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My life at a glance

I live in the beautiful countryside of western New York with my husband, Bob, and my teenage son, Jeremy. I work full time as a Research Associate in a structural biology research laboratory and, in my free time, help run the nonprofit group Bleeding Disorders Advocacy Network (BDAN). I have developed educational resources for children with bleeding disorders and enjoy coming up with new ideas to help our community become more informed and empowered.

I had never heard of VWD until Jeremy was diagnosed with Type 3 VWD shortly after birth. He lost almost half of his blood following circumcision and required several transfusions. I was tested shortly thereafter and was diagnosed with Type 1 VWD.

As a speaker, preferred topics include

Educational sessions for children or adults, including such topics as how the blood clots, the different types of VWD, and how VWD is inherited. I also discuss what to do in case of an emergency, preparing for the unexpected.

My message to you

"Learning to effectively manage VWD is a process, but with support and the right information, you can live an active, healthy life."

-Jessica

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