



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!



Apples by Lauri Lee

Behold the apples' rounded worlds:
juice-green of July rain,
the black polestar of flowers,
the rind mapped with its crimson stain.
The russet, crab and cottage red
burn to the sun's hot brass,
then drop like sweat from every branch
and bubble in the grass.
They lie as wanton as they fall,
and where they fall and break,

the stallion clamps his crunching jaws,
the starling stabs his beak.
In each plump gourd the cidery bite
of boys' teeth tears the skin;
the waltzing wasp consumes his share,
the bent worm enters in.
I, with as easy hunger, take
entire my season's dole;
welcome the ripe, the sweet, the sour,
the hollow and the whole.

August 1st is World Lung Cancer Day

Early signs of lung cancer:

- A nagging cough that gets worse over time
- Coughing up blood
- Persistent chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- Fast and unexpected weight loss

Our Fight Cancer In All Colors Sponsor Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services

In 2004, Funeral Director Timothy Brown bought the former Pifer-Smith Funeral Home in Downtown Niles, Michigan. Tim and his team have been devoted to serving the community bringing personalized services, compassionate care, and unique ideas to honor loved ones. Over the years, Brown Funeral Home has built a reputation for offering exceptional funeral and cremation services with the most unique and elegant facility around. With a blend of innovation and tradition, their staff has the knowledge and experience a family needs during a difficult time.

Tim Brown has served Berrien County Cancer Service as a member of the board of directors since 2018. He has volunteered in various capacities and says the following, "BCCS is a place that provides peace and assistance to those in need of care while battling cancer. Their love and support extends beyond that of just the patient but into their families, caregivers and the community at large. BCCS is a marvelous place of healing for the body and the soul."

BCCS Bulletin Board

- Wolf Financial Advisors
- Sturgis Bank
- Galien River United Methodist Church
- New Buffalo Area Schools

BCCS STARGIVERS

- River Valley Senior Center
- Sawyer Trinity Lutheran Church
- St. Johns United Church of Christ
- Zion United Church of Christ

FIGHT
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in all
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**We're
SOLD OUT!**
*Thank you to all
who bought
tickets!*

Photos will be
available on our
website and our
social media
platforms by
Tuesday,
August 13, 2024



THANK
YOU
😊



A special thank you to
Executive Director Linda
Tinsley and the crew at Meals
on Wheels of Southwest
Michigan

MEALS on WHEELS

— OF SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN —

Senior Nutrition Services Region IV

Malnutrition can cause a person to be weak, tired, and unable to fight infection or finish cancer treatment. MOWSWM has stepped up to offer nutritional drinks close to the expiration date, gifting these to BCCS to pass on to cancer patients. This partnership has truly been a blessing with cancer patients needing to keep up on nutrition when they really do not feel like eating anything.

Summer Sun Safety Month

5 Sun Safe Tips!

between 10am - 4pm



Apply Sunscreen



Put on a Hat



Wear Sunglasses



Cover with Clothing



Seek Shade

In Memory

In Memory of Edward Cobb
Kathy Cobb

In Memory of Dorothy Hora
Jeanette and Dolores Fester

In Memory of Jean Rakauski
Deborah McCartney

In Memory of Alice Buyer
Kay Erickson

In Memory of Vicki Nitz
Carol Ackerman

In Memory of Theodore Ruwe, Jr
Marie Arend

In Memory of Ray Hinchman
Caroline Hinchman

In Memory of Barbara Nord
Gene and Elizabeth Krogel

In Memory of Frederick Steinke
Jim Fisher

In Memory of Laurie O'Connell
Sandra Warren

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

The office is buzzing as we gear up for the Fight Cancer In All Colors Gala 2024. From how to arrange the flowers, colors for table cloths, seating arrangements, and more, the excitement is real! So why do we throw these events? Well, I see our them as a 3-legged stool: 1) Supporting those in the cancer battle with cancer to know we are here for them; 2) Drawing new people to a fun event where they learn about our services; and 3) Keeping our services going through fundraising so we can continue to help those with cancer and related illnesses in meaningful ways.

As the national economy has changed, the local environment has been affected, resulting in challenging times for all of us as individuals, businesses, and nonprofits. That's why coming together is more crucial than ever. A massive shoutout of "THANK YOU" to all our event supporters, whether you're spreading the word about BCCS services, giving a donation, or volunteering to make this happen. SPECIAL APPRECIATION to the Sponsors as they recognize the value of an event to bring the community together centered on a needed cause. Sponsors of Fight Cancer In All Colors make this event possible: Brown Funeral Home, Sturgis Bank, Wolf Financial Services, Honor Credit Union, and the Oncologists at the Marie Yeager Cancer Center. ALL OF YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Together we can create a night of celebration, remembrance, and unity. Let's make the Fight Cancer In All Colors Gala 2024 an unforgettable evening honoring the power and unity of our community to support those in a health crisis. Thank you for standing with us to fight cancer in every color, every day!

**SAVE
THE
DATES!**

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♥ **THE PINK PARTY!** ♥

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♥ **Join us at the Watermark** ♥

♥ **on Wednesday, October 2nd** ♥

♥ **The pink toilets from** ♥

♥ **City Plumbing are back!** ♥

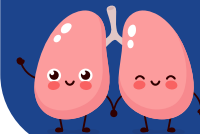
♥ *Will you end up on a* ♥

♥ *pink toilet timeout?* ♥

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WHITE PARTY FOR LUNG CANCER

Join us for a great time
at Peate's Cider Social
on Wednesday, Nov. 6th!



Bowling
and
FUN!

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

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Thank you!

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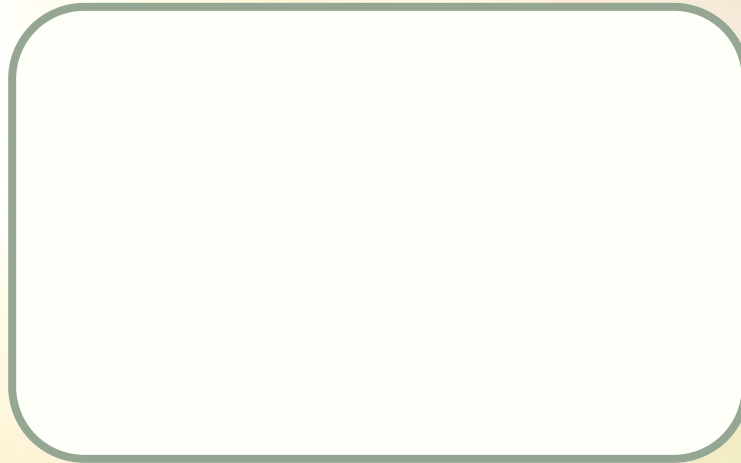
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Summer Safety Month

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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.

"I was blessed to have faithful nurses. I miss the nurses, I appreciate everyone. So friendly, the nurses always keep me laughing every time they came to see me. We all need laughter in our lives."

A Patient

