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Dear Huntington’s Disease Community,

HD Support & Care Network, Inc. received a very generous charitable donation from Teva Pharmaceuticals for HD CARER 2018 Program. We want to serve as many families, and care providers, as well as educate caregiver agencies, and other service agencies with this program. It’s all about bringing awareness and understanding, education and resources to those whose lives are impacted by HD and JHD. Below is a program description for your information.

HD CARER is an acronym for Carefully Anticipate and Respond to Emotional Reactions of our HD loved ones. Those who care for HD individuals know that emotions and environmental factors play a critical role in how well their HD loved ones cope, and react with the world around them. With the help of HD expert physicians, psychiatrists, and many credible resources, this program will focus on teaching coping methods to care partners and family members, as well as care provider agencies, and other service agencies, on how to better manage this neuropsychiatric movement disorder. We believe that learning how to redirect and extinguish obsessive compulsive behaviors and perseverant tendencies is a valuable tool to creating a more peaceful, healthy and happy HD life for everyone. HD CARER 2018 Program aims to provide education and resources to help HD families, and others in all stages of the disease progression.

Most Huntington’s disease families experience many generations of living with HD; sometimes caring for multiple family members at different stages of the disease. Often individuals who are at risk or symptomatic with HD are also caring for their HD family members. We know there is much to be learned from our seasoned caregivers. HD CARER 2018 Program Modules will present a multi-level, multi-disciplinary approach to caring for HD and JHD individuals: at events, conferences, Zoom webinars, and support group meetings. Presentations will be 20 minutes long with a 10 minute Q&A discussion, followed by evaluation surveys.

We at HD Support & Care Network welcome your input and suggestions. For comments or more information, contact Melissa Biliardi at office: 805-354-0708, or email: melissa@hdscn.org. Visit our website at www.hdscn.org. It’s an honor to serve you!