

HDSA Northeast Ohio Chapter

Presents

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2018 Open Forum for Patients, Family and Healthcare Providers

May 5, 2018 ♦ 8:30am to 2:45pm

Embassy Suites Cleveland - Rockside, Independence, OH



Keynote Speaker



Jim Pollard, MA

Keynote Topic: *Huntington's Disguise*

As HD progresses, it often places a mask on the person you love. They're the same person, but it's difficult to see them beyond the disguise. Understanding some of the more subtle physical and cognitive aspects of HD can help you see through this "Huntington's Disguise." Your loved one may not be bored, disinterested, angry or unwilling, although they may appear that way to some. Underneath they are the very same person you have known, loved and cared for through the years.

Jimmy Pollard is a special education teacher and healthcare administrator who has worked with families touch by HD for 30 years. He is the author of "A Caregiver's Handbook for Advanced Stage Huntington's Disease" which has been published by HD societies in seven countries; and "Hurry Up & Wait! A Cognitive Care Companion for Huntington's Disease," which has been translated into eight languages by national and provincial HD associations around the world. He works as a consultant for the CHDI Foundation and speaks on a wide range of topics related to HD at support groups and conferences across Canada, Europe and the United States.

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Registration Fees

Pre-registration - \$5 per person / \$10 per family

At-the-Door registration—\$10 per person / \$20 per family

Register online at Northeast Ohio HDSA - <http://northeastohio.hdsa.org>

HDSA Mission

To improve the lives of everyone affected by Huntington's disease and their families.

About HDSA

The Huntington's Disease Society of America is the premier nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of everyone affected by HD. From community services and education to advocacy and research, HDSA is the world's leader in providing help for today and hope for tomorrow for people with HD and their families.

HDSA was founded in 1968 by Marjorie Guthrie, the wife of legendary folk singer Woody Guthrie. Woody died from HD in 1967 when he was only 55 years old, but the Guthrie family legacy lives on at HDSA to this day.

CHDI Foundation

CHDI Foundation is a privately funded, not-for-profit biomedical research organization devoted to a single disease – Huntington's disease. Its mission is to develop drugs that will slow the progression of Huntington's disease and provide meaningful clinical benefit to patients as quickly as possible. To achieve this CHDI manages a diverse portfolio of research projects through a novel virtual model that encourages scientific collaboration to more directly connect academic research, drug discovery and clinical development. This helps bridge the translational gap that often exists between academic and industrial research pursuits, and which adds costly delays to therapeutic development. CHDI's activities extend from exploratory biology to the identification and validation of therapeutic targets, and from drug discovery and development to clinical studies and trials. **For more information, visit CHDIFoundation.org.**

