



**GOBDF**  
GREATER OHIO  
BLEEDING DISORDERS  
FOUNDATION

## PATIENT SUPPORT AND SERVICES

**\*YOU MUST HAVE A FACTOR DEFICIENT BLEEDING DISORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SERVICES BELOW**

**Medical IDs:** GOBDF provides emblems (bracelet, dog tag, necklace, seatbelt cover, etc.) for all members with a bleeding disorder\* once per calendar year.

*Contact: Tracy Cohn*

**Dental Program:** Families without access to dental coverage may be eligible for Delta Dental insurance through our Ohio Dental Program. The enrollment fee is \$25 per person with a bleeding disorder\* and \$50 for additional family members in the household with a family maximum of \$200. Enrollment is open year-round and will be provided based on available funding.

*Contact: Tracy Cohn*

**Camp Scholarships:** GOBDF offers camp scholarships to children bleeding disorders\*, 6-18 years old. Some camps offer siblings the opportunity to attend as well. GOBDF will assist with transportation when possible.

*Contact: Taylor Wilson*

**Educational Scholarships:** Educational scholarships are available to children and adults with a bleeding disorder\*. Scholarships can be used for tuition, tutoring and books. There is a \$500 limit per person, per year, with priority given to post-secondary students. Checks will be made out directly to the educational institution.

*Contact: Tracy Cohn*

**Emergency Financial Assistance:** GOBDF offers last resort financial assistance to members with bleeding disorders\* for emergency expense needs directly related to their bleeding disorder. Funds are limited. Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**All submissions must be submitted via your HTC social worker.**

**Counseling:** Any member with a bleeding disorder\*, or their caregiver living in the same home, is eligible to apply for up to \$400 per calendar year to assist with the cost of deductibles and other out-of-pocket counseling expenses not covered by insurance. Those with special circumstances are encouraged to apply for additional funds if needed. Please provide all the information necessary for us to pay the vendor. Failure to do so may result in a delay in approval and processing. Direct reimbursements are discouraged and cannot be guaranteed without prior approval from GOBDF staff. Please contact your HTC social worker or tanya@gobdf.org with any questions.

*Contact: Tracy Cohn*

**Invitations to Educational/Social Programs and Workshops:** Members and their immediate family living in the same household will be invited to all appropriate programs, workshops and events. Some educational programs are only offered to certain diagnoses based on educational content or sponsor directive.

*Contact: Kathy Cole*

**Wellness Programs:** GOBDF offers wellness assistance up to \$250 per person with a bleeding disorder\*. For households with multiple patients, there is a household max of \$400. Examples of initiatives funded include swimming lessons, yoga studio memberships, golf instruction, and dance lessons. *We do not cover shoes, apparel, meals or supplements.* Please provide all information necessary for us to pay the vendor. Failure to do so may result in a delay in approval and processing. Direct reimbursements are discouraged and cannot be guaranteed without prior approval from GOBDF staff.

We also contract with a virtual yoga instructor who provides live and recorded sessions to the community at no charge to the patient.

*Contact: Tracy Cohn*

**Summer Youth Golf:** This program is held over the summer in the Cleveland and Columbus areas and is open to youth 8-18 with a bleeding disorder\* and their siblings, when space permits and the affected patient is also participating. Professional instruction and all supplies are included.

*Contact: Tanya Stewart*

**Travel Assistance:** GOBDF offers travel assistance to and from HTC and dental appointments by way of reimbursement and ride share when needed. When participation is open to our members to attend regional trainings or educational meetings, members can be reimbursed for travel to those meetings at a rate of .22 per mile per IRS guidelines. Households are limited to \$250 per year for eligible meetings and appointments.

*Contact: Tracy Cohn*

For more details, a full calendar, and applications are available on our website. Please visit [GOBdf.org](http://GOBdf.org) to learn more.

If you are interested in giving back to the chapter, there are many ways to do so:

- Light office work
- Write an article for our newsletter
- Help to solicit donations
- Participate in fundraisers:
  - Black and Blue Ball – April
  - Gears for Good - June
  - Golf Outing – July
  - Walks – September

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