



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
3900 Hollywood Road
St. Joseph, MI 49085
269-429-3281

www.bccancerservice.org
staff@bccancerservice.org

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media today!



The Fourth of July

By Ian Shields

I look to the ocean, I look to the sky, what do
I see on fourth of July?

One flash of blue one flash of red to honor
survivors, along with the dead

They do what they can and did what they
could, all of their deeds we honor and should

The strength of their arms and power of
their fists, reflected in new ways in
happiness and bliss.

My smile, my laugh in more ways than one is
how I repay those whose lives are done

It ends not here on this day of July.

We'll honor forever but forever we'll cry



You made it happen!!!

We reached our Pennies for Patient goal of \$34,000 by
June 12, 2023!!! We're still counting. We could never have
accomplished this without your help!

BCCS 75th Anniversary "Thank You" Celebration Concert

Howard Performing Arts Center

Andrews University

Thursday, July 20th

Reception 5:00-6:00 pm - Concert starts 6:00 pm

Special Program Features

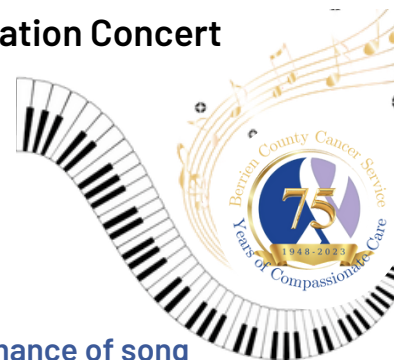
All God's Children Choir will open followed by a performance of song
selections from The Sound of Music led by Soprano Elizabeth Pacheco Rose

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*

Sponsored by:



We have free tickets for those with
cancer and their families please call
269-429-3281



**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

\$64,155.98

**TOGETHER
WE CAN!**

JOIN US IN REACHING OUR
GOAL OF \$100,000!



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BCCS STARGIVERS - BUSINESS/ORGANIZATIONS

- Dasco Home Medical Equipment for donating needed durable medical equipment
- Niles Lodge 987 Loyal Order of Moose
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Stephen Ministry

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.

The Art Play Workshop
for July will not meet
at the Krasl Art Center.
Please join us at the
75th Anniversary
"Thank You"
Celebration.

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
Cancer Service 269-429-3281 for more information

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



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 Carolyn Doan

Bob and Deb DeVries
Larry and Joyce Dinges
Gladys Gerschoffer
Scott and Nancy Hendrix
David "Curly" Karsten
Ruth Morrison
Robert and Rebecca Phillips
Tom "Web's" Weber

In Memory of Wolfgang Moneta

Gerald and Beverly Kohn
Paolo Natale

In Memory of Amy Oviatt

Debbie McCartney

In Memory of Jim Saurbeir

Peggy Schaffer

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.

BCCS Pennies for Patients Volunteers for the WIN

These are the volunteers who made our 34th Pennies for Patients a success!

Alice Ford
Kala Greene & Family
Henrietta Hein
Cindy Ludlum
Juliette Materno
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Arianna Materno
Josh Pratt
Keith Sargeant
Joan Schmidt
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Claudia Sprovssoff

Deb Standen
Keith Stevens
Sheryl Stone
Kate Urley
Julie Wuerfel
Troy at UFCU Coloma

From the Desk of Nancy Church, RN

Just this morning I was talking with one of the BCCS nurses when she described how during her visit she realized the patient had a potentially serious problem that was unexpected and needed immediate attention. Fortunately, our nurse intervened in this situation preventing the person from having a more serious outcome. Our nurses are there, especially for those who need extra skilled nursing support in the home during treatment. Our office staff are there, taking care of people needing wheelchairs, walkers, wigs, nutrition, and many other items. We are there because your gift keeps us giving care at no cost to those who would be struggling on their own. While our ultimate wish would be a cure for cancer, in the meantime, we are here as a unique organization, taking care of people in the community who need that extra help to manage their health crisis. Join me on Thursday, July 20th, as we share stories, laugh, cry, relax, enjoy music, and learn more about the Berrien County Cancer Service.

If you are a cancer survivor or know someone who is, please call me at 269-429-3281 for COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS to our 75th Anniversary "Thank You" Concert.

**July
Awareness
is for:**



**Sarcoma and Bone
Cancer Awareness**



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and hope you enjoy this newsletter.*

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BCCS is a non-profit organization funded primarily by donations, memorials, fundraisers, and United Way of Southwest Michigan. We receive no Medicare or insurance payments. To continue our services at no cost to those with cancer who need our help in the home, we need your help. Any donation is greatly appreciated. You may donate online at www.bccancerservice.org or mail your check to our address listed on the front cover. An acknowledgment and receipt for tax purposes will be sent.

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.

*Did an awesome job. I like
the ways they treat you,
not like a number. Thank
you :)*

From C.G.

Thank you

**We truly appreciate all the assistance with
Pennies for Patients. We achieved our goal
of \$34,000 - THE BEST YEAR EVER!!!**

**A Special "Thank You" to United Federal Credit Union for
processing all the coins and helping us at the sites!**

Community Sites

**Thank you to these community supporters
for assisting us in finding a collection spot.**

The Ruff Family in Bridgman
City of Bridgman Board and Staff
City of Coloma Board and Staff
City of Niles
City of St. Joseph
Coloma Township Police Department
Coloma Township Police Chief Wes Smigielski
St. John's United Church of Christ Niles
St. Joseph City Police
Saron Lutheran Church
Senior Expo at Lake Michigan College
United Federal Credit Union-Coloma

Canister Locations

**The list below had canisters at their locations
for donations to Pennies for Patients.
We appreciate their support and collections.**

1st Presbyterian Church Niles
A J's Hardware
AAA Insurance Agency Niles
Ace Hardware
AEP/Cook
B & L Information System
Baroda Bible Church
Benton Charter Township Police Dept.
Benton Harbor CHARMS
Berrien County Riders
Berrien Dental-Berrien Springs
Bridgman High School
Brown Funeral Home
Buchanan Senior Center
Campbell Ford Lincoln Mercury
Candlewood Suites
Caring Circle St Joseph
Eileen Chapman
Coach's Bar and Grill
Coloma National Honor Society
Coloma Intermediate School
Coloma Police Department
Comfort Keepers
Competitive Edge Promotional
Corvette Central-Sawyer

Canister Locations

Eagle Technologies
Easy Street-Coloma
Edgewater Automation
E.P. Clarke Elementary
Forte Coffee
Honor Credit Union-St. Joseph
Immanuel Lutheran Church &
School Bridgman
Joey Armadillos-Niles
Kim Wooden Financial
Krugger Lawton CPAs
Lake Michigan Christian Center
Leco
LeValley Chevrolet GMC
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Lindberg MPH-Riverside
Local Pour
McGhee's Heating and AC
Mr. Goodies
Nail Tech, St. Joseph
Niles Senior Center
Old Timers Club/Jim's Heating
Pebblewood Country Club
RESA Lighthouse
Roger's Foodland
Sarah Hernandez
Saron Lutheran Church
Shear Magic Hair Salon
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Signal Travel and Tours
Southshore Health and Racquet Club
St. John's Lutheran Church-Baroda
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St. Joseph's Catholic Church-Watervliet
St. Mary's Church and School-Niles
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Statements Style Lounge
The Tech of Southwest Michigan
Tyler Automotive Group
Welcome Inn
Woodland Shores Church-Bridgman

Organization Donors

AAA Insurance Agency-Cindy McCall
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Back on the Rack
Baroda Bible Church
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Benton Township Police Department
Berrien Dental, PLC
Berrien Regional Education Service Agency
(RESA)
Bridgman Elementary
Bridgman FC Reed Middle School
Bridgman High School-National Honor Society
Brown Funeral Home
Campbell Ford Lincoln
Candlewood Suites
Caring Circle
Coach's Bar & Grille
Coloma Community Schools
Coloma Intermediate School (4-5)
Coloma Township Police Department
Coloma United Methodist Church
Comfort Keepers Home Care
Competitive Edge
Connected Soles
Corewell Health-Marie Yeager Cancer Center
Corewell Health-Radiation Oncology
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Eagle Technologies
Easy Street Inn
Edgewater Automation
Edward Jones, Becky Brown
E.P. Clarke Elementary
First Church of God Preschool
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Honor Credit Union
Hot Spot Cafe
Hub Central 185 LLC
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Jim's Heating & Cooling
Old Timers Club

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 Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ
 Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
 Progressive Missionary Baptist Church
 Old Timers Club
 River Valley Senior Center
 Rogers Foodland
 Saint Joseph Township Police Department
 Saron Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Sawyer Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool-Daycare
 Signal Travel and Tours
 South Shore Health and Racquet Club
 St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
 St. John's United Church of Christ
 St. Paul's United Church of Christ
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 The Christmas Tree
 The Local Pour
 The Tech of Southwest Michigan
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 Welcome Inn
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