



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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Summers End

By Nancy Hughes

No flowers to plant nor
gardens to tend
As summertime lazily
comes to an end.

It's time to sit back and
deliciously savor
the beauty of the season,
the fruits of our labors

Farewell to Summer
For Autumn make way
With this last Celebration
we call Labor Day

BCCS 75th Anniversary "Thank You" Celebration Concert

Sponsored by:  **Corewell Health™** **"It was a Smashing Success"**

A beautiful spread of fruit, veggies, and decadent desserts from Bit O' Swiss in the lovely Howard Performing Arts Center was the perfect venue for our 75th anniversary reception. Renewing friendships, thanking those who have given, meeting new people while waiting for the concert time to come started an enjoyable evening.

All God's Children Choir, followed by young musician Connor Millin began the evening.

Internationally renowned soprano Elizabeth Pacheco Rose started by telling her story of colon cancer and the importance of screening. She started with Broadway musicals including "I Could have Danced the Night" and finishing with "Raindrops on Roses". For our Luminary Ceremony to honor those who are in the battle with cancer and to remember those who have passed on, a prayer was given by Chaplain Jay Haynes followed by Elizabeth touching our hearts and bringing tears to our eyes with her expressive rendition of "Climb Every Mountain".

Rob Wolf garnered audience participation with his Matching gift challenge of \$10,000! Six lovely cancer warriors had makeovers with Mary Kay cosmetics prior to the concert to be models for our live auction. The beautiful quilt created by Eileen Chapman created a lively exchange as Brian Maynard auctioned generously donated items. The cancer warriors were the superstars of the evening and stole the show!



Decorate a hat for the contest and join us for a ladies chat to discuss the importance of taking care of ourselves and our bodies. We will discuss the challenges women face in the midst of busy careers, parenting and maintaining a house and lifestyle serving as the rock for the entire family.

Come and enjoy:

- journaling your health issues and feelings
- learning about the importance of screenings
- teas and snacks
- a scavenger hunt
- games and contests

BCCS Bulletin Board

\$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

- UAW/GM Pontiac Stamping Plant for a generous donation in the fight against testicular cancer

BCCS STARGIVERS - 75th Anniversary Celebration

- Corewell Health - Title Sponsor
- Wolf Financial Advisory - Food Sponsor and Matching Fund Gift
- Andrews University - Musicianship Sponsor
- ServPro Berrien County and Carol Puckett - Dessert Sponsors
- LithoTech Graphic Services - Printing
- Brian Maynard of Forte Coffee - Auctioneer
- The John DeVries Insurance Agency
- United Federal Credit Union
- Stephen Ross and Company CPA
- Sturgis Bank
- Brown Funeral Home
- City Flowers & Gifts
- Vail Rubber Works, Inc.
- Lakeshore & Napier Shell

- Auction Items • POOLCORP - 15' Intex pool • Janice Harpole - pastel painting
• Sweetwater Boating Supplies - Sign • Wedding Belles - tuxedo rental
• Eileen Chapman/Accomplished Quilting - quilt • Ace Hardware - Hand vacuum

Grow Your Gift



with a Matching Fund!

**Wolf Financial Advisory is proud to support
the Berrien County Cancer Service by offering
to match your gift up to \$10,000!**

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

For more information call BCCS at 269-429-3281



Wolf Financial Advisory

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- The funds will provide in-home nursing care and support services at no cost for those with cancer in our community.
- You have the power to make a life-changing impact.

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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



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 AT 6:00PM



Sponsored by



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

**Watch for more
details on how you
can nominate
people for the Pink
Toilet Timeouts and
other ways to help
BCCS meet it's
challenge grant by
November of 2023**

In Memory

In Memory of James Stanley Dlouhy
Anthony and Carol Dlouhy

In Memory of Robert Lausman
Delores Hildebrand

In Memory of Rhonda Dent
Sandy Klingspon

In Memory of Wolfgang Moneta
Mary and Athanasios Kousathanas

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 SW Michigan.

75th Anniversary Volunteers

These are the volunteers who made our 75th Anniversary Celebration a success!

Avery Bock
Linda Brady
Arianna Brieva
Juliette Brieva
Eileen Chapman

Rod Church
Pandora Hardy
Gabrielle Kennelly
Donna Kerr
Linda Lockwitz

Michael Loroff
Brian Maynard
Sara Martin
Paula Miller
Cassie Nalepa

Cheri Phillippi
Claudia Spovtsoff
Deb Standen
Camile Thompson
Deann Zindler

From the Desk of Nancy Church, RN



What a memorable evening for our 75th anniversary celebration! I was touched by the many people who came to join us - friends from over the years, former and current patients, those learning about us for the first time, and even Olove Colcord's family. We were reminded of those who had come before us, of the reason we exist and heard from those whose lives we had touched. After a very busy day of running and preparing, the music and luminary ceremony brought relaxation and a remembrance of loved ones. We ended with a live auction where the assistants were our cancer warriors who were pampered with Mary Kay makeovers prior to the event. Thank you to each you who keep us providing care, whether visiting patients in their home or as people come to our office. I wish you could see the smiles and expressions of appreciation.



An exciting first during the program was a \$10,000 matching gift fund presented by Robert Wolf! Every dollar donated through the matching gift fund will be **DOUBLED** by Wolf Financial Advisory. To donate through this very appealing way, you may use the QR code on the previous page, go to our website and under "Ways to Give" choose "Wolf Financial Matching Gift Fund", or you may specify on a gift that is sent in. Enjoy the pictures and thank you for ALL your support.



**August is Summer
Sun Safety Month**

Important Sun Safety Tips

- Avoid sun exposure 10am -4pm
- Use SPF 30+
- Wear sunglasses and UV protective clothing



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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.

BCCS has helped me
because I don't drive and
their nurse comes to my
house every month to draw
my blood. I'm so thankful to
have their help.

From Debby