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FACT SHEET

FIBRO PATIENT EDUCATION & SUPPORT

WHAT: Fibro Patient Education & Support was launched in 2014 by Vernon Hills resident Necie Edwards to provide educational programs and services to improve the quality of life for patients diagnosed with fibromyalgia. Through programs for patients and caregivers, the program raises awareness about the illness, its causes, symptoms, comorbidities, treatment options and clinical outcomes, thereby helping patients feel empowered to make shared decisions with clinicians about their treatment.

The organization's new website, www.fibroeducation.org, offers free resources, including research and information about fibromyalgia, diagnosis and treatment; links to video recordings of *Fibromyalgia Talks*, a talk show hosted by Edwards that airs on public access Channel 4 in Vernon Hills, Ill., and AT&T's Channel 99; information about upcoming seminars, workshops and events; and opportunities to share stories and get involved in public education efforts, including sharing information that helps the healthcare community better understand the needs of fibromyalgia patients.

WHO: Vernon Hills resident Necie Edwards founded Fibro Patient Education & Support to educate and improve the quality of life for fibromyalgia patients. Edwards combines her education and life experience as a fibromyalgia patient to support those living with this chronic condition.

WHY: Fibromyalgia is a widely misunderstood and often misdiagnosed chronic condition that affects an estimated 10 million people in the U.S. alone. Characterized by widespread muscle pain, fatigue, concentration issues and sleep problems, fibromyalgia is a debilitating condition that requires ongoing medical and emotional support.

Fibro Patient Education & Support founder and fibromyalgia patient Necie Edwards is on a quest to help other patients become educated and engaged in the understanding of the disease. Through this organization she offers a holistic set of programs to support the mind, body and spirit of fibromyalgia patients.

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