



Berrien County Cancer Service

In memory of the committed
service of Olove Colcord, RN

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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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The Beauty of June

By Danielle Owens

Nothing so rare as a day in June,
the air so fine and the blossoms
all blue.

The weather just perfect, the
skies never gray
The bugs always buzzing and the
trees seem to sway

The sun beats so warmly on the
tenderness of my skin,
and the birds...they fly far away in the
wind,
June is the month that carries a tune,
its beautiful melody floats like a
balloon.



Thank you to everyone who participated in Pennies for Patients

Thank you for bringing us your change, cash and checks to make our 34th Pennies for Patients our biggest ever!! It all started at Tosi's Restaurant for the Kitchen Take Over by Gloria Ender making authentic Mexican Food to celebrate Cinco De Mayo - we saw many of you there! Next we were in Bridgman on Monday, Coloma -Tuesday, Niles-Wednesday, St. Joseph on Thursday and at the Senior Expo-LMC in Benton Harbor on Friday. Some of you took your funds directly to United Federal Credit Union. We appreciate ALL the help from UFCU!! We will have the total and list of donors in July.

BCCS 75th Anniversary "Thank You" Celebration Concert

Howard Performing Arts Center at Andrews University

Thursday, July 20th

Reception 5:00-6:00 pm

Concert starting at 6:00 pm

Special Program Features

All God's Children Choir will open followed by a performance of song selections from The Sound of Music led by Soprano Elizabeth Pacheco Rose.

A luminary ceremony to light in memory or honor of a loved one
(200 luminary available - \$10 donation each)

Silent auction items and a few live auction items
including a 100+ year old quilt

A Blast from the Past - memories of our 75
years of service to Berrien County

If you are currently in treatment for cancer
Call 269-429-3281 for a COMPLIMENTARY
TICKET while they last.



FOR TICKETS! CALL 269-429-3281
or visit www.bccancerservice.org
Bring your family and friends

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

A HUGE "Thank You" to United Federal Credit Union for the many hours of time spent on site and processing the coins for our Pennies for Patients Campaign. Our July newsletter will list the donors and the total amount.



Ladies Tea

Benton Harbor Public Library

Saturday, September 30, 2023

11:30am - 1:00pm

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.

Shelley Wilkinson, RN,
MYCC Nurse Navigator

Nancy Church, RN, President and
CEO of the Berrien County Cancer Service



Berrien County
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269-429-3281 for more information

We are hosting a Ladies Tea to offer the opportunity to learn more about increasing occurrence in women's cancers. Please join us for this free event.

Fight Strong

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



Berrien
County
Cancer

Pink Party

\$10 donation



St Joe

- PINK CANDLE MAKING
- PINK TOILET TIME-OUTS
- SCAVENGER HUNT
- SILENT AUCTION
- BEST PINK OUTFIT CONTEST
- WINE AND CIDER TASTINGS
- LIVE MUSIC FEATURING JIMMY FASTIGGI

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 AT 6:00PM

In Memory

In Memory of Jim and Phyllis Bouse

Kathy Karnik

In Memory of Joe Flaugh

Dolores Fester

In Memory of Mark Gitersonke

Christine Reck

In Memory of Landon Womack

Lesley Bookout

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

June as Cancer Survivorship Month, makes me reflect on the many patients I have taken care of throughout the 29 years of being a BCCS nurse. I had cared for those with cancer in the hospital, but had not worked on an oncology floor. It didn't take long to feel like I had found my calling with the people I met and cared for. This was not a job where care was provided for a few hours or days, but where relationships were often extended over time - months, sometimes years. There were days when the tears flow and the difficulties seem unsurmountable, days of joy and laughter, of telling stories and feeling connected. Survivorship has many different aspects. One of the important components are Survivorship Care Plans which are a road map of where you've been as well as what tests and appointments to expect in the future. Use that road map any time you visit a physician, it will save you time and energy. Reach out to others, especially those who have gone through a similar experience, but always keep in mind that you are an individual with your own individual diagnosis and experience. Treatment may leave its own set of challenges, discuss any difficulties with your physician and other health providers. Remember, lymphedema can arise months to years after treatment, so addressing any swelling early often makes a big difference in the outcome. It has been my privilege to join some of you as we have walk together. Thank you for embracing me and the other BCCS nurses and staff as we come into your home or you visit us at the office - we are here for you and you touch our lives in many ways.

Please join us as we celebrate 75 years of caring in the community!

75th Anniversary Celebration

Howard Performing Arts Center - July 20th

Starting with Reception from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Program starting at 6:00 p.m.

Campus of Andrews University, Berrien Springs

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!

If you are currently in treatment for cancer, please call me at 269-429-3281 for a COMPLIMENTARY TICKET while they last.

**June
Awareness
is for:**



**Cancer Survivors' Day
Sunday, June 4th
Lavender - Color to represent all cancers**



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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 so helpful when I needed wigs and caps due to hair loss from chemotherapy. I really appreciated their generosity and the whole experience while there."

From B. T.