

# **Family Support Groups**

# Northern Ohio

The concept of our support groups is based on the idea that open communication about living with a blood cancer is critical to coping with various associated feelings that arise. With appropriate professional guidance, patients and family members are able to discuss their experiences with other patients and families in similar situations. Our groups are designed for all adults living with a blood cancer diagnosis and their family members.

### General Support/Education Groups – All Blood Cancers

#### Cleveland East Side Family Support Group

This group meets every other month from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at The Gathering Place East. **For more information about the schedule or to register for a session**, please call Mary Fisher-Bornstein/The Gathering Place at 216-595-9546 or <u>bornstein@touchedbycancer.org</u>.

#### **Cleveland West Side Family Support Group**

This group meets the third Wednesday of each month from 5:30 to 7:00 PM Moll Cancer Center at Fairview Hospital, 18200 Loraine Avenue, Cleveland OH Facilitator: Gwen Paul

#### **Elyria Family Support Group**

This group meets the third Monday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 PM Mercy Cancer Center, 41201 Schadden Road, Elyria, OH 44035 Facilitator: Vikki Howard

#### **Toledo Family Support Group**

This group meets the first Monday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 PM The Victory Center, 5532 Central Avenue B, Toledo, OH 43615

#### Disease-Specific Groups

#### Myeloma Family Support Group – Cleveland

This group meets the first Monday of each month from 5:30 to 7:00 PM University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center, 5885 Landerbrook Drive, Mayfield Heights, OH 44124 Facilitator: Sharon McLain

### Myeloma Family Support Group – Youngstown/Warren

This group meets the third Monday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in the Youngstown/Warren area and often has guest speakers on various topics of interest to those living with myeloma and their families. Please contact Matt Giambattista at <u>mgiambattista@yahoo.com</u> for venue/address.

# To attend a group listed above, please register at the ALL EVENTS NEAR YOU calendar: <u>https://www.lls.org/northern-ohio</u>

One-on-one peer support is also available over the phone through our Patti Robinson Kauffmann First Connection Program. Please call our Information Resource Center at 1-800-955-4572 to be matched with a trained peer volunteer. For information about our other patient services and programs, please contact an LLS Information Specialist at 800-955-4572.



The mission of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Find out more at www.LLS.org.