



STATE COUNCIL

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State Council / OHRC Committee Members,

On behalf of the Ohio SHRM State Council, I wanted to take a moment to share some information with you regarding an extremely tragic situation that occurred to a member of our professional community.

Many of you may know or have heard of Cathy (Maher) Schonauer. She lives in Columbus and was a long-time SHRM member/volunteer for the HRACO Chapter, the State Council and the State Conference Committee.

We were informed this past week that Cathy experienced some life-threatening health challenges in the last few weeks. In short, Cathy was diagnosed with Sepsis, an extremely serious blood disease, which is often fatal. Cathy went into Septic Shock, her organs began shutting down and unfortunately, based on the severity of the condition; both of her hands and feet had to be amputated in order to save her life.

Cathy pulled through the procedure, but as you can imagine, is still in serious condition in the hospital. There is also a very long journey ahead for Cathy. She will spend months in the hospital and in a rehabilitation facility learning to live her life with the assistance of prosthetic hands and legs. There will be mounting medical bills and a huge financial hardship for Cathy and her family.

The Ohio SHRM State Council is working to determine how we can respond to help Cathy. In the meantime, we share this information so that you may consider taking a moment to review the details of the situation on Cathy's fundraising page (<http://www.gofundme.com/ykc4r2a4>). Feel free to share this message as you see fit with other HR Colleagues and Chapter Members as we work to spread awareness about her situation for those who may be interested in helping.

Thanks,

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