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Press Release

Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA) Support Group helps families and caregivers as they Battle Huntington's Disease

Columbus, OH (Nov. 2008) – The Central Ohio Chapter of HDSA hold support group meetings the second Thursday of every month from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Atonement Lutheran Church at 1621 Francisco Road, in the northwest Columbus area.

Thursday, November 13, will feature Barbara Hawley PhD from Synergy HomeCare. Barbara Hawley PhD will address the topics "Coping with Caregiver Stress" and "Introducing a Caregiver to the Home". The support group is open to the public. For more information call, 614-292-9960. .

Huntington's Disease (HD) is degenerative brain disorder that is in the same family of diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, ALS and MS. HD results in the slow loss of both mental and physical control. Symptoms usually appear in an individual between 30 –50 years of age and progress over a 10 to 15 year period. HD affects the individual's abilities to think, speak and walk. Presently there is no effective treatment or cure. Each child of a parent with HD has a 50/50 chance of inheriting the gene. Every person who inherits the mutated gene will eventually develop the disease.

The Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA) is a national non-profit health agency dedicated to finding a cure for Huntington's Disease (HD) while providing vital support, information and educational services to improve the lives of those affected by HD. Through a national network of volunteer-based chapters and affiliates, the organization provides resources and guidance for families of those suffering from the disease. For additional information, please visit www.hdsa.org.

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