REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Participants may register by completing the information below. Mail form with your payment to the addresses below: Registration is also available online.

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Congregation or Organization Representing (if any)

I would like to receive CE Credit as a:
_____ RNs/LPN
_____ Social Worker

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TRAINERS

Kelly Ross-Davis, M.S., has been the Project Coordinator for The Support Team Network for seven years. Kelly is one of the most experienced teachers on the “team approach to caring.” She has served as a Support Team Trainer, Leader, Coach, Team Member, and Support Team Friend.

Joe Elmore, M.Div. has worked with The Support Team Network since 1994. He serves as the Support Team Coordinator at Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church where the team approach has been utilized in countless ways. He is a passionate writer and has written many stories related to caring including his most recent experience as a Support Team Friend.

Carol Padgett, Ph.D. serves as a CTN Consultant bringing her expertise in Psychology and End-of-Life Care. As a Congregational Health Ministry Consultant, Carol has worked collaboratively with Parish Nurses throughout the state.

The mission of the Support Team Network (STN) is to be a national training and resource center for the development of volunteer Support Teams for persons with health concerns or other special needs.

SUPPORT TEAM LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE

Thursday and Friday,
May 6 and 7, 2004
Birmingham, AL

Hosted by
Vestavia Hills
United Methodist Church

The Care Team Network changed its name to
The Support Team Network
on January 1, 2004!
WHAT IS A SUPPORT TEAM?
A Support Team is a group of volunteers working together to provide practical, emotional, and spiritual support to individuals and families with special needs.

This training will focus on reaching out to persons who have chronic or critical illnesses through congregations or organizations, but participants may use the team approach to care for persons with any need.

WHAT DOES A SUPPORT TEAM DO?
Team members simply do what they enjoy doing for others, when they are able, in an organized way with a built-in support system.

A team’s activities may include transportation to the doctor or grocery store, household or yard chores.

Some people enjoy running errands, preparing meals, or providing social outings. Others prefer to visit, make phone calls, or provide a break for caregivers.

WHY ARE TEAMS NEEDED?
The number of persons with needs is increasing due to persons living longer with fewer resources. Improved medical treatments help people live longer but not necessarily with a better quality of life.

A team approach provides a practical way individuals can work together to share the care to make a difference in the lives of others.

AUDIENCE
This training is for persons who want to develop Support Teams for persons living with any serious illness, disability, or other special needs.

Training should be of special interest to congregations, senior centers, hospice programs, nursing homes, hospitals, and other organizations.

DATES AND TIME
The two-day training will be on Thursday and Friday, May 6 and 7, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Check-in is 8:30.

LOCATION
Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church, 2061 Kentucky Ave., (one block east of H31), Birmingham, AL

COST
The cost of the conference is $200 per person which includes a Leadership Guidebook for Support Teams, continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments both days.

Continuing Education Units (14 CEUs) are available to nurses and social workers for an additional $25.

REGISTRATION
Please see back panel.

TRAINING CONTENT
Thursday and Friday, May 6th and 7th, 2004, 9-4 p.m.

This training is fun, fast-paced, and experientially-based! The time moves quickly.

Innovative methods are utilized to help participants understand and personally experience the concepts, and then learn how to teach the team approach to others.

Training is based on five major components:

- BEGINNING — How to introduce the team concept to others so that potential Team Members are able to hear the flexibility and freedom of the team approach.

- BUILDING—How to prepare Team Members through an Orientation that anyone can lead!

- CONNECTING—How to clarify expectations with the potential Support Team Friend (recipient) or Family or Facility.

- CARING—How to care for one another and the Team Friend through an efficient 59-minute meeting that helps persons communicate, educate, and coordinate.

- SUSTAINING—How to sustain Support Teams for the long run through a Leadership Team (Support Team for Support Teams) and how to use the resources of The Support Team Network.

By the end of the training, participants will be able to start, train, and sustain Support Teams for any need where they worship, work, or live.