



WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

CHRONIC ILLNESS

Chronic illness *is* hard, but you are not alone. Join fellow travelers on this journey through loss and grief, laughter and hope. For no matter how dark the days, how wild the storm, or how long the winter, there is hope. *There is always hope.*



MENTAL ILLNESS

Too often, stigma, isolation, loneliness, and shame follow a diagnosis of mental illness. Not here. Here we offer resources for mental health steeped in love and grounded in faith. Here you are among friends, welcome just as you are.



Visit chronic-joy.org for more resources.



CHURCHES

COMPASSION. INCLUSION. Resources created and curated by those who understand the sweeping impact of chronic physical and mental illness on every aspect of life. Vital, practical, Christ-centered, and inclusive. *Together*, we are the Body of Christ on earth.

LEADERS

Community. It feels like hope and it's why small groups matter. So many in the chronic illness community feel a deep sense of isolation and loneliness. Small groups celebrate together, suffer together, pray together, and learn to lean on and trust in God *together*.



Thrive in a life with chronic illness.



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CAREGIVERS

Caregivers walk their own unique path through chronic illness, both rewarding and exhausting, difficult and joy-filled, meaningful and frustrating, isolating and inspiring. Wherever you are on the journey, we're so glad you're here! Step into hope, find purpose, embrace worth, and encounter God's joy.

OUR PROGRAMS

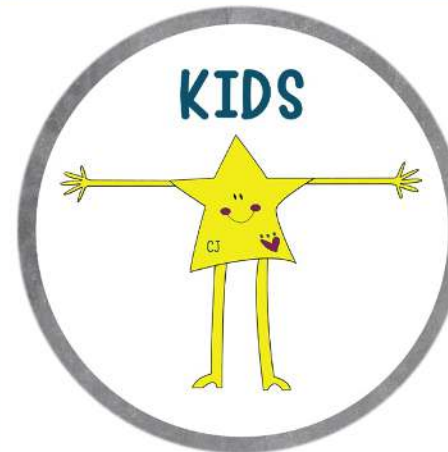
We are wired for community and created to serve. Check out *Our Programs* for creative ways to step in today!

- #PenToPaper
- Gift of Hope
- Prayer Ministry
- #StepRepPray
- Pass It On
- Did You Know? - Awareness



MARRIAGE

Marriage with chronic illness can be a difficult and lonely journey, but it can also grow into a beautiful opportunity to learn patience, humility, forgiveness, tenderness and sacrifice – gifts of love forged in the fire, rooted in Christ, and built to stand the test of time.



CHILDREN

ENCOURAGING AND ENGAGING. A chronically ill child affects each family, and every family member, differently, often impacting a child's development, behavior, self-awareness, independence, daily routines, recreational activities, and education. Yet illness can also be a catalyst to building lifelong compassion, resiliency, and faith.

PARENTING

Raising a child with chronic illness requires more strength, resolve, and courage than we ever dreamed possible, yet it also draws us closer to God as we learn to lean deep, love sacrificially, shift our perspective, and be fully present.



TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS

The young adult years are filled with change, and chronic illness complicates all of it - independence, education, employment, social activities, dating, and relationships with family and friends. But it can also cultivate both strength and resilience as we learn to navigate pain, loss, suffering, and adversity, discovering what really matters.