

Family Support Groups

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Lehigh Valley/Northeast PA Region

Contact MaryAnn Chupella, MA, LPC at (866)776-8240 ext 13

Blood Cancer Family Support Group - Scranton/Dunmore

Open to anyone coping with leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma and their family members. **When:** First Thursday of the month. **Location:** Northeast Radiation Oncology Center. Facilitate by a licensed social worker. There will be frequent guest speakers though out the year to add real issues that pertain to blood cancer survivors.

Blood Cancer Family Support Group - East Stroudsburg

Open to anyone coping with a blood cancer regardless of where treatment is received. **When:** Third Tuesday of the month at 6PM. **Location:** The *Dale & Frances Hughes Cancer Center.* The group is facilitated by a social worker and nurse and offers support and education. Guest speakers on various topics are scheduled throughout the year.

Bone Marrow Transplant Survivors Support Group - Bethlehem, Lehigh Valley area

Designed for individuals who have completed a bone marrow or stem cell transplant. Family member are welcome to attend.

When: Third Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM. Location: Cancer Support Community of Greater Lehigh Valley. Facilitated by a social worker and offer an opportunity to exchange information, validation and support with other people who have been through a similar experience. This group is offered in collaboration with the Cancer Support Community.

Young Adult Networking Group

When: Third Tuesday of the month at 6PM. Location: Braveheart Pub, Hellertown, PA

Spanish Support Group / ¡Una Réunion!: Grupo de Apoyo Latino - Allentown

Circulo de Cuidado (en español) Un grupo social para la comunidad de habla hispana, sobrevivientes de cáncer, sus amistades y familiares. Fecha: Tercer viernes de cada mes, 11:30am. Lugar: Lehigh Valley Hospital 17th y Chew, Community Wellness Center.

Southeastern Pennsylvania

Contact Ilana Benyosef, LSW, at (800)482-2873 ext 6781

Blood Cancers Networking Group - Warminster/ Bucks County

Open to all who have been touched by a blood cancer. Provides supportive and educational resources. **When:** 2nd Wednesday of the month in the evening. **Location:** *Gilda's Club.* Facilitated by a licensed social worker. Please call Marianne Wolfe at 215-441-3290 x103 or Marianne@gildasclubdelval.org

Family/Caregiver Support Groups

"Family and Friends Networking: Dinner and Discussion" provides a safe and comfortable place for family and friends of people with cancer to share experiences and concerns regarding their unique situation. Dinner is provided. **When:** 2nd Thursday of each month and is sponsored by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. **Location:** *Gilda's Club.* Registration is required. Facilitated by a licensed social worker. Please call Marianne Wolfe at 215-441-3290 x103 or Marianne@gildasclubdelval.org

Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML) Family Support Group - Conshohocken

For patients and family members coping with CML. It is an opportunity to share experiences, exchange information and gain support. **When:** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6PM. **Location:** *LLS's EPA Chapter Office* (group does not meet in June, July & August)

<u>Lymphoma Support Group – Conshohocken</u>

Provide all types of lymphoma patients, families and friends with support, information, education and networking. **When:** First Tuesday of the month at 6PM. **Location:** *LLS's EPA Chapter Office* (group does not meet in June, July & August)

KID SUPPORT- Philadelphia

A 10-week program for children (ages 6-12) who have cancer or have family members or friends with cancer. Design to help children cope and an opportunity to meet other children with similar experience. Also have **concurrent** parent group available for adults. **When:** Starting March 8, 2012 through May 10, 2012 at 5:30PM-7:30PM. **Location:** The Cancer Support Community of Philadelphia. If interested and for more information, please contact Kathleen Coyne, LCSW at 215-879-7733 or kcoyne@cancersupport-phila.org

LGBT Cancer Support Group - Philadelphia- The William Way LGBT Community Center

Provide LGBT cancer patients, families and friends in the Greater Philadelphia region with opportunities to share experiences, exchange information, gain support, information, education and networking. **When:** 1st Monday of the month in the evening **Location:**. The William Way Center. For more information and to register, please contact Ilana Benyosef, LSW 610-238-0360 ext. 232 or ilana,benyosef@lls.org

**Bereavement Support Group - Bux/Mont Area **

Living with Loss - **Hosted by** *Gilda's Club Delaware Valley*. Any adult who has lost a loved one to an illness is welcome to call about the group. Pre-registration is required. For further information, please contact Melanie Kaplan at 215 441-3290 x114 or <u>Melanie @gildasclubdelval.org</u>