



Berrien County Cancer Service

In memory of the committed service of Olove Colcord, RN

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BCCS Newsletter

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Mission Statement

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

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Follow us on social media today!



October *by Robert Frost*

O hushed October morning mild,
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;
To-morrow's wind, if it be wild,
Should waste them all.
The crows above the forest call;
To-morrow 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;

Slow 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.

JOIN US FOR THE 1ST ANNUAL RUN AND CREEP 5K RUN/WALK

When: Saturday, October 19, 2024
Time: Sign-in starts 7:00 AM | Race starts 8:00 AM
Starting Location: Start and finish at Renaissance Athletic Club
Race Route: Race will be run on Harbor Shores Golf Course
Cost: \$35.00 per person (\$20 Ages 0-13)
Benefiting: Berrien County Cancer Service
Register: By October 1st at www.runsignup.com/Race/MI/BentonHarbor/HalloweenCreep5kRun

Presented by HARBOR SHORES and Berrien County Cancer Service

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501 Graham Avenue, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Come cheer us on at RUN AND CREEP 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, October 19 at 8 am
Renaissance Athletic Club for the
1st annual RUN AND CREEP 5K Run/Walk
benefitting the
Berrien County Cancer Service
It should be a good time for all!!
Costumes are encouraged

**2024
January-July**

**Our Nurses made
768 patient visits**

**Resource Locker
loan/given value:
\$31,130**

Our Fight Cancer In All Colors - Patient Sponsor Wolf Financial Advisory

A BIG "THANK YOU!" to Robert Wolf of Wolf Financial Advisory for sponsoring 5 tables at the Fight Cancer In All Colors gala for cancer survivors and their guests!

Wolf Financial Advisory is dedicated to enhancing the Tri-County area by actively supporting local organizations that drive significant community impact. By directing their resources to nonprofits focused on vital issues such as education, health, and social services, they help amplify the efforts of these crucial groups.

Their contributions not only address immediate community needs but also build a foundation for long-term positive change. Through this commitment, Wolf Financial Advisory is playing a key role in fostering a stronger, more vibrant community.

Wolf Financial Advisory

BCCS Bulletin Board

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Corvette Coventry of SW Michigan

More Pennies for Patients
donors:

*Thank
You!*

Pilgrim Congregational United
Church of Christ

The Green Dragon Coffee Shop

WHITE PARTY

Wednesday,
November 6th

For Lung Cancer!

Come join us for a great time at Peat's Cider
Social for bowling, food trucks, and FUN!



Peat's
Cider Social

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*Thank
You*



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Thank you Daphne and Gianna McClellan for the
donation of over 40 wigs. These are available at the
BCCS office for those in cancer treatment. See them in
their store for a wide variety of wigs and more.

Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday reimagines a world built upon shared humanity and generosity. Whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts, and everyone has something to give.



Share the Love!



Giving Tuesday QR Code

Special Pink Thank You's

Watermark
BREWING CO.

for hosting our
Pink Party



For bringing us pizza
at the Pink Party

Timothy's

RESTAURANT & BAR



Chef Patti K
For delicious
appetizers

In Memory

In Memory of Theodore "Ted" Ruwe, Jr.

Sylvia Aldrich
Barbara Orr

In Memory of George Walters

Marilyn White

In Memory of Edward & Eleanor Pierscinski.

Connie Hanson

In Memory of Joe Saratore.

Vanessa Austin
Yvonne Herkemij

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

As I see the leaves falling to create a beautiful carpet of red, gold, orange, and brown, I am reminded of the soon-coming holidays around the corner. This year the holidays will be even more special for our family as we will celebrate with a newly added granddaughter, Melanie Dawn, our first grandchild! We will treasure the time we have with her for a few months until her family returns to Peru where our son is an airplane mechanic for a medical evacuation team.



As we gather together for the holidays with our family and friends. It is also a special time to help those around us who may be struggling to make ends meet. Giving Tuesday, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, is a special day for us as we raise funds to give to our patients who need extra assistance for holiday cheer. The money raised for Giving Tuesday is your special gift that goes directly to the patients and their families to help them with gifts and a delicious holiday meal. As we share your gift with them, their smiles of gratitude and appreciation says it all. If you would like to brighten a patient's Christmas, please give by using this QR code (it is also on the 2nd page).



Giving Tuesday QR Code

Did you know that our local community is the only place with an awesome nursing service like the Berrien County Cancer Service? We depend on donations to provide our unique skilled nursing care for those who need extra support during treatment. Our Resource Locker is there with needed items to help provide essential items for safety, comfort, and health. Your year-end giving to BCCS keeps our mission of bringing hope and comfort to those fighting cancer.

We are excited to announce that we were awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation to rebuild our website! By the end of the year, we should have a more user friendly, interactive website that is easily updated. It has been 9 years since our current website was built, so visit it now and when the new one is done, give us some feedback to help us improve your experience learning about BCCS through the web!



October Cancer Awareness Month

Enjoy the fun of the "Dance Our Towns Pink 2019" video created in 2019 by Spectrum Health Lakeland (now Corewell Health). You can find the BCCS office staff line dancing at the 2:39 mark. To find the video, go to YouTube.com and type in the search bar:

"Dance Our Towns Pink 2019"



Breast Cancer



Liver Cancer

Mail your gift to: BCCS
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Donate by QR code
or online at:

www.bccancerservice.org



Thank you!

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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 when making your donation.

"Thank you so much. I am on the last month of using the medical equipment, and it has helped so much. I couldn't have healed so well. The staff was so kind and supportive!"

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