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SAVE OUR SUPPORT GROUP PROGRAM



ABOUT HD SUPPORT & CARE NETWORK

HD Support & Care Network Incorporated was established as a 501c3 Public Charity Corporation on June 3, 2016 at 436 Playa Blanca St., Santa Maria, California 93455 with the expectation of rapid expansion in providing support and care resources, including but not limited to HD support groups, consulting and counseling services, referrals, respite and other resources for Huntington's disease (HD) families.

The Organization is headed by Melissa Biliardi who has 12 years care giving experience and 9 years in nonprofit creation and leadership. She founded 2 public charities which continues to serve the Huntington's disease community nationally: Help 4 HD International, Inc. founded in 2010 and HD Support & Care Network, Inc. founded in 2016.

THE GOAL OF SAVE OUR SUPPORT GROUP PROGRAM

Live and online support groups are vital to families who are trying to live with, and manage long term illnesses. Save Our Support Groups (SOSG) program is at the heart of our organization. It is what we are founded upon, helping HD and JHD families find support and care resources. My hope is to reach 10,000 around the country who will open their hearts and pocket books to save our support groups, and support our families. As a caregiver of my own elderly mother, and son who suffers from Huntington's disease, I know how critical it is to have a life-line of help and hope. With the help of YOUR ORGANIZATION, the ultimate goal is to find more families who are needing help for their own family members, loved ones and friends.

ABOUT HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE

Because HD is a family disease, it does not skip generations. Every child of an individual with HD has a 50/50 chance of inheriting the same genetic mutation. There could be multiple generations in one household that are symptomatic. Even children of an HD individual may be pre-symptomatic and taking care of their family members who are sick. Seniors make up approximately 2/3 of the population of symptomatic HD individuals. It is said that 1 in 7,000 individuals may have HD. About 5-10% could be JHD individuals.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Melissa Biliardi, President/CEO – 9 years' experience forming and leading nonprofit organizations, 10 years' experience as care provider;

Anita Carmichael, Treasurer/CFO – 10 years' corporate accounting and bookkeeping experience, 10 years' experience as care provider;

Dora Lynn Fujinami, RN, Secretary – 23 years' experience in nursing and the health care professions, certified in wound care, 16 years as business entrepreneur

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