# Support Groups in the Greater Grand Rapids Area

### Compiled by the Caregiver Resource Network Summer 2023

The Caregiver Resource Network is a collaboration of 150 West Michigan organizations dedicated to providing for the needs and welfare of family and professional caregivers within the community.

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Note: All support groups are free of charge and open to the public, unless indicated otherwise.

### **Dementia Caregiver Support Groups**

#### **Dementia Caregiver Support Group**

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals who have dementia Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month from 12:30 - 2:00 pm Location: SarahCare Knapp's Corner, 2211 East Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI Contact: Harlene Gedris at 616-949-4709 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals who have dementia Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Location: St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 3334 Breton Rd. SE, Grand Rapids, MI Contact: Theresa Wilson at 616-278-6526 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### **Dementia Caregiver Support Group**

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals who have dementia Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 12:30 - 2:00 pm Location: SarahCare Knapp's Corner, 2211 East Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI Contact: Harlene Gedris at 616-949-4709 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### **Dementia Caregiver Support Group**

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals who have dementia Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: St. Luke AME Zion Church at 616-452-7227 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### **Dementia Caregiver Support Group**

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals who have dementia Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 9:30 – 11:00 am Location: Russ' Restaurant, 6444 S. Division Ave., Grand Rapids, MI 49548 Contact: Kendra Schumaker at 616-530-6700 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### **Dementia Caregiver Support Group**

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals who have dementia Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 7:00 – 8:00 pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Claire Fisher at 616-459-7467 ext. 8495 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### Early-Stage Dementia Support Group

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals with early signs of dementia Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 1:00 – 2:30 pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Kayla Jakel at 248-996-1056 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### Frontotemporal Degeneration Caregiver Support Group

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals living with frontotemporal dementia types Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 3:00 - 4:00pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Karin at 206-384-0096 or <u>MillerKarin2@gmail.com</u> Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### **Grief After Dementia Caregiver Support Group**

Intended for: Caregivers that are grieving a loved one's dementia diagnosis Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association and Hospice of Michigan Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:30 – 7:30pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Ali Irwin at 989-705-2603 Website: https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping you/support groups

#### Ionia County Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals who have dementia Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from 11:30am – 12:30pm Location: Virtual via Zoom or Dial-In Contact: Rachel Yechar 616-527-5365 ext. 468 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### Lewy Body Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals who have Lewy Body Dementia Sponsored by: Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Center's Rinne Lewy Body Dementia Initiative Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 2:00 – 3:00pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Renee at 734-764-5137 Website: https://alzheimers.med.umich.edu/lbd/

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#### Male Caregivers Solutions Support Group

Intended for: Male caregivers of individuals who have dementia Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 10:30 – 11:30 am Location: Gemmen's Hardware (3488 Kelly St., Hudsonville) Contact: Brian Nitz at 616-822-1174 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### Mason County Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals who have dementia Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 1:00 – 2:30pm Location: Ludington Senior Center (308 S. Rowe St., Ludington) Contact: Jamie Medema at 231-893-8730 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### **Mecosta County Dementia Caregiver Support Group**

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals who have dementia Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 3:00 – 4:30pm Location: ResLife Church (14734 215<sup>th</sup> Ave., Big Rapids) Contact: Donette Neal at 231-796-3185 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### **Montcalm County Dementia Caregiver Support Group**

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals who have dementia Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month from 1:00 – 2:00pm Location: Montcalm Co. Commission on Aging (613 N. State St., Stanton) Contact: Pamela Shock at 989-831-7476 Option 3 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### Newaygo County Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals who have dementia Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month from 7:00 – 8:30pm Location: Fremont Library (104 E. Main St., Fremont) Contact: Susan Evans at 231-267-6119 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### **Osceola County Dementia Caregiver Support Group**

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals who have dementia Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 5:00 – 6:30pm Location: Papa's Place (121 W. Upton Ave., Reed City) Contact: Denise Tinkham at 231-832-7116 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### Persons Living with Lewy Body Dementia Buddies Group

Intended for: Individuals who have Lewy Body Dementia Sponsored by: Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Center's Rinne Lewy Body Dementia Initiative Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 3:00 – 4:00 pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Renee at 734-764-5137 Website: <u>https://alzheimers.med.umich.edu/lbd/</u>

#### Spanish-Speaking Support Group/Grupo De Apoyo En Español

Intended for: Spanish-speaking caregivers of individuals with dementia/cuidadores de personas con demencia Sponsored by: Exalta Health Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 5:30 – 6:30 pm/Cada tercer Martes del mes 5:30 – 6:30 pm Location: Exalta Health, 2060 S. Division Ave., Grand Rapids Contact: Teresa Cruz-Vega at 616-589-2820 Website: <u>https://exaltahealth.org/</u>

#### Virtual Support Group for Healthcare Professional Caregivers

Intended for: Professional caregivers in the healthcare field Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 11:30am – 1:00pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Cheryl (<u>C.Beighle@frontier.com</u>) or Rob (<u>Robbscarr@gmail.com</u>) Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### Younger Onset Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals in who are living with dementia before age 65 Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month from 5:30 – 7:00pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Cindy Beller at 586-453-1909 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### Younger Onset Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Intended for: Caregivers of a person who was diagnosed with dementia before age 65 Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Sharon Koets at 616-822-5481 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

# **General Caregiving Support Groups**

#### **Caregiver Support Group**

Intended for: Caregivers, family, friends, and other interested parties who meets to discuss the many issues related to providing quality care for a loved one who is experiencing a disease or condition Sponsored by: Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Dates: Every Tuesday at 10:00am Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Julie Alicki at 616.826.8970 or juliealicki@comcast.net

#### **Caregiver Support Group**

Intended for: Caregivers, family, friends, and other interested parties who meets to discuss the many issues related to providing quality care for a loved one who is experiencing a disease or condition Sponsored by: Evergreen Commons Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 12:30 pm Location: The Day Center at Evergreen (55 W. 16<sup>th</sup> St, Holland) Contact: Alyssa Langejans at 616-355-5153 Website: <u>http://www.evergreencommons.org/caregiver-services/</u>

#### **Caregiver Support Group**

Intended for: Caregivers, family, friends, and other interested parties who meets to discuss the many issues related to providing quality care for a loved one who is experiencing a disease or condition Sponsored by: Evergreen Commons Dates: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month 3:00 pm Location: Fellowship Church (2165 W. Lakewood Blvd., Holland) Contact: Alyssa Langejans at 616-355-5153 Website: <u>https://www.evergreencommons.org/caregiver-services/</u>

#### **Caregiver Support Group**

Intended for: Caregivers, family, friends, and other interested parties who meets to discuss the many issues related to providing quality care for a loved one who is experiencing a disease or condition Sponsored by: Evergreen Commons Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 3:00pm Location: Fennville United Methodist Church (5849 124<sup>th</sup> Ave., Fennville) Contact: Alyssa Langejans at 616-355-5153 Website: <u>https://www.evergreencommons.org/caregiver-services/</u>

#### **Caregiver Support Group**

Intended for: Caregivers, family, friends, and other interested parties who meets to discuss the many issues related to providing quality care for a loved one who is experiencing a disease or condition Sponsored by: Evergreen Commons Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm Location: Christ Memorial Church (595 Graafschap Rd., Holland) Contact: Alyssa Langejans at 616-355-5153 Website: <u>http://www.evergreencommons.org/caregiver-services/</u>

### Parkinson's Disease Support Groups

#### **Covenant Village of the Great Lakes Support Group**

Sponsored by: Covenant Village Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 2:00 - 3:00pm Location: Covenant Village of the Great Lakes (2492 Lake Michigan Drive NE) Contact: Lauren Hribek at 616-735-6078/LRHribek@CovenantRetirement.org OR Linda Kirpes at 616-735-6074/<u>LAKirpes@convenantretirement.org</u> Website: <u>https://parkinsonswm.org/summary/listing/covenant-village-support-group/</u>

#### **Deep Brain Stimulation Support Group**

Intended for: Those who have had or are considering DBS surgery and their families Sponsored by: Mercy Health St. Mary's, Hauenstein Neuroscience Center Dates: Times may vary based on season and reservations (No meeting in December) Location: Hauenstein Neuroscience Center (220 Cherry St. SE, Grand Rapids) Contact: Julie Smith, Nurse Clinician at 616-685-5438 Website: https://parkinsonswm.org/summary/listing/deep-brain-stimulation-dbs-support-group/

#### Montcalm County Parkinson's Disease Support Group

Intended for: Any Parkinson's patient and their care partners Sponsored by: Michigan Parkinson Foundation Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 12:30 – 2:30pm Location: Greenville Area Senior Center (715 S. Baldwin St., Greenville) Contact: 616-754-1658

#### Newaygo County Parkinson's Support Group

Intended for: Any Parkinson's patient and their care partners Sponsored by: Tamarac Wellness Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 3:30 – 5:00pm Location: Tamarac Wellness (1401 W. Main St., Fremont) Contact: 231-924-3073 Website: <u>https://tamaracwellness.org/</u>

#### Managing Parkinson's Support Group

Intended for: Anyone with Parkinson's disease or their care partners Sponsored by: Corewell Health Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:30 – 8:00pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: 616-447-1393 Website: <u>https://www.susanmastals.org/</u>

#### Parkinson's Care Partner Support Group

Intended for: Care partners who support a loved one with Parkinson's Sponsored by: Corewell Health Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 12:00 – 1:00pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: 616-447-1393

#### Parkinson's Disease Caregiver Lunch Meeting

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals with Parkinson's Disease Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm Location: Anna's House restaurant, 2409 E. Beltline Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 (Each person pays for their own lunch) *"Call ahead" reservations are recommended for attendance size.* Contact: Lynette Hooker at 616-455-5748 or <u>lunsue3@gmail.com</u> Website: <u>https://parkinsonswm.org/summary/listing/partners-in-parkinson-pip/</u>

#### Parkinson's Disease Caregiver Support Group

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals with Parkinson's Disease Sponsored by: Provision Living Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 1:00 - 3:00 pm Location: Forest Hills Bible Chapel (4637 Ada Dr. SE, Ada) Contact: Erin Wallace at 616-307-0534 Website: <u>https://parkinsonswm.org/summary/listing/pd-caregiver-support-group/</u>

#### Parkinson's Disease Support Group: Team Spark

Intended for: Any Parkinson's patient and their care partners Sponsored by: Seymour Christian Reformed Church Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month from 3:00 - 4:30pm Location: Seymour Christian Reformed Church (840 Alger Street SE, Grand Rapids) Contact: Dan & Ginny DeWitt at 616-481-3094 or <u>dvdewitt@gmail.com</u> Website: <u>http://seymourchurch.org</u>

#### Parkinson's Disease Support Group

Intended for: Persons with Parkinson's, family members and friends Sponsored by: Mercy Health St. Mary's Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 6:00 - 7:30 pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Laura DeWitt at 616-685-5845 Website: <u>https://parkinsonswm.org/summary/listing/mercy-health-pd-support/</u>

# **Cancer Support Groups**

#### **Bluebird Cancer Survivor and Caregiver Support Group**

Sponsored by: Bluebird Cancer Retreats Intended for: Adults with ANY type of cancer at ANY stage of cancer and caregivers Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Renee Denslow at 616-847-0839 or <u>rdenslow@bluebirdmi.org</u> Website: <u>https://www.bluebirdmi.org/resources/bluebird-cancer-support-groups/</u>

#### **Bluebird Guardians of Gold Group**

Sponsored by: Bluebird Cancer Retreats Intended for: Caregivers of a child who has cancer (Parents, grandparents, etc.) Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Renee Denslow at 616-847-0839 or <u>rdenslow@bluebirdmi.org</u> Website: <u>https://www.bluebirdmi.org/resources/bluebird-cancer-support-groups/</u>

#### **Brain Cancer Support Group**

Sponsored by: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids Intended for: Adults diagnosed with brain cancer Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 6:00 - 7:00 pm Location: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids (1806 Bridge St NE, Grand Rapids) Contact/RSVP: Gilda's Club at 616-453-8300 or <u>info@gildasclubgr.org</u> Website: <u>www.gildasclubgr.org</u>

#### **Cancer Support Group**

Intended for: Adults diagnosed with cancer Sponsored by: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids Dates: Every Thursday from 6:00 - 7:00 pm Location: Hybrid – at Gilda's Club Grand Rapids (1806 Bridge St NE, Grand Rapids) OR via Zoom Contact/RSVP: Gilda's Club at 616-453-8300 or <u>info@gildasclubgr.org</u> Website: www.gildasclubgr.org

#### **Christian Cancer Support Group**

Intended for: "Seekers" impacted by cancer Sponsored by: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids Dates: Every Monday from 4:00 - 5:00 pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact/RSVP: Gilda's Club at 616-453-8300 or <u>info@gildasclubgr.org</u> Website: www.gildasclubgr.org

#### **Colorectal & Related Cancers Support Group**

Intended for: Adults diagnosed with colorectal cancer and related hereditary risk syndromes Sponsored by: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday from 6:00 - 7:00 pm Location: Hybrid – at Gilda's Club Grand Rapids (1806 Bridge St NE, Grand Rapids) OR via Zoom Contact: Gilda's Club at 616-453-8300 or <u>info@gildasclubgr.org</u> Website: <u>www.gildasclubgr.org</u>

#### Friends & Family Cancer Support Group

Intended for: Individuals supporting a family member or friend on their cancer journey Sponsored by: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids Dates: Every Thursday from 6:00 - 7:00 pm Location: Hybrid – at Gilda's Club Grand Rapids (1806 Bridge St NE, Grand Rapids) OR via Zoom Contact/RSVP: Gilda's Club at 616-453-8300 or <u>info@gildasclubgr.org</u> Website: <u>www.gildasclubgr.org</u>

#### **Gynecological Cancer Support Group**

Intended for: Those diagnosed with gynecological cancer Sponsored by: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month from 6:00 – 7:00 pm Location: Hybrid – at Gilda's Club Grand Rapids (1806 Bridge St NE, Grand Rapids) OR via Zoom Contact/RSVP: Gilda's Club at 616-453-8300 or <u>info@gildasclubgr.org</u> Website: <u>www.gildasclubgr.org</u>

#### Leukemia & Lymphoma Cancer Support Group

Intended for: Adults diagnosed with Leukemia or Lymphoma, and support person(s) Sponsored by: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month from 3:00 - 4:00 pm Location: Hybrid – at Gilda's Club Grand Rapids (1806 Bridge St NE, Grand Rapids) OR via Zoom Contact/RSVP: Gilda's Club at 616-453-8300 or <u>info@gildasclubgr.org</u> Website: www.gildasclubgr.org

#### Lung Cancer Support Group

Intended for: Those diagnosed with lung cancer Sponsored by: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month from 4:00 – 5:00 pm Location: Hybrid – at Gilda's Club Grand Rapids (1806 Bridge St NE, Grand Rapids) OR via Zoom Contact/RSVP: Gilda's Club at 616-453-8300 or <u>info@gildasclubgr.org</u> Website: <u>www.gildasclubgr.org</u>

#### **Multiple Myeloma Cancer Support Group**

Intended for: Those diagnosed with multiple myeloma Sponsored by: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 6:00 – 7:00 pm Location: Hybrid – at Gilda's Club Grand Rapids (1806 Bridge St NE, Grand Rapids) OR via Zoom Contact/RSVP: Gilda's Club at 616-453-8300 or <u>info@gildasclubgr.org</u> Website: <u>www.gildasclubgr.org</u>

#### Prostate Cancer Support Group

Intended for: Those diagnosed with prostate cancer Sponsored by: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month from 6:00 – 7:00 pm Location: Hybrid – at Gilda's Club Grand Rapids (1806 Bridge St NE, Grand Rapids) OR via Zoom Contact/RSVP: Gilda's Club at 616-453-8300 or <u>info@gildasclubgr.org</u> Website: www.gildasclubgr.org

#### Sister to Sister Support Group

Intended for: Women of color impacted by cancer Sponsored by: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month from 6:00 - 7:00 pm Location: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids, 1806 Bridge St NE, Grand Rapids, MI Contact: Gilda's Club at 616-453-8300 or <u>info@gildasclub.org</u> Website: <u>www.gildasclubgr.org</u>

### **Grief Support Groups**

#### Adult Grief Support Group

Intended for: Adults who have experienced a death of an adult family member or friend Sponsored by: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids Dates: Every Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:00 pm or 6:00 – 7:00 pm Location: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids, 1806 Bridge St NE, Grand Rapids, MI Contact: Gilda's Club at 616-453-8300 or <u>info@gildasclubgr.org</u> Website: <u>www.gildasclubgr.org</u>

#### **Conquerors Support Group**

Intended for: Those who have lost a loved one to a homicide Sponsored by: Conquerors Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 1:00 - 2:30 pm Location: Oakdale Park CRC (961 Temple SE, Grand Rapids) Contact: Carolyn Priester at 616-248-4333. Please call to confirm your attendance. Website: <u>http://www.conquerors-sg.org/</u>

#### **Grief After Dementia Caregiver Support Group**

Intended for: Those who have lost a loved one to dementia Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association and Hospice of Michigan Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:30 – 7:30pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Ali Irwin at 989-705-2603 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### **Grief Support Group**

Intended for: Those dealing with grief and loss Sponsored by: Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Dates: Biweekly, though dates/times may vary. Please reach out to Vanessa Booth for details. Location: Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, 434 High St, Ionia, MI Contact: Vanessa Booth <u>vbooth@ssppcatholic.com</u> Website: <u>www.saintspeterandpaulionia.org</u>

#### Living On (Virtual)

Intended for: Anyone dealing with grief and loss Sponsored by: Hospice of Michigan Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month from 1:00 - 2:30 pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Katie Gedraitis at 231-845-3423 Website: <u>www.hom.org</u>

#### Living On (Virtual)

Intended for: Anyone dealing with grief and loss Sponsored by: Hospice of Michigan Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 1:00 - 2:30 pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Ken Krause at 231-527-0913 Website: <u>www.hom.org</u>

#### Living On (Virtual)

Intended for: Anyone dealing with grief and loss Sponsored by: Hospice of Michigan Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 1:00 - 2:30 pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Jackie Morris at 313-578-6328 Website: <u>www.hom.org</u>

#### Living On (Virtual)

Intended for: Anyone dealing with grief and loss Sponsored by: Hospice of Michigan Dates: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 3:00 – 4:30 pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Ken Krause at 231-527-0913 Website: <u>www.hom.org</u>

#### Living On

Intended for: Anyone dealing with grief and loss Sponsored by: Hospice of Michigan Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month from 10:30 – 11:30 am Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Cindy Palme at 248-334-1323 Website: <u>www.hom.org</u>

#### **Loss Support Group**

Intended for: Those who have lost a loved one to suicide Sponsored by: Mosaic Counseling and i understand, a non-profit organization Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 6:30 - 8:00 pm Location: Fountain Street Church (24 Fountain St. NW, Grand Rapids) Contact: <u>info@iunderstandloveheals.org</u>. *Pre-registration is required each month*. Website: <u>iunderstandloveheals.org</u>

#### **Men's Grief Support Group**

Intended for: Men who have experienced a death of someone in their life due to any cause Sponsored by: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 6:00 – 7:00 pm Location: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids (1806 Bridge St NE, Grand Rapids) Contact: Gilda's Club at 616-453-8300 or <u>info@gildasclubgr.org</u> Website: <u>www.gildasclubgr.org</u>

#### Men Overcoming Loss: Partner/Spouse

Intended for: Men who are mourning the death of a partner or spouse Sponsored by: Hospice of Michigan Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:00 – 7:30pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Wes Lawton at 586-263-8514 Website: <u>www.hom.org</u>

#### **Survivors of Suicide**

Intended for: Those mourning the suicide of a loved one Sponsored by: West Michigan Survivors of Suicide Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm Location: Park Congregational Church (10 Park Place NE, Grand Rapids) Contact: Jim Musial at 616-856-6897 Website: https://wmsosl.com/

#### Virtual Adult Grief Support Group

Intended for: Adults who have experienced a death of an adult family member or friend Sponsored by: Gilda's Club Grand Rapids Dates: Every Tuesday from 6:00 – 7:00 pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Gilda's Club at 616-453-8300 or <u>info@gildasclubgr.org</u> Website: <u>www.gildasclubgr.org</u>

# **Other Health Condition Support Groups**

#### Aging with Down Syndrome Support Group

Intended for: Family members of individuals with Down Syndrome Sponsored by: Alzheimer's Association Dates: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 5:45 – 6:45 pm Location: Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan, 160 68<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Grand Rapids, MI Contact: Claire Fisher at 616-459-7467 or Tom Hackett at 616-724-4720 Website: <u>https://www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups</u>

#### **Amputation Support Group**

Intended for: Individuals who have experienced limb amputation Sponsored by: Great Lakes Amputee Network Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm Location: Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital, Orthotics & Prosthetics/Bionics (235 Wealthy St. SE) Contact: Stephanie Rose at 616-591-8980 or <u>stephanie.rose@maryfreebed.com</u> Website: <u>https://www.maryfreebed.com/patients-visitors/support-groups-community-resources/</u>

#### Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Caregiver Group

Intended for: Caregivers of individuals diagnosed with ALS Sponsored by: Susan Mast ALS Foundation Dates: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Andréa Vugteveen at 616-622-3066 ext. 2 or <u>andrea@susanmastals.org</u> Website: https://www.susanmastals.org/

#### Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Support Group

Intended for: Individuals diagnosed with ALS Sponsored by: Susan Mast ALS Foundation Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Andréa Vugteveen at 616-622-3066 ext. 2 or <u>andrea@susanmastals.org</u> Website: <u>https://www.susanmastals.org/</u>

#### Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Support Group

Intended for: Individuals diagnosed with ALS Sponsored by: Susan Mast ALS Foundation Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 11:00am Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Andréa Vugteveen at 616-622-3066 ext. 2 or <u>andrea@susanmastals.org</u> Website: <u>https://www.susanmastals.org/</u>

#### **Brain Injury Support Group**

Sponsored by: Brain Injury Association of Michigan Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm Location: Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital, Professional Building (350 Lafayette Ave SE) Contact: Emily Maniscalco at 616-706-7779 or <u>rogueofukuleles@gmail.com</u> Website: <u>http://www.maryfreebed.com/patients-visitors/support-groups/</u>

#### Huntington's Disease Living Positive Support Group

Intended for: Those who have tested positive for HD or are living at risk Sponsored by: Huntington's Disease Society of America, Michigan Chapter Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 6:30 - 8:30pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: Kathy Delp at 616-340-7874 or <u>kath6613@aol.com</u> Website: <u>https://michigan.hdsa.org</u>

#### Joe Niekro Foundation Support Group

Intended for: Patients/family members affected by stroke, brain aneurism, TIA, or AVM Sponsored by: Comprehensive Stroke Care Metro and Joe Niekro Foundation Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month from 6:00 - 7:00 pm Location: Metro Health Conference Center, 2225 Main St. Wyoming, MI 49519 Contact: 616-252-7117 Website: <u>https://metrohealth.net/about-metro-health/live-healthy/live-healthy-calendar/</u>

#### Stroke Support Group

Intended for: Stroke survivors and their family and friends Sponsored by: Mary Free Bed Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month from 6:15 - 7:30 pm (Not meetings in January and July) Location: Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital, Professional Building (350 Lafayette Ave SE) Contact: Katie Harrington at 616-840-8922 or <u>katie.harrington@maryfreebed.com</u> Website: <u>http://www.maryfreebed.com/patients-visitors/support-groups/</u>

#### **Visually Impaired Support Group**

Intended for: Individuals who experience visual impairment Sponsored by: Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm Location: Remote via Dial-In Contact: 701-801-6449 Website: <u>https://www.abvimichigan.org/</u>

### **Mental Health Support Groups**

#### **Family Support Group**

Intended for: Any adult with a loved one who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition Sponsored by: NAMI of Kent County Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:30 – 8:00 pm Location: Cornerstone Church, 1675 84<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Caledonia, MI 49316 Contact: 616-559-0045 Website: <u>https://namikent.org/</u>

#### **NAMI Connections Support Group**

Intended for: Any adult who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition Sponsored by: NAMI of Kent County Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm Location: Virtual via Zoom Contact: 616-559-0045 Website: <u>https://namikent.org/</u>

### **Support Groups for Family Issues**

#### **Divorce Care Support Groups**

Visit <u>www.divorcecare.org</u> for a long list of local Divorce Care support groups.

#### Family & Friends of Aging Adults Support Group

Intended for: Those who are caregivers to older adults Sponsored by: Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 7:00 – 8:30 pm Location: Thornapple Evangelical Covenant Church, 6595 Cascade Rd. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 Contact: Cindy or Amy at 616-281-6363 x2450 Website: <u>https://www.pinerest.org/event/family-friends-of-aging-adults-support-group/</u>