



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!



**2024
January-July**

**Our Nurses made
768 patient visits**

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

The Oak

By Alfred Lord Tennyson

Live thy Life,
Young and old,
Like yon oak,
Bright in spring,
Living gold;

Summer-rich
Then; and then
Autumn-changed
Soberer-hued
Gold again.

All his leaves
Fall'n at length,
Look, he stands,
Trunk and bough
Naked strength.

Ladies Tea

Corewell Health Center for Wellness
133 W Main, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Monday, September 30, 2024
4:30pm -6:00pm

Shelley Wilkinson, RN,
MYCC Nurse Navigator
Nancy Church, RN, President and
CEO of the Berrien County Cancer Service



Sponsored By:



Join us for the Ladies Tea!

Monday, Sept. 30th 4:30 - 6:00 pm
Corewell Health Center for Wellness
133 W. Main, Benton Harbor

**Wear your prettiest hat or decorate one for
our hat contest, games, prizes and more**
**Women's cancers are increasing at an
alarming rate let's get ahead of the curve
and take this opportunity to educate
ourselves and take control of our health.**

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

BCCS STARGIVERS

- Brown Funeral Home
- Basa's Marine
- The Moorings Association
- New Buffalo Yacht Club
- Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church



Appetizers & desserts
Team costumes encouraged
Instigate challenges with other teams

Berrien County Cancer Service
 at **Watermark BREWING CO.**

PINK TOILET TIME OUTS
 BECAUSE **CANCER STINKS!!**

Wednesday, October 2, 2024
3:00 - 8:00 pm

The Pink Toilets from City Plumbing are back!

Will YOU end up on a pink toilet timeout?



Join us for a good time at Watermark Brewing Co.

Wednesday, October 2nd from 3:00 - 8:00 pm

Nominate someone to sit on Pink Toilet for 5 minutes FREE

Donate \$10 get a free drink

Donate \$25 free drink and sticker

Donate \$100+ drink, sticker and trophy

Pay \$250 to pay bond to skip the pink toilet after nomination

More Pennies for Patients donors:

Thank You!

- Iris Geiger
- Betsy Krieauff
- Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
- New Buffalo Yacht Club
- Alexis Piscitelli
- Joey Dimaggio
- Basa's Marine
- The Moorings Association



Leukemia

Leukemia is a cancer of the blood characterized by the rapid growth of abnormal white blood cells. This uncontrolled growth takes place in the bone marrow where cells are made. These abnormal cells crowd out other developing cells like red blood cells. There are many types of leukemias with varying prognoses.



Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma



Hodgkins

With lymphomas, cancer cells form in the lymph system with 2 main types: Hodgkins and Non-Hodgkins. Hodgkins often affects young adults and is often cured. Symptoms may include night sweats, swollen lymph nodes, & fever.



Prostate

Early stage prostate cancer rarely causes symptoms. Issues that may occur as the disease progresses include frequent, urgent need to urinate, weak urine flow that stops and starts, pain, burning on urination, pain in your low back, hip, or chest.



Thyroid

Thyroid cancer starts in a small gland at the base of your neck, just above your trachea. The thyroid produces hormones that regulate your metabolism, helps to control body temperature, blood pressure and heart rate. Thyroid cancer is often highly treatable with an excellent cure rate.



Gynecological

Gynecological cancers include ovarian, uterine/endometrial, cervical, vulvar, and vaginal. These are cancers of the female reproductive system. Screening conducted regularly can result in the detection of certain types of gynecologic cancers in their earlier stages, when treatment is more likely to be successful and a complete cure is a possibility. Other cancers, such as ovarian, may not have symptoms or generalized symptoms (i.e. bloating, abdominal pain, feeling full quickly) until later stages. Regular gynecological check-ups are essential.

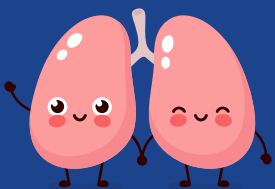


Ovarian

WHITE PARTY FOR LUNG CANCER

November 6th

Join us for a great time at Peat's Cider Social on Wednesday evening



Bowling
Food Trucks
and
FUN!

In Memory

In Memory of Lynn Bowen
Jeanette and Delores Fester

In Memory of Bertha Briney
Peggy Briney

In Memory of Richard Kading
Frances K. Terry

In Memory of Jane Kurdelmeyer-Harrison
Jim and Pam Cottier

In Memory of Barbara Nord
Patricia Culver
Jeannette Fester

In Memory of Laurie O' Connell
Beth Boyer

In Memory of Linda Rockwell
Sharon (Teri) Baker

In Memory of Theodore "Ted"
Ruwe, Jr.
Marie Arend

Wayne & Carolyn Hosbein
Karol Kvorka
Linda Lindley
Connie K. Wright

In Memory of George Walters
The Haimbaugh Family

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

None of us like to think of children having cancer. It is always associated with anxiety and fear of what the future holds. There is often long travels for diagnosing, treatment, and follow-up since children are treated at clinics and hospitals that specialize in pediatrics cancers. The youngest child that we have cared for with cancer was only four years old. The mother was driving an hour away for just a blood draw since the blood was drawn through a specialty line. Fortunately, someone knew about BCCS and our nurse was able to visit in the home. The difference it made for the family and the child was remarkable as a strong bond developed with the BCCS nurse.



In discussing with families the impact of childhood cancer has on children, a common thread that reoccurs is how the cancer diagnosis changes the family dynamics. The family focus suddenly changes as intense treatment is needed for the affected child. Overwhelming schedule changes occur for the family, affecting not only the child going through the treatment, but for other children in the family. Some of these dynamics continue past the treatment time. There may be physical changes as a result of the cancer and/or treatment and emotional issues to deal with.

So what are some ideas to support families impacted by cancer? Be helpful specific!

- Offer to do laundry, clean the house, mow the lawn, help with yard work, drive siblings to and from activities, shovel sidewalks, walk the dog, give the family a gift card for gas or for a take-out meal - you get the idea!
- Offer to set up a calendar of support for food or other needs - just make sure that it is wanted and you are committed to make it work. There are numerous websites including: carecalendar.org; lotsahelpinghands.org; mealtrain.com
- Offer a sympathetic ear, understanding that lengthy discussions may not always be feasible. Simple gestures of kindness can make a tremendous difference and are not forgotten.



The Fight Cancer In All Colors Gala - Thank you to ALL who attended and the Sponsors, each of you made the evening a Very Special Event.

**Mail your gift to: BCCS
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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! Going through a hard bout. If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't know what to do. Thank you over and over.

Steve

