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## WHO WE SERVE

The Scleroderma Foundation of Greater Chicago serves people living with scleroderma, their families, caregivers, and healthcare partners by offering support, education, community connections, and resources to help them navigate diagnosis, care challenges, and life with this complex autoimmune disease.



## OUR VISION

To build a world where individuals and families impacted by scleroderma feel understood, supported, and empowered to live their best lives while advancing toward improved treatments and, ultimately, a cure through collective awareness, education, and community engagement.



## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide hope, support, education, advocacy, and community for people affected by scleroderma, fostering connection and understanding, and to raise awareness and funds that drive research, improve quality of life, and bring the community together in the fight against this rare disease.

## How skin conditions **IMPACT** patients



Scleroderma is a rare autoimmune disease that causes the immune system to overproduce collagen, leading to tightening and thickening of connective tissues in the skin and organs. It can affect the skin, blood vessels, lungs, heart, kidneys, and digestive system, leading to chronic pain, disability, internal organ complications, reduced mobility, fatigue, and emotional stress. No cure exists, and symptoms vary widely among individuals.

# OUR STORY

The Foundation has served the scleroderma community for over 40 years, supporting patients and families through education, support services, and advocacy while working to increase awareness and catalyze progress in research and quality care.

## HOW WE MAKE AN IMPACT

The Foundation impacts lives by building supportive communities and offering education that helps individuals understand and manage scleroderma.

We facilitate support groups, educational programs, and conferences, provide professional development through our advocacy team, and bring the community together.

Through fundraising events like Cooking Up a Cure, Awareness Walks, and community campaigns, we raise funds for patient services and research.

Our outreach helps reduce isolation and empowers patients with information, connection, and hope.



## AT A GLANCE HOW WE PROVIDE SUPPORT

- Volunteer-led support groups connecting patients, caregivers, and families
- Educational resources, webinars, and conferences
- Newly diagnosed guidance and connections
- Fundraising events
- Online and regional community meetings for shared experiences
- Access to information on managing symptoms and care challenges

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