



# BCCS Newsletter

## Mission Statement

To provide  
compassionate in-  
home skilled nursing  
care and supportive  
resources for those  
affected by cancer or  
related illnesses in  
Southwest Michigan.

## Location

Marie Yeager Cancer  
Center - 2nd floor  
3900 Hollywood Road  
St. Joseph, MI 49085  
269-429-3281

[www.bccancerservice.org](http://www.bccancerservice.org)  
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media today!



## October

**by Robert Frost**

O hushed October morning mild,  
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;  
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,  
Should waste them all.  
The crows above the forest call;  
Tomorrow they may form and go.  
O hushed October morning mild,  
Begin the hours of this day slow.  
Make the day seem to us less brief.

Hearts not averse to being beguiled,

Beguile us in the way you know.

Release one leaf at break of day;

At noon release another leaf;

One from our trees, one far away.

Retard the sun with gentle mist;

Enchant the land with amethyst.

Slow, slow!

For the grapes' sake, if they were all,  
Whose leaves already are burnt with frost,  
Whose clustered fruit must else be lost—  
For the grapes' sake along the wall.

## *Pink Toilet Time Out's at the Pink Party*

We have spots to fill for 10 minutes of Pink Toilet glory. This time can be used to garner donations to get to off the pink throne, read the toilet humor joke book, write inspirational messages on cards for cancer patients or add to the clean toilet joke club. Time Outs are from noon to 5 p.m. at City Plumbing, Heating & AC, the sponsor for the Pink Toilet. Located at 407 State Street, St. Joseph. The Pink Party will begin at 6 p.m. with more Pink Toilet Time Outs at the Lazy Ballerina Winery, 321 State Street. Thank you, Lazy Ballerina Winery and City Plumbing!

**Pink Party**  
\$10 donation  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 AT 6:00PM  
Sponsored by

- PINK CANDLE MAKING
- PINK TOILET TIME-OUTS
- SCAVENGER HUNT
- RAFFLE PRIZES AND 50/50 DRAW
- BEST PINK OUTFIT CONTEST
- WINE AND CIDER TASTINGS
- LIVE MUSIC FEATURING JIMMY FASTIGGI

Join the fun with a raffle - 50/50  
and prizes, a scavenger hunt, door  
prizes, contests and so much more!  
Wear your favorite pink outfit and  
come out to support us.

Thank you to Rob Wolf for the \$10,000  
Gift Match Sponsorship with Wolf  
Financial Advisory!

**PINK PARTY RAFFLE TICKETS**  
**\$10 each - 6 for \$50 - 15 for \$100**  
**50/50 & Prizes**  
**PICK UP TICKETS NOW 269-429-3281**

## Ways to Support BCCS in October

**BCCS Pink Party at Lazy Ballerina**

- \$10 entry fee

**Renaissance Athletic Club**

- A portion of Joiners Fee to  
Benefit BCCS during October

**Watermark Brewing Company**

- Feel Good Tap benefits to BCCS

**Lilac Loft. 616 Broad St, St Joseph**

- Oct 15 Pink Candle Party \$40

**Campbell Ford Lincoln Mercury**

- \$100 for each vehicle sold to BCCS

**LeValley Chevrolet, GMC**

- Select BCCS for donation to  
nonprofit

# BCCS Bulletin Board



—\$100,000

—\$95,000  
—\$90,000  
—\$80,000  
—\$70,000  
—\$60,000  
—\$50,000  
—\$40,000  
—\$30,000  
—\$20,000  
—\$10,000  
—\$5,000



**TOGETHER  
WE CAN!**

JOIN US IN REACHING OUR  
GOAL OF \$100,000!



[www.bccancerservice.org](http://www.bccancerservice.org)

## 2023 Art Play Workshops

**KRASL ART CENTER**

707 Lake Blvd  
St. Joseph, MI  
4:30-6:00 pm

*Join us for a fun time creating art!*

**THURSDAYS**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

**MARCH 16, 2023**

**APRIL 20, 2023**

**MAY 18, 2023**

**JUNE 15, 2023**

**JULY 20th - Join us at the Howard  
Performing Arts Center for our 75th  
Reception**

**AUGUST 17, 2023**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

**OCTOBER 19, 2023**

**ART PLAY FESTIVAL**  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023

The Art Play Workshops are for any child who is impacted by cancer including a family member, grandparent, close friend, or stable pediatric patient. To register, call Berrien County Cancer Service at 269-429-3281, go to our website: [bccancerservice.org](http://bccancerservice.org), or email [director@bccancerservice.org](mailto:director@bccancerservice.org)

A program of the Berrien County Cancer Service



## BCCS STARGIVERS

- Robert Wolf and Wolf Financial Advisory
- All those who are giving to the Wolf Financial Advisory Matching Gift Fund
- Marie Yeager Cancer Center - Corewell Health



Our Art Play Festival is a fun evening of art, crafts, music and fellowship.

It will be an evening of singing, dancing and creative expression. Our personal chef favorite, Patti Kenworthy will create walking tacos for your palate and cookies will be available to decorate for dessert.

We hope to see kids of all ages take part in this fun activity. Learn about the impact that cancer has on families and join us in supporting them.

## Holiday Giving Reminders



**Donate online at :**  
**[www.bccancerservice.org](http://www.bccancerservice.org)**  
**or send to: BCCS**  
**3900 Hollywood Road**  
**St. Joseph, MI 49085**

**We have 2 holiday giving opportunities for you.**

### Giving Tuesday

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving, we raise funds to give to our patients who need extra assistance with holiday cheer for their holidays. This fund comes directly from you and goes directly to patients and their families who have extra needs to make their holiday time bright!

### Year End Giving

This year has truly been a momentous one of celebrating 75 years of community support! Did you know that our local community is the only place with an awesome nursing service like the Berrien County Cancer Service? Your year end giving to BCCS keeps our mission of bringing hope and comfort to those fighting cancer.



# In Memory

## In Memory of Douglas Allen

Jack Duncan

## In Memory of Barbara Ann Keeler

James and Melissa Jakubs

## In Memory of Garry Quay

Ed and Gloria Smith

## In Memory of Daniel Hauch

Joanne Parrish

## In Memory of Lee Stevens

Deb and Eric Standen

*Berrien County Cancer Service sends our sincere sympathy to all those who have recently lost loved ones. We thank all of our generous donors. Your donations appreciated to help those with cancer in SW Michigan.*

### *From the Desk of Nancy Church, RN*

**With October being both Breast and Liver Cancer Awareness month, I thought I would share a few facts about Liver Cancer since we don't often hear about it.**

The liver is the largest internal organ. It lies under your right ribs just beneath your lung. It breaks down and stores many of the nutrients absorbed from the intestines. These nutrients need to be changed (metabolized) in the liver before they can be used for energy, or to build and repair body tissues. It is involved in making certain clotting factors, it makes bile, and breaks down toxic wastes into the blood which exit the body through urine and stool.

A cancer that starts in the liver is called a primary liver cancer. The tumor can be a single tumor or many small nodules. Another type of liver cancer starts in the bile ducts.

Most of the time when cancer is found in the liver it did not start there, but has spread (metastasized) from somewhere else in the body, such as the pancreas, colon, stomach, breast, or lung. This is called a secondary liver cancer. These tumors are named and treated based on where they started. For example, cancer that started in the lung and spread to the liver is called lung cancer with spread to the liver, not liver cancer. It is also treated as lung cancer.

In the United States, secondary (metastatic) liver tumors are more common than primary liver cancer.



Liver Cancer  
Awareness  
Ribbon

### **Risk Factors for Primary Hepatocellular Liver Cancer**

Sex – primary more common in men  
Race/ethnicity – Asian American are highest  
Chronic viral hepatitis  
Cirrhosis & heavy alcohol use  
Inherited metabolic diseases  
Tobacco use  
Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease – common with obesity  
Type 2 diabetes  
Vinyl chloride and certain other chemicals  
Anabolic steroids – long term usage

### **BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR THE PINK PARTY!**

*For some light-hearted “pink” fun for October, search “Pink ribbon dance Lakeland” on youtube.com for 3 videos of breast cancer survivors and local organizations getting in the pink groove!*



Online Resources:

[www.sharecancersupport.org](http://www.sharecancersupport.org) – find support for breast and gynecological cancers

[www.cancer.net](http://www.cancer.net) – obtain guides for all cancers in English and Spanish (Español)



**Have you ever felt like you would like to share something you learned to help someone on a cancer journey? Or maybe as a caregiver? I would like to share those tidbits of caring along. Give a helping hand of information by emailing me at: [director@bccancerservice.org](mailto:director@bccancerservice.org). Please mention that your statement can be used by BCCS, use good language etiquette, and understand that the usage will be at our discretion. I will be excited to hear from you and share the advice along!**



Join me at the Art Play Festival, Wednesday, Nov 8th from 4-7pm and bring a at the North Shore Event Center

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Donations can be made in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one. In these instances, we would also like to send acknowledgment to the honoree or next-of-kin, so please provide that information when making your donation.

Staff was phenomenal!  
Offered services I didn't  
know you provided.

Anonymous Patient