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The 2024 HDSA Arizona Family Retreat Weekend Takes place Friday, August 23 - Sunday, August 25th, at Redemptorist Renewal Center.

Tuscon, Arizona (August 18, 2024) – The <u>Arizona Chapter</u> of the Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA) will host the Arizona Family Retreat Weekend Friday, August 23 - Sunday, August 25th, at Redemptorist Renewal Center. Check in and registration starts at 3:00 PM and the event starts at 5:00 PM. All proceeds support HDSA's mission to improve the lives of people affected by Huntington's disease (HD) and their families.

"Arizona HDSA Family Retreat is a gathering open to all people touched by Huntington's Disease. It brings together our Arizona community to meet new people, develop bonds, provide support and education, and share in laughter and friendship." - Dawn Magid MSSW PhD, Hdsa Social Worker.

For more information about the event, please contact Dawn Magid (<u>Dawn.Magid@DignityHealth.org</u>). Online registration and donation can be found at <u>arizona.hdsa.org</u>

Event page: arizona.hdsa.org/events/2024-arizona-family-retreat-weekend

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Huntington's disease (HD) is a fatal genetic disorder that causes the progressive breakdown of nerve cells in the brain. It deteriorates a person's physical and mental abilities during their prime working years and has no cure. Every child of a parent with HD has a 50/50 chance of inheriting the faulty gene. Today, there are approximately 41,000 symptomatic Americans and more than 200,000 at-risk of inheriting the disease. The symptoms of HD are described as having ALS, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's – simultaneously.

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

To learn more about Huntington's disease and the work of the Huntington's Disease Society of America, visit www.hdsa.org or call (800)345-HDSA.

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