assist you! Now in its 30th year, HANDI continues to be a trusted source of information and referrals for those affected by inheritable bleeding disorders and the general public.

Information specialists are adept at providing the latest resources on a wide variety of bleeding disorder-related topics, including but not limited to:

- Hemophilia
- Von Willebrand disease
- Women and girls with bleeding disorders
- Rare factor deficiencies
- School issues
- Aging issues
- Financial assistance
- Gene therapy

HANDI has access to education and information resources in print, digital, and video formats, and provides referrals to healthcare providers and HTC's, local chapters, and to other support organizations based in the United States and abroad. There are several easy ways to reach HANDI:

Call: **800.424.2634** (extension 2), 9am-5pm Eastern, Monday to Friday,

Email: [handi@hemophilia.org](mailto:handi@hemophilia.org)

Submit an information request via [HANDI's online portal](#).

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**August 22:** Spanish Education Series IN-PERSON with Octapharma

**August 28 - 29:** Overnight family camp opportunity, at Highlands Camp in Allenspark

**September 16:** Gene Therapy Jeopardy IN-PERSON with BioMarin

**September 11-12:** Women's Wellness Retreat at Glenwood Hot Springs

**October 8-10:** Education Empowerment Days

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