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# The Factor Connection

Serving North Texans Affected by a Bleeding Disorder



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### President's Farewell Message

After an incredible year as president, I have made the decision to step down from my position. This past year has been filled with invaluable learning experiences and personal growth. I am especially grateful for the opportunities to work alongside talented and supportive colleagues, whose collaboration and camaraderie have made every challenge worthwhile.

I am proud of all we have accomplished together, and I leave this position with immense respect for the team and for the organization. Although I will no longer be president, I will remain an active board member and look forward to participating in many events in the future.

Best Regards,

*Jerome Bell*



### Incoming President's Message

Kerri Bond is a mom of three, two of whom have hemophilia, a daughter of a father with hemophilia, and a woman living with a hemophilia diagnosis herself. She brings a deep commitment, strategic vision, and personal passion to advancing support for individuals and families affected by bleeding disorders. With years of nonprofit leadership experience and active involvement in the hemophilia community, she is looking forward to leading TCBD with a focus on advocacy, education, and expanding access to essential resources. Kerri lives in Waco with her kids Adeline, Edward, and Benjamin, dog Scout Waffles, and three cats.

*Kerri Bond*



### Note from the Executive Director

Happy New Year!

Thank you for an amazing year! It takes a village and each and every community member, industry sponsor, donor, friend and family all make Texas Central what it is. It was wonderful to see so many of you at education events, retreats and our Unite Walk.

A highlight for 2025 would have to be celebrating 60 YEARS of Texas Central serving the bleeding disorders community!

As we move into 2026 our dedication to the Texas Central mission serves as our guide.. We are committed to supporting the community through education, advocacy, emergency assistance, and raising awareness efforts.

For me personally, I am excited for the events, new and old, we have planned for this upcoming year. I am looking forward to getting to know new families who have joined us. I am encouraged by those of you who continue to show up and make a difference in this community. I am thankful for the strong relationships Texas Central has with our HTC's, industry partners and other bleeding disorder organizations.

I wish each of you a happy and healthy 2026!

*Julie Jones*



## S e p t e m b e r 6 t h

This year was truly special for TexCen! We celebrated our 60th anniversary at our Fall Education Event with all of you at Billy Bob's. From delicious food and fun prizes to meaningful conversations with members of our community—and a moving video highlighting the history of our community by our very own Ryan Crowe—this celebration had it all. We couldn't ask for a better community or a more meaningful way to honor 60 years of impact. Thank you for your continued support!



# 2025 FALL EDUCATION EVENT & 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



## 2025 MEN'S RETREAT



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Men from all over Texas had a fantastic time at Moon River Ranch in Satin, TX this September! Through meaningful connections, great food, and shared learning, participants strengthened community bonds alongside both longtime friends and new members. It was everything hoped for in a Men's Retreat—a weekend filled with education, camaraderie, and connection.



## 2025 WOMEN'S MINI RETREAT

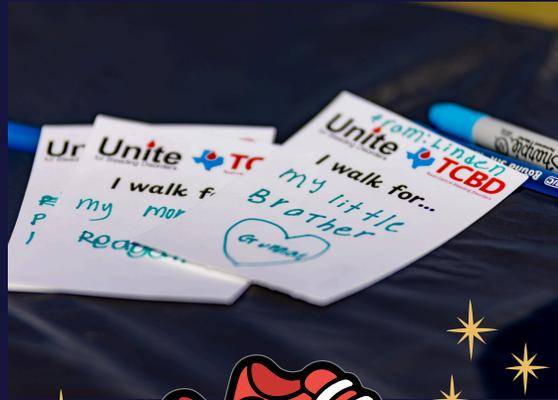
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Twenty-five women gathered for the first TexCen Women's Mini-Retreat at Maggiano's, enjoying a delicious lunch and a productive brainstorming session focused on new ways to support one another and continue learning together. The group then headed to Pipe and Palette for a hands-on art experience, where creativity—and a little mess—were fully embraced. The day was filled with sharing, laughter, and meaningful connection. Spending a day together, just the women, was a great way to get to know each other in a more intimate setting. What a fun way to spend the day!



## November 8th



Thank you to everyone who supported the 2025 UNITE for Bleeding Disorders Walk! Thanks to the incredible generosity of the community, the \$60,000 fundraising goal was reached right before the Walk! Every dollar raised goes directly toward supporting the TexCen community through programs such as emergency assistance grants, travel grants for medical care, and scholarships. The day was filled with celebration and connection—complete with a delicious lunch from Domino's, a scavenger hunt, a raffle, an inflatable obstacle course, and more—all enjoyed under beautiful weather. It was a joyful way to celebrate a major milestone together.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 WALK AWARD WINNERS!

**TOP TEAMS:** Too Hot to Clot, Dax Attack, and La Fuerza Latina

**TOP INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISER:** Grady Ellefson





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WAIT TO SEE EVERYONE AGAIN NEXT YEAR!**



## December 13th

Thank you to everyone that attended the 2025 Winter Education Event on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Beeman! With over 150 people in attendance, we had a blast visiting with our sponsors, enjoying delicious food, and engaging in the great program provided by John Lopez with Sanofi on Gratitude. Thank you to our sponsors for your support, our board of directors for your leadership, and all the families who attended! TexCen is so grateful for the community we have. We hope to see you next year!



## 2025 LORAS GOEDKIN NBDF OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD RYAN CROWE



Each year, the National Bleeding Disorders Foundation (NBDF) honors extraordinary individuals and organizations whose dedication and service have made a lasting impact on the inheritable blood and bleeding disorders community. The Loras Goedken Outstanding Leadership Award is presented to a current chapter board member (serving within the past year at an NBDF-affiliated chapter) who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and engagement, benefiting both their chapter and local community. We are so proud of our very own Ryan Crowe and the hard work and commitment he has given to his community.

**Congratulations, Ryan!**

## 2025 JUDITH GRAHAM POOL 10 YEAR SUPPORTER

2025 Chapter Leadership Seminar



Named in honor of Dr. Judith Graham Pool, NBDF's premier research fellowship program provides support for basic science and pre-clinical bleeding disorders research. JGP Fellows' work improves the care and understanding of these diagnoses and lays the groundwork for future treatment options. Our Executive Director, Julie Jones accepted NBDF's award for Texas Central for the 10 years of continued support our chapter has provided so far for this program.

## Preparing for Possible Medicaid Changes

With the passage of HR 1, there are possible changes coming to your Medicaid coverage. While these changes aren't going into effect immediately, your eligibility and enrollment process may change, and you should be prepared! Here are some steps you can take to protect your Medicaid coverage now and in the future as new requirements go into effect.

	<p><b>Know the name of your Medicaid program</b> (some go by names like HuskyHealth, BadgerCare, Apple Health; some programs are managed by insurers like Aetna or Centene).</p>
	<p>Make sure that your <b>contact information is updated</b> with your Medicaid program, and make a practice of <b>logging into your Medicaid account</b> every few months to check for updates.</p>
	<p>Be sure to <b>open all mail and emails</b> from Medicaid and/or your state's health department and your insurer. If you receive any communication, <b>respond within the deadline</b> (typically 10-30 days).</p>
	<p>Begin keeping detailed <b>records of your monthly work or qualifying activities</b> (e.g., caregiving, school, community service). These can include pay stubs, schedules, attendance sheets, etc.</p>

## Preparing for Possible Marketplace Changes

There are also possible changes to Marketplace plans, including the elimination of tax credits which make Marketplace plans affordable for many people. You can help us tell for Congress to keep these tax credits. National Bleeding Disorders Foundation has a Call to Action on their website, where you can easily send a message to your Member of Congress. Use the QR code to visit the Call to Action site and make your voice heard!





## Actualización sobre defensoría

### Prepararse para posibles cambios en Medicaid

Con la aprobación de la HR 1, se avecinan posibles cambios en su cobertura de Medicaid. Aunque estos cambios no van a entrar en vigor inmediatamente, su elegibilidad y el proceso de inscripción pueden cambiar, ¡y debe estar preparado! He aquí algunas medidas que puede tomar para proteger su cobertura de Medicaid ahora y en el futuro, a medida que entren en vigor los nuevos requisitos.

	<b>Conozca el nombre de su programa de Medicaid</b> (algunos tienen nombres como HuskyHealth, BadgerCare, Apple Health; algunos programas están gestionados por aseguradoras como Aetna o Centene).
	Asegúrese de que su <b>información de contacto está actualizada</b> en su programa de Medicaid y acostúmbrese a <b>entrar en su cuenta de Medicaid</b> cada unos meses para comprobar si hay actualizaciones.
	Asegúrese de <b>abrir todo el correo postal y los correos electrónicos</b> de Medicaid y/o del departamento de salud de su estado y de su aseguradora. Si recibe alguna comunicación, <b>responda en el plazo</b> (normalmente de 10 a 30 días).
	Empiece a llevar un <b>registro detallado de su trabajo mensual o de las actividades que cumplan los requisitos</b> (por ejemplo, cuidados, escuela, servicio comunitario). Pueden incluir talones de pago, horarios, hojas de asistencia, etc.

## Prepararse para posibles cambios en el mercado

También hay posibles cambios en los planes del mercado, incluida la eliminación de los créditos fiscales que hacen que los planes del mercado sean asequibles para muchas personas. Puede ayudarnos a pedir al Congreso que mantenga estos créditos fiscales. La Fundación Nacional de Trastornos Hemorrágicos tiene una llamada a la acción en su página web, donde puede enviar fácilmente un mensaje a su miembro del Congreso. Utilice el código QR para visitar el sitio de la llamada a la acción y haga oír su voz.



Texas Central Bleeding Disorders is proud to honor Katherine Lipsky, a licensed clinical social worker, for over 40 years of exemplary service to the bleeding disorders community.

# **LIFETIME DEDICATION** TO THE BLEEDING DISORDERS COMMUNITY



**KATHERINE LIPSKY**

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## 2026 UPCOMING EVENTS

### Washington Days

March 4-6

### Family Education Day &

### End of Summer Bash

August 29

### Spring Education & Loteria

March 28

### Texas Men's Retreat

September 18-20

### Texas Women's Retreat

April 10-12

### TexCen Women's Mini Retreat

October 3

### TexCen Men's Mini Retreat

April 25

### UNITE for Bleeding Disorders Walk

November 7

### Texas Bleeding Disorders Conference

June 12-14

### Winter Education Event &

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December 5

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### TEXAS CENTRAL BLEEDING DISORDERS MISSION STATEMENT

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.



SPRING FAMILY CHAPTER EDUCATION EVENT & LOTERIA

# SAVE *the* DATE

## MARCH 28, 2026

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WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

