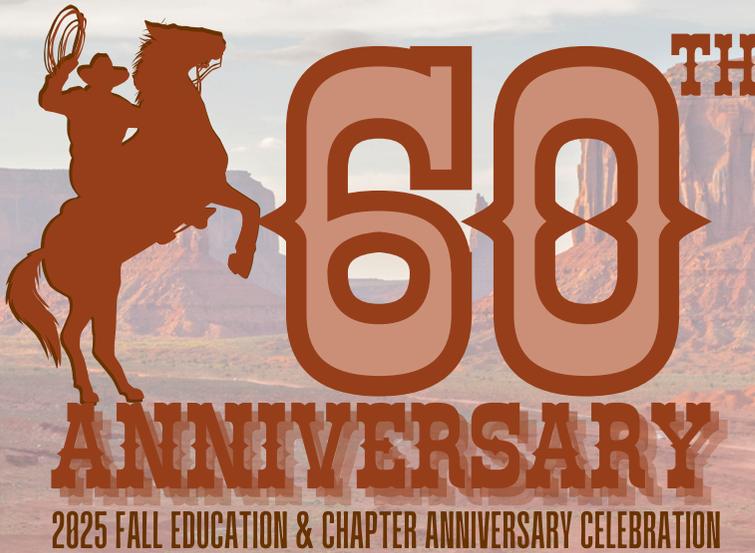


# The Factor Connection

*Serving North Texans Affected by a Bleeding Disorder*



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## President's Message

Dear TCBD Chapter Members,

It is truly an honor to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the president of TCBD. It has been my privilege to be a participant in this organization for the past 6 years. I am thrilled to serve with the 2025 Board of Directors. Together we will foster community engagement and build a supportive environment where everyone can thrive.

As we move into the remaining part of the year, we owe a special thanks to Julie Jones, Gina Hundza, Shanna Garcia, and Emelia Miniscalco. Their continued dedication and selfless service has made TCBD successful.

2025 is shaping up to be an exciting and busy year and I am confident through our membership and the many talents we can fulfill our mission of encouragement, promoting research, education, and aid in the Bleeding and Clotting Disorder community. We have many exciting events planned that aim to foster inclusivity, collaboration, knowledge sharing and personal growth within our chapter. I encourage you to actively participate and bring your ideas to the table.

Sincerely,



## Note from the Executive Director

I hope everyone is well and enjoying their summer!

Summer has been a busy time for Texas Central and my house full of teenagers! This year is passing quickly, but I am so excited for what the fall will bring, especially our Fall Education and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on September 6<sup>th</sup>. It has been a gift to sit back and reflect on all the ways TexCen has supported the bleeding disorders community of North Texas over the last six decades. Much has changed, but the heart of who we are and what our purpose is has not.

I am also very excited to share Moon River Ranch with the men of our bleeding disorders community for the Texas Men's Retreat in September. The women had a beautiful time together at Moon River Ranch in April, even though it was rainy. The location is relaxing and fun and we are working with Lone Star Bleeding Disorders Foundation to put together an agenda that will be meaningful.

Of course, I know we are all looking forward to the Unite for Bleeding Disorders Walk on November 8<sup>th</sup>. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year and all the proceeds go right back into supporting our TexCen bleeding disorders community. This truly is a fun way to give back to the community. Please reach out to Shanna or Emelia to talk about how to get involved! ([shanna@texcen.org](mailto:shanna@texcen.org) OR [emelia@texcen.org](mailto:emelia@texcen.org)) Our staff and our board of directors are here to serve YOU, please reach out with any questions or suggestions anytime ([julie@texcen.org](mailto:julie@texcen.org).) I really do want to hear what you have to say.

Sincerely,





## 2025 TEXAS WOMEN'S RETREAT

Thank you for joining us!

April 4th - 6th



This year, the ladies visited the Moon River Ranch in Satin, TX. From activities to education, from fun animals to good food, we had a blast at this unique and homey venue. Getting to spend time with our community in an intimate setting makes the connections we made even deeper, and the friendships we've forged even stronger! We hope to see you at next year's Women's Retreat!



# 2025 MEN'S MINI RETREAT

New Community Building Events

May 3rd



The men had a blast at the Frisco Rough Riders Game in May! From community bonding, to a good game and good food, we came together to strengthen our bonds as a community and the friendships with old and new members. Exactly what was expected about a Mini Men's Retreat!



## SAVE THE DATE

# MEN'S RETREAT

September 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> 2025

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE LATE AUGUST!





# SPRING EDUCATION EVENT/LOTERIA

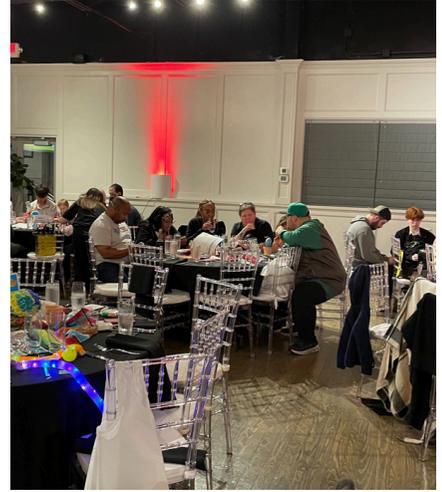
Thank you for joining us!



Thank you to everyone that joined us March 8<sup>th</sup> and a big thank you to our sponsors! We had another year at Venue Forty50 in Addison with yummy food, great education, fun activities, and awesome prizes! We kicked the night off with Loteria and yummy food and danced the night away! We appreciate seeing everyone show up and give their support to their community! Your support makes it possible for us to give back to our community every year!

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!







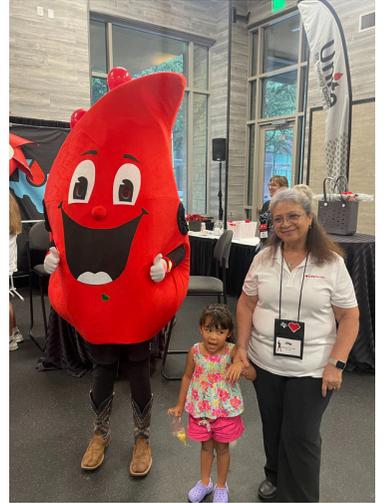
## 2025 TEXAS BLEEDING DISORDERS CONFERENCE

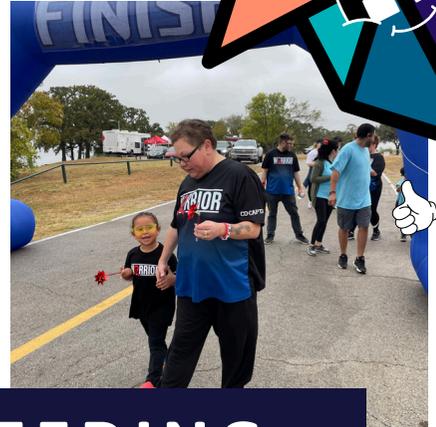
Thank you for joining us!



Many thanks to everyone that joined the 2025 Texas Bleeding Disorders Conference this year! We especially appreciate our sponsors that made this possible and those that were able to attend! Being located in Plano this year, we had an opportunity to see faces we don't normally see, and strengthen our bonds with our community! From valuable education, to yummy treats and fun activities, we had a blast this year at the Dallas/Plano Marriott at Legacy Town Center. We hope to see you next year in Austin!







## 2024 UNITE FOR BLEEDING DISORDERS WALK

Thank you for joining us!



We can't wait to see you at the 2025 Unite Walk this year, so mark your calendars for November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Mariner Point Park in Grapevine! Don't forget to register and start fundraising! We look forward to seeing you all there! This event is one of the biggest ways we can show support for our community so let's do our best to show up and show out!



**Unite**  
for Bleeding Disorders

# REGISTER NOW!

Step into your walkin' boots because it's time for the UNITE for Bleeding Disorders Walk! Use the QR Code below to register and start fundraisin'!

**8 NOVEMBER 2025**



Mariner Point Park  
Grapevine, TX



**REGISTER AND START  
FUNDRAISING FOR THE 2025  
UNITE WALK NOW!**

We'd love to see you there!



*Mini Women's Retreat*  
OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE DETAILS ON SOCIAL  
MEDIA AND EMAIL!



## Recursos en Español

Al escanear el código QR, encontrará numerosos recursos de la NBDF disponibles en español, incluida información sobre trastornos hemorrágicos ultrarraros, inhibidores, salud mental, para mujeres y niñas, y mucho más.”



# 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

2025 FALL EDUCATION & CHAPTER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

5:30 PM START  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

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## 2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Community Education Program**

*Sponsored by Novo Nordisk & Superior Biologics*

August 16

### **Fall Education Event & 60th Anniversary Celebration**

September 6

### **Texas Men's Retreat**

September 19-21

### **TCBD's Women's Mini Retreat**

October 4

### **UNITE for Bleeding Disorders Walk**

November 8

### **Winter Education Event & Annual Meeting**

December 13



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# Meet The Superior Hemophilia Team!



**Tina Dooley, PharmD Pharmacist**

Tina Dooley is a pharmacist who has specialized in bleeding disorders for almost 20 years. With her vast clinical knowledge of the many bleeding disorder therapies and her keeping abreast of the insurance complexities and tools and resources that may help her patients, she exemplifies all-encompassing care. She really enjoys getting to know families— she strives to be a friend and to make processes as simple as possible. Tina is half Greek (makes a pretty mean baklava!), likes to travel, has written a novel, and enjoys hanging out with family.

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**Lanna Loomis, VP of Business Development**

Lanna Loomis has been in the Specialty Pharmacy industry for over 20 years. She started out her career in Albuquerque, New Mexico and moved to Texas just over 10 years ago.



**Gail Allee, LVN**

Gail Allee has been a household name as a patient nurse in the Houston bleeding disorders community for over 25 years. Many patients and their families have grateful recollections of Miss Gail saving the day with infusions or calm teaching. Before excelling in bleeding disorder care, Gail worked at a hospital, at a clinic, and general home care. Her favorite foods are Chinese food and Greek food, and in her free time she loves spending time with her grandchildren.



**Catalina Mireles, RN**

Catalina Mireles has been instrumental in providing over-and-above bleeding disorder nursing administration and assessment in the Houston area for about 20 years. She is proud of the many relationships she has built and is bilingual. Her prior experience was in hospital labor and delivery and home care obstetrics. In her spare time, Catalina and her family enjoy playing tennis, traveling, and trying new foods.



**Dezarrae Morales, RN Clinical Care Director**

Dezarrae is a Registered Nurse that has been working with hematology/oncology patients for over 20 years. She started her career at the Oklahoma University Medical Center - Jimmy Everest Center working in the pediatric hematology/oncology/bone marrow unit. In 2007, Dezarrae moved to San Antonio, Texas and continue her career as the Hemophilia Nurse Coordinator at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio - South Texas Hemophilia Treatment Center for over 15 years. Dezarrae provided exceptional care to all her patients at the HTC. She was instrumental in ensuring that every one of her patients was educated on their own disorder and were able to take control of their diagnosis. Dezarrae is a leader in the hemophilia community! Dezarrae will continue to provide the same quality education and care to patients at Superior Biologics. She is a part of a team will be providing concierge service, education, and home nursing for bleeding disorder patients.



**Roxana Alvarado, RN**

Roxana Alvarado is a registered nurse who has specialized in pediatric nursing for over 20 years. She is bilingual. Roxana began her career in South Texas at Knapp Medical Center on the pediatric floor in 2003. She was the head nurse for the Headstart program of Hidalgo County in 2008. She relocated to Arlington Texas. In 2015, she began working as a triage nurse for Cook Childrens in Fort Worth, Texas. She has a son and three brothers with Hemophilia A.



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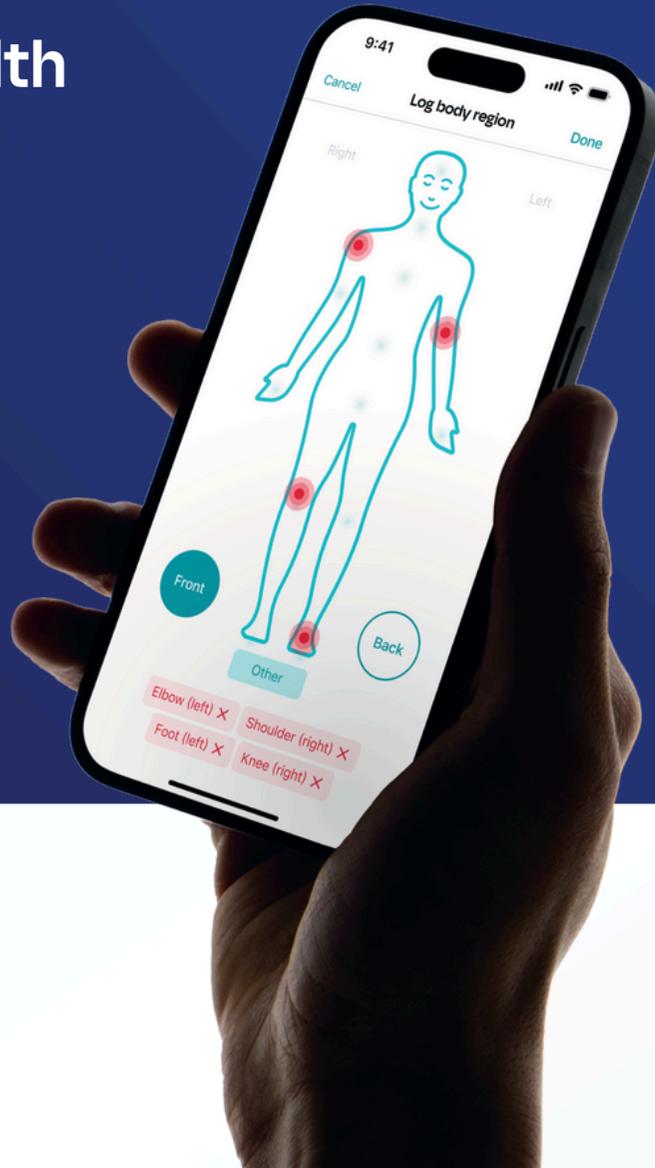
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Founded in 1965, Texas Central Bleeding Disorders is a community based nonprofit organization dedicated to educating, supporting, and advocating for families affected by inheritable bleeding disorders across North Texas.



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