## What is Hemophilia?

You may have heard hemophilia referred to as the "Bleeder's Disease." Adults and children with this condition and similar bleeding disorders experience frequent, lifelong bleeding episodes due to a lack of clotting factor in their blood. People with bleeding disorders can face persistent challenges, secondary health issues, and daily living obstacles. Treatment involves regularly infusing the missing clotting factor into the bloodstream. Bleeding disorders—like hemophilia are lifelong conditions that can affect anyone. Treatments, which can cost \$10,000 a month or more, can never be stopped. To date, there is no cure.

## What is KHF?

Kentucky Hemophilia Foundation (KHF) is the Kentucky Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation. We are a private, non-profit organization established in 1960 as a support system for families affected by hemophilia and similar bleeding disorders. The changes brought about by learning your child has a chronic condition are life altering. Having a support system that is there for you along a lifelong journey with a bleeding disorder is vitally important. Since our incorporation, KHF has grown into a statewide health agency serving Kentucky's bleeding disorders community.

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Warm weather is here! For many of us – our thoughts turn to outdoor activities. Riding bikes, sports leagues, picnics, camping, and the return of the weekend warrior. How often do you get a small cut or abrasion doing these activities? Though they can be painful, they aren't life threatening. But for those who are afflicted with hemophilia and other genetic bleeding disorders, a minor bruise or cut may result in a trip to the emergency room.

Kentucky Hemophilia Foundation (KHF) is the *only* organization in Kentucky for those with genetic bleeding disorders and their families. KHF provides everything from child safety equipment for younger children to college scholarships for young adults. Plus, our popular summer camp allows youth with bleeding disorders to enjoy the fun that others take for granted this time of year – all while they learn to manage their disorder for a lifetime.



Your \$500 contribution could pay for one child to have a summer camp experience and so much more. Without your help, these kids may not be able to enjoy all the summer fun. To continue making all of our services possible, we ask that you consider a gift of support to our 2013-2014 annual fund drive.

THANK YOU!

This will help us meet a \$25,000 challenge gift from Mr. and Mrs. Terry Forcht of Corbin, KY. Simply return the enclosed remittance envelope or make your contribution online at www.kyhemo.org by June 30, 2013.

Your contribution will help give these kids the summer fun we all want. It will also extend the peace of mind to parents of children with bleeding disorders, knowing resources and assistance are available from the Kentucky Hemophilia Foundation. Thank you for your generous and much appreciated support.



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