



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

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media today!



The Harvest Moon

by Henry Wadsworth

Longfellow

It is the Harvest Moon! On gilded vanes
And roofs of villages, on woodland crests
And their aerial neighborhoods of nests
Deserted, on the curtained window-panes
Of rooms where children sleep, on country lanes
And harvest-fields, its mystic splendor rests!

Gone are the birds that were our summer guests,
With the last sheaves return the laboring wains!

All things are symbols: the external shows
Of Nature have their image in the mind,
As flowers and fruits and falling of the leaves;
The song-birds leave us at the summer's close,
Only the empty nests are left behind,
And pipings of the quail among the sheaves.



We hope you will take part in the splendor
of our Art Play Festival 2023. It is an
event for kids of all ages who enjoy art.
Our Art Play Festival is a fun evening of
art, crafts, live 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.

Giving Tuesday, November 28, 2023

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving, has been designed Giving Tuesday since November 27, 2012 for people to begin planning their non-profit giving for the Thanksgiving Holiday and year end. At the Berrien County Cancer Service, we raise funds on this day only to give to our patients who need extra assistance with holiday expenses. This funds come directly from you and go directly to patients and their families who have who need extra assistance with holiday expenses to make their holiday time bright! directly from you and goes directly to patients and their families who have extra needs to make their holiday time bright!!!

TO DONATE: use the GIVING TUESDAY QR CODE on the next page.

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!



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You

Pink Toilet Time Out's

We are ore overwhelmed by the support we received from the community with people sitting on Pink Toilets to help us raise funds for cancer care. We want to thank everyone who gave to help us meet our \$10,000 matching gift from Wolf Financial Advisors. People sat on pink toilets, paid \$250 + in bond and participated in the Pink Party by purchasing raffle and 50/50 tickets.

Pink Toilet Sitters

Anna Abdelnour
Andrea Bauman
Gregory Blomgren
Nancy Church
Angela Dupre
Gloria Ender
Declan Finnigan
Jonathan Foster
Josh Frazee
Javen Graves
Kevin Guzzo
Chuck Heit
Jerry Holtgren
Allison Hoskins
Olivia Ippel
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Lauren Vegter
Karen Walker
Mark Weber
Brian Wisneski
Rob Wolf

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Berrien County Health Dept
Blossomtime Festival
Century 21 - The Frazee Team
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& Air Conditioning
Freedom Finishing
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Lake Michigan College
Lakeshore High School
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Send Soup
State Street Stuff
Urban Found
Wanderlust
Outfitters
Waterfront House of
Framing & Fashion
Wedding Belles
Whirlpool
White Pine Winery



Once a year, we raise money to pass funds directly to our cancer patients to assist with holiday expenses. If you have some extra money this holiday season and would like to make a personal difference for cancer families, November 22-30 is a great time to spread joy! ❤️

**GIVING
TUESDAY**



**November
22-30, 2023**



In Memory

In Memory of Brian Holt

Victoria Holt

In Memory of Renda Brown

Jim Brosnan

Sharon Holle

Darren & Leslie Priebe

In Memory of Florence Smith

La Verne Trapp

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



Honoring Caregivers: Dark Purple

With November being a month to honor caregivers, think about a time that you were a caregiver? What simple things would have helped you out? Maybe someone asking if they could give you an hour or two to take a nap or go to the store. Maybe offering to walk your dog, clean up your kitchen, or make a casserole dish. It is so easy for each of us to get caught up in the day to day rush of work, kids, activities, that we forget about those who provide care. They give of themselves day in and day out, often feeling exhausted and isolated.

This past summer, my husband and I found ourselves as caregivers to a relative whose health took a turn for the worse. There were nights of little sleep, hours of sitting helping with his breathing due to fluid in the lungs, and watching the paperwork and dust accumulate. We were so grateful for a sister who came for 3 weeks to help with the day and night care. While we may not be able to take weeks to help out, each of us can bring a little spot of joy to someone you know who is exhausted from providing care....I can guarantee you that they will never forget the kind deed.

Lung Cancer: White



Pancreatic Cancer: Purple



Stomach (Gastric) Cancer: Periwinkle Blue



Carcinoid Cancer: Zebra print



Carcinoid tumors are a rare type of cancer that often grows so slowly that few people with these tumors have symptoms. They can grow anywhere there are hormone-producing cells. Since there are more of these types of cells in the digestive tract, it is the most common place for them to form. Symptoms are often vague and intermittent. They are also called Neuroendocrine tumors. The treatment of choice is surgical excision.

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.

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. 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 friend at the North Shore Event Center!

**Donate online at :
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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.

"My nurse is very caring and I am thankful that she comes to our home and I don't have to go to the hospital for blood work."

Ann