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To enhance the quality of life for people with bleeding disorders & their families through advocacy, education, research, and other constituency services.

In The Loop

with our executive director

Tanya Stewart



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Greetings,

As I look back on the summer, I'm reminded how much our GOBDF community comes alive when we gather to explore, learn, and simply enjoy time together.

From the Schwager Family Golf Outing and our youth golf clinics near Cleveland and Columbus to our Fishing Clinic, Back to School Silent Disco, and outreach with our Amish neighbors, this summer gave families the chance to try something new, reconnect with old friends, and build new friendships. These experiences are about more than the activity itself. They create the sense of belonging that makes GOBDF so special.

That spirit carries into the fall with our Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 14, at Hocking Hills Lodge and Conference Center. Adults will have a full day of programming, teens will have activities designed just for them, and our youngest participants will explore the outdoors with local naturalists.

Whether you're new to our community or have been with us for years, there is a place for you here. Visit gobdf.org to find upcoming events and resources, or reach out to us anytime. Thank you to everyone who made this summer so memorable, and to all of you who make GOBDF such a vibrant community.

With gratitude,

Tanya Stewart



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TEEING OFF FORE A CAUSE

The 6th Annual Schwager Family Golf Outing

What a par-fect day!

On July 20, golfers, sponsors, and volunteers came together at Pine Hills Golf Club for the 6th annual Schwager Family Golf Outing.

This year's outing raised more than $20,000 for GOBDF, a new record for the event. That support stays close to home, helping people with bleeding disorders and their families across Northeast and Central Ohio.

The day was full of games on the course, raffle prizes, and plenty of friendly competition. One golfer made it a day to remember: Jeffrey Sandor sank a hole-in-one on hole 16! After the last putt, everyone gathered at the "19th hole" to thank our sponsors and cheer on the game and prize winners. From long drives to short putts, everyone chipped in.

This event is a family effort, and it shows. Thank you to the Schwager family for leading it with so much heart, year after year. Thank you also to our players, donors, and volunteers, and to the staff at Pine Hills Golf Club for keeping the day running smoother than a freshly raked bunker.

Save the date: the 7th annual outing is Monday, July 19, 2027.

See you on the green!

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Community Spotlight



The Feasel Family
Team Luther

"It takes a village, and we welcome you to it."

Luther Feasel was born four weeks early. During his first days in the NICU, his parents noticed that small needle pricks on rhis feet would not stop bleeding. Hemophilia ran in the family, so they asked for testing right away. By his second day of life, they had their answer.

"We had no idea how to navigate raising a child with this disorder," they shared. Today, Luther is a 4-year-old sports fan who never wants to put down a baseball bat. His family credits the bleeding disorders community for helping them feel at ease. "The amount of love, support, and knowledge we've encountered is unfathomable. We are lifers."

Luther also loves motorcycles, so his family started a Poker Run for him. This year was the second ride, and it raised even more than the first for Team Luther's Unite Walk fundraising.

Their advice for new families? "Never stop advocating. And there is a community here to back you."

Care Close to Home



GOBDF serves families across 52 Ohio counties, and that includes our Amish neighbors. This year, we brought bleeding disorder education to them at a community event that included great food, 10 educational stations, followed by some competitive games of pickleball and volleyball!

Alongside our partners at Akron Children's Hospital, Ohio State's Bleeding and Clotting Disorders Center, and Cascade Hemophilia Consortium, we answered questions, shared resources, and connected families with care.

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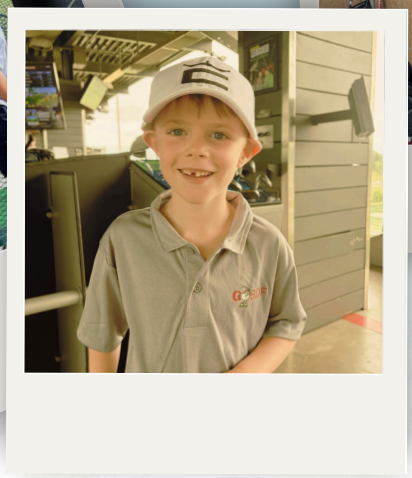



Little Swings, Big Smiles



This summer, GOBDF brought youth golf to both ends of the state. Kids near Cleveland and Columbus each spent a week learning to swing, putt, and cheer each other on.

Every morning started with yoga to loosen up. Then it was off to the driving range and the course with Coach Rick and Coach Mike, learning the basics one swing at a time. Mini competitions kept things fun, and rain or heat couldn't slow anyone down.

The best part? For one week, a bleeding disorder wasn't the thing that made anyone different. Every kid on the course just got it. They could focus on their grip, their follow-through, and their new friends.

Both weeks wrapped up with a graduation party at Topgolf, complete with big smiles and even bigger swings.

Want your child to join us next summer? Save them a tee time!

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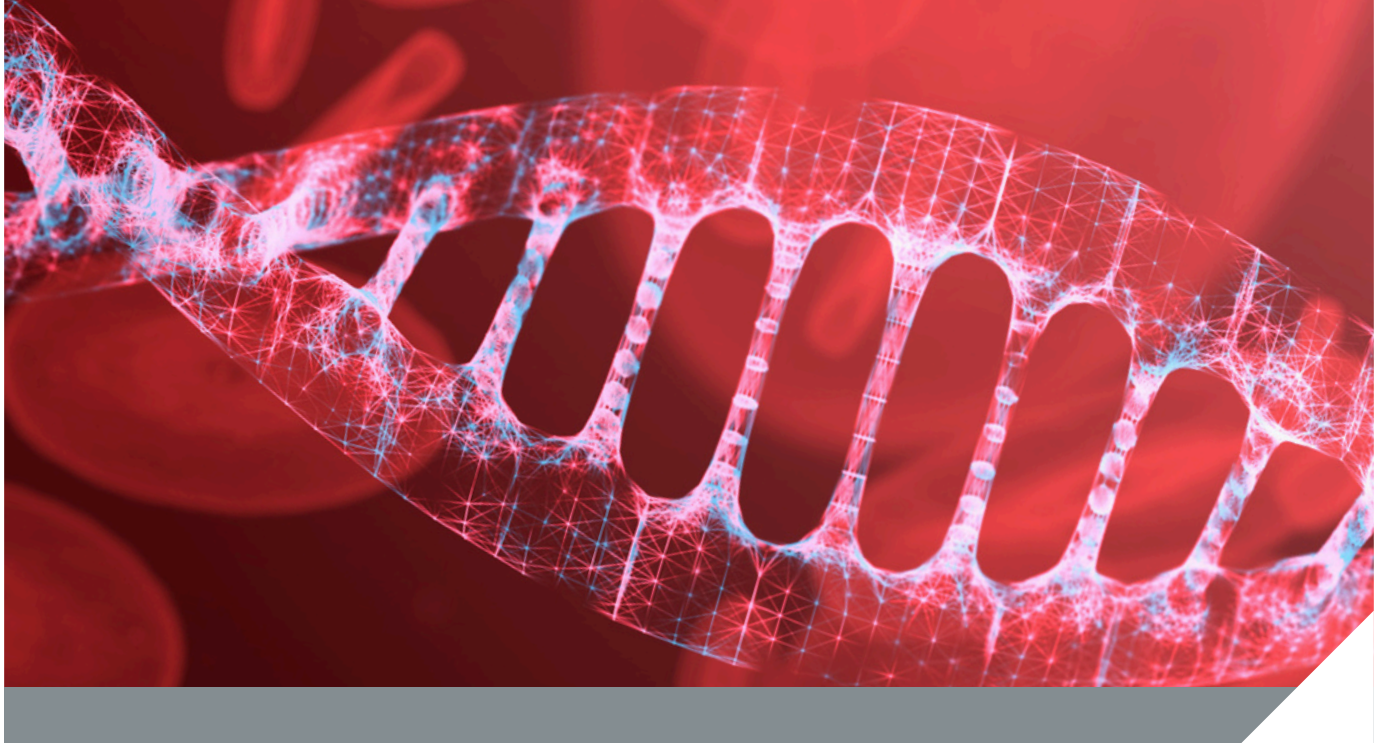

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Dancing into the School Year

In August, families from across our community kicked off the new school year in the best way: with headphones on and dance moves out.

The night started with a little learning. Speakers Sheila Biljes and Judy Doyle led an education session for families, sharing tips for managing a bleeding disorder at school. Then the music turned up. Everyone grabbed a pair of glowing headphones from Silent Events and filled the dance floor.

Every school-aged kid went home with a custom hacky sack, a Walmart gift card to stock up on supplies, and a little more confidence for the year ahead.

Nights like this are about more than dancing. Kids get to meet other kids who understand what they live with. Parents get to swap stories with families who've been there. And everyone leaves knowing they're not doing this alone.

Thank you to our program sponsors, Novo Nordisk and LUX Infusion, for making the night possible.

We'll be back on the dance floor in August 2027. We hope you'll join us!

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On June 13, families cast their lines at Richfield Woods Park for our 2026 Fishing Clinic. The sun was out, the fish were biting, and kids spent the morning learning to cast, practicing patience, and reeling in some impressive fish.

The fun didn't stop at the shoreline. A hands-on slime experiment with Nurse Irene from Akron Children's Hospital showed young anglers how blood clots and how our bodies heal.

Gear, bait, and lunch are on us. Just bring your family. Come cast a line with us next summer!



Let's get together to talk about IXINITY®

As a woman and mother to children with bleeding disorders, I am committed to this community through all seasons of life. Having seen the challenges families face, I strive to foster support, understanding, and inclusion.

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STAYING SAFE ON WHEELS

Biking, skateboarding, and scootering are great ways to have fun and stay active. These activities provide cardiovascular exercise, are easy on the joints, and help strengthen muscles while building confidence and coordination.

Wheeled activities do come with some risk, but a few simple steps can make them safer. Riders should use good judgment, follow the rules of the road, and avoid higher-risk situations, such as riding in the dark or in heavy traffic. Every rider should wear a well-fitting bicycle helmet every time they ride. Extra safety gear, such as elbow and knee pads, lights, and reflective gear, can provide more protection. Children younger than 10 are encouraged to ride on a sidewalk or bike path when one is available.

Micromobility devices, including e-bikes, motorized scooters, and hoverboards, are becoming more popular across Ohio. However, their speed can increase the risk of injury, and studies show that serious injuries linked to these devices are on the rise. A recent study of about 2 million micromobility-related injuries from 2019 to 2022 found that e-bike injuries increased 293% and motorized scooter injuries increased 88%. The Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute recommends wearing a light motorcycle helmet when riding an e-bike that can reach 20 mph or more, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends a motorcycle helmet for motorized scooters. Before riding, make sure your device is working properly, including the brakes, tires, lights, and handlebars. Stay alert, assume others may not see you, and use your bell or horn to let others know you are nearby.

Most riding injuries are caused by falls and include scrapes and bruises. More serious crashes can lead to fractures, sprains, and other serious injuries. Head injuries are among the most serious and can be life-threatening, which is especially important for people with bleeding disorders to consider. That is why wearing a helmet every time you ride is so important!

At **UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital HTC**, we know how important it is to protect children with bleeding disorders from head injuries. To help promote safe riding, we provide bicycle helmets at no cost to families of children with bleeding disorders.

Families throughout Ohio can contact their HTC about helmet programs and other resources. One Ohio resource is the "**Put a Lid On It"** campaign, which partners with local police departments, libraries, and schools to provide free bicycle helmets. Families can also visit a Safety Store, such as the one at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, in person or online for reduced-cost bicycle helmets.
Stay safe, have fun, and happy riding! 🧡

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