



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
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media today!



This is My Wish for You

By Ralph Waldo Emerson

"This is my wish for you:
Comfort on difficult days,
smiles when sadness intrudes,
rainbows to follow the clouds,
laughter to kiss your lips,
sunsets to warm your heart,
hugs when spirits sag,

beauty for your eyes to see,
friendships to brighten your being,
faith so that you can believe,
confidence for when you doubt,
courage to know yourself,
patience to accept the truth,
Love to complete your life."



A New Look at Pennies for Patients Day x 5

Just as we visit patients throughout Berrien County, we are coming to a location near you! Another exciting change is United Federal Credit Union will take your "change" and donations during the month of May (you will need to show photo ID and give your social security number). Please run coins through the UFCU coin machine and let the teller know that it is a donation for BCCS The alternative is to go to a drop off location during Pennies week or drop at BCCS office during the month of May.

Drop-Off
Locations

The Week of May 8-12, 2023

Monday, May 8, noon - 4pm, **Bridgman**, Corner of Church & Lake St

Tuesday, May 9, 7:30am - 4:30pm, **Coloma**, park next to library

Wednesday, May 10, 9:30am - 3:30pm, **Niles**, St. John's United Church of Christ

Thursday, May 11, 7:30am - 5pm, **St. Joseph**, Saron Lutheran Church lawn

Friday, May 12, 10am - 3pm, Senior Expo, LMC, **Benton Harbor**

Sponsored by



Throughout the month of May drop off at
any UFCU branch in Berrien County!

SAVE THE DATE - BCCS 75TH CELEBRATION OF COMPASSIONATE CARE

July 20th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

At the Howard Performing Arts Center, Andrews University

Enjoy an evening of music, fellowship, and celebrating the impact of BCCS



KITCHEN TAKEOVER - call 269-429-3689

Make your reservation at Tosi's in Stevensville for May 5, 2023 as Gloria Ender puts on her Chef's Coat to create a culinary delight benefitting BCCS. Thank you, Gloria Ender and Dan McCrery

BCCS Bulletin Board

2023

**Fundraising Goal
We need your help!**

\$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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BCCS STARGIVERS - BUSINESS/ORGANIZATIONS

Berrien Area Hockey Association

LithoTech Graphic Services

Craig Siemans



On March 30, 2023, a Blue Party was held at Local Pour in Sawyer to raise awareness for colorectal cancer. The event was a success, with over 100 attendees enjoying live music, food, and drinks. Cassie Tillery, RN, Nurse Navigator and Claudia Sharlow from Exact Sciences worked together to bring a giant walk-through colon to the event to demonstrate the stages of cancer. Guardian Brewing Company in Saugatuck created a special blue moon ice cream-inspired beer for the occasion. Local Pour was gracious enough to donate their space, talked some local musicians into performing for free and donated back a portion of their proceeds from the evening. Shawn Van Kampen from My MI Candle Co. made candles with people and donated back a portion of her proceeds. The Peasant's Pantry donated a portion of the food and Jovani's Kitchen stayed open late to feed anyone who was hungry. Mike got things started for the Edgar Willbury Experience who rocked the evening. We raised over \$2,000 benefitting BCCS patients. A huge "Thank You" to everyone who worked to make this event a success.

Blue Party Thank You's!

Chalet Surgeon & Local Pour Team

Ann Campbell

Art F/X

Boulevard Inn & Bistro

Cassie Tillery

Dablon Vineyards & Winery

Deb Standen

The Edgar Willbury Experience

Exact Sciences

Falatics Meat Market

Guardian Brewing Company

Holly Hamlin Luxe Aesthetics

Janice Harpole

John Mathieu

Jovani's Kitchen, Sawyer

Linda Brady

My MI Candle Company

Patti Kenworthy

Peasants Pantry, Sawyer

Statements Style Lounge

Sweetwater Boating Supplies

Statements Style Lounge

Whirlpool Corporation



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, or email director@bccancerservice.org

A program of the Berrien County Cancer Service



In Memory

In Memory of Joyce Holt

Richard Smith

In Memory of Lorna Sue Misciasci

John Cambell

Linda Kibler Harrington

In Memory of Walter Wolshlager

Susan Patzer

Peggy Campbell - Rest in peace, Walley.

Condolences to his family.

Sending our love and prayers.

In Memory of Nancy Schroeder

Thelma Gehres

In Memory of Charlynn McCullough

Tracie Davis

Michelle Besheres

Patricia Swanson - Here's to Char's last dance.

In Honor of Jill Kauffman

Richard Smith

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 Southwest Michigan.

From the Desk of Nancy Church, RN

In all of our lives there are milestones that mark special events, it may be a special birthday, the first time a baby takes a step, a graduation, the first car you owned (mine was a 1981 blue Honda Civic hatchback), launching out on your own, or maybe retiring from a lifelong career.

This year we are celebrating our 75th year of taking care of those with cancer in our local community. When a young Olove Colcord accepted the new position as a community education nurse for the American Cancer Society, she had no idea that within a few short years, a crisis would create a fork in the road to either no longer provide patient care or forge bravely ahead as a new independent nonprofit...thus the Berrien County Cancer Service was created.

Through the years, our local community has taken on the challenge of keeping the Berrien County Cancer Service serving those who are going through treatment for cancer and related illnesses. This has not been an easy job, but people I've been privileged to know like Joe Appel, Fred Busse, Rita Reid, Olove Colcord and a host of others were there in the early days with a vision, determination, and willingness to connect with the community to give to continue the compassionate care of our mission.

We could not let this milestone of 75 years go by without celebrating it with you. A venue large enough, a reception to delight the taste buds, stories and a musical program to say, "Thank You" to all who have supported us through the years. We want this celebration to be as special as each of you are!

75th Anniversary Celebration

Howard Performing Arts Center - July 20th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Campus of Andrews University, Berrien Springs

Sneak Peak - the Southwest Michigan Symphony chorus will be singing selections from the "Sound of Music"

**May
Awareness
is for:**

Brain Cancer



Bladder Cancer



Melanoma & Skin Cancer



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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 amazing! Very friendly and we can discuss our concerns, she directs us and helps solving the dilemmas we might have."

A Patient