

Biography: Renée Paper

Renée Paper is a certified critical care nurse with over 20 years of experience in critical care and emergency nursing. She is the founder of the Hemophilia Foundation of Nevada (HFNV) and worked as a triage nurse in the emergency department of St. Rose Dominican Hospital in Henderson, Nevada. As a woman with von Willebrand disease (VWD), Renée has experienced many of the same frustrations that countless others with VWD have experienced, including delayed diagnosis, misdiagnosis, and complications from ineffective or inappropriate treatment. It is through her own journey with VWD that she has learned to take charge of her VWD and its management. Renée has shared her experiences by speaking nationally and internationally about VWD. In 1998, she received the National Hemophilia Foundation's Dick James Lifetime Achievement Award for her efforts to improve the care for people with bleeding disorders worldwide. In this book, the first book ever written on VWD, Renée shares the knowledge and strength she has acquired on her journey.



Biography: Lauren A. Kelley

Laurie Kelley is president of LA Kelley Communications, Inc., a worldwide provider of educational resources and leadership training for the bleeding disorders community. She is the author of ten books, including *Raising a Child With Hemophilia* and *A Guide to Living With von Willebrand Disease*. Her company publishes the *Parent Empowerment Newsletter*. She frequently lectures on hemophilia, as well as on leadership and teambuilding. She is founder and chair of Save One Life, Inc., a nonprofit child sponsorship agency for children with bleeding disorders in developing countries.

Laurie holds a bachelor's degree in child psychology from Regis College and a master's degree in international economics and business from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. She is the mother of three children: 19-year-old Tommy, who has hemophilia A; 16-year-old Tara; and 12-year-old Mary.

