

# McLeod Resource Center

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## Community Support Groups

*\*Please note: We do our best to ensure all information is up-to-date, but please call the listed contact person to confirm meeting information or to address any questions you may have.*

### **SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS:**

#### **Diabetes Support Groups**

Diabetes evening support groups are held on the second Monday of each month except November at 6:30 p.m. For more information on the support group topic and location, please call the McLeod Diabetes Center at (843) 777-6000.

#### **Gluten Intolerance Support**

For people who have intolerance to gluten-containing cereal grains and other toxicants. It is also known as Celiac Sprue Disease. For more information, please contact Gladys Ward, CSA Resource Unit #2041 volunteer at (843) 662-7846 or gladward@mindspring.com.

#### **Pee Dee Stroke Support Group**

For stroke patients and their families, this group provides support for living with the disabilities that result from a stroke. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 2:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital. For more information, please call Chris Bridges at (843) 679-9000.

#### **Spinal Cord Injury Support Group**

This group provides support for living with disabilities that result from a spinal cord injury as well as their families and caregivers. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every month from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the Leisure Room at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital. For more information, contact Ann Garinther at (843) 673-7153.

### **SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS:**

#### **McLeod Online Cancer Support Group**

A secure and confidential way for McLeod cancer patients to share experiences, comfort one another – or just be a friend. For more information please visit [www.McLeodCancerCenter.ning.com](http://www.McLeodCancerCenter.ning.com).

#### **Caring for Caregivers Cancer Support**

A support group for families of cancer patients. This group meets every Wednesday in the Solarium in 6 West of the McLeod Tower on the McLeod Regional Medical Center Campus. For more information, please call Raquel Serrano at (843) 777-5695.

#### **Florence Alzheimer's Support Group**

Open to all family members or caregivers that have a loved one with Alzheimer's disease. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Leatherman Senior Center, 600 Senior Way. For more information, contact Fannie Kennedy at (843) 669-6761. New members should call ahead so materials can be prepared for them.

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## **SUPPORT FOR PARENTS:**

### **Autism Connection Support Group (Family Connection)**

This group meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Theodore Lester Elementary School, 3501 E. Palmetto St. For more information, call Beth at (843) 661-5360 or Family Connection at 1-800-578-8750.

### **Compassionate Friends**

This support group is for parents who have lost a child of any age. Siblings and grandparents are also welcome. This group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Darlington, SC. For more information, please contact Debbie Lowder at (843) 676-0066 or dlowder@aol.com.

### **Down Syndrome Connection (Family Connection)**

For families who have a child with Down Syndrome. This group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Applebee's restaurant at 811 S. Irby St. in Florence. For more information, or if you plan to attend, please call Sue Martin at (843) 665-1513 or call Family Connection at 1-800-578-8750.

### **Empty Arms Support Group**

A preterm fetal loss support group for couples who have unexpectedly lost a baby from 20 weeks to full term. The group wishes to provide an open forum for couples to share thoughts, feelings and hope in order to cope with their loss. Meetings are held every other month at the Florence County Library. For meeting dates or more information, please contact Jennifer at (843) 615-2436 or at Jennifer.Green@fdtc.edu.

### **Hannah's Heart Infertility Support Group**

For women who have experienced or are experiencing infertility, miscarriage, early infant death, secondary infertility, assisted reproductive technology procedures and adoption. This group meets at Central United Methodist Church. For more information, please call (843) 662-3218.

### **Pee Dee Area MOMS (Mothers of Multiples) Club**

For mothers of twins/multiples. This group meets for play groups, lunch, dinner and family get-togethers for ideas, suggestions and discussion. Contact Lori at twinglemom0306@yahoo.com or (843) 319-7967.

### **Support for Families with Special Needs Children (Family Connection)**

**Family Pizza Night:** This group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at CiCi's Pizza at 1945 W. Palmetto St.

**Morning Breakfast:** This group meets the third Friday of each month at 9 a.m. at Chick-Fil-A, 2016 S. Irby St.

For more information about either of these meetings, please call Amy at (843) 858-1349 or call Family Connection at 1-800-578-8750.

## **SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS:**

### **Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault:**

Support groups for victims and survivors of family and/or sexual violence are offered weekly. Please call (843) 669-4694 for information about day, time and a location near you.

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