

## Chapter's Merger with its Parent Organization Finally Complete

Around four years ago, the chapter's board members came to the realization that in order for the chapter to survive and even thrive, it needed to have a professional staff in place to carry out the day-to-day duties inherent in running a non-profit organization. Of course, the greatest obstacle was how to pay for this staff, but there were also a wide variety of other issues that would need to be sorted out in order to get to the next level.

So when the National Hemophilia Foundation (NHF), headquartered in New York City, proposed an option to merge with them in return for a considerable amount of assistance in getting the chapter up and running in a rapid but controlled fashion, the timing was too perfect to pass up.

In February 2009, NHF and the local chapter board members interviewed and hired current Executive Director Rob Alexander. NHF agreed to fund 100% of his first year's salary and 50% of his second year's salary, which gave the chapter ample time to build its fundraising and programming capacity before having to worry about salary burdens. Besides their financial assistance, they also provided a great deal of technical assistance to the chapter's staff and board members as they began to plan and implement new fundraisers, consumer programs, and chapter policies.

So far, the plan has worked brilliantly from the chapter's perspective, even if the legal process to merge the two organizations has taken much longer to

accomplish than anyone had imagined it would when the process began.

July 1, 2011 marked the first day in which the chapter operated under the auspices of the National Hemophilia Foundation. With that comes the support of a much larger organization with staff members who specialize in finance, marketing, IT, HR, and many other areas where chapter staff may be knowledgeable, but certainly wouldn't be considered an expert.

The bottom line is that this merger has already provided a great deal of stability to this organization, and will help the chapter achieve even greater things in the years to come. Central Ohioans should consider themselves lucky to have NHF fighting in their corner.

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