

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.

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A Letter to My Cancer:

It may seem like you have control in my life right now,
but you really don't.

Your presence only makes me stronger, braver,
kinder, wiser.

I choose how I think, what I speak and how I love.

You will never be able to touch those things.
Never.

The fear of your name no longer haunts my soul
because I know that my soul belongs to me and to God.

You may take your claim on this frail outer shell
but never on my divine spirit that cries out
"I am not my body".

My soul will run, leap and tower over your attempts
to pull me down into despair.

Those who surround me will fight with me
to let it be known that we will not surrender.

Our hearts and souls are tied together in a lasting bond
that no amount of your impeding growth can break.

You see cancer, you do NOT own me.

I own myself.

And I will survive.

By Ginger Johnson, Founder, HappyChemo.com



At  Berrien County
Cancer Service

NO ONE FIGHTS

Alone

FIGHT CANCER IN ALL COLORS



- Live music
The Dan Moore Band
- Katharos Catering
Woodfire Pizzas
Sliders
- Silent Auction

 Berrien County Cancer Service

FIGHT CANCER

IN ALL COLORS

Friday, October 7, 2022 6:30-9:30
Join the BCCS in the fight against cancer
for local cancer patients

Tickets

www.bccancerservice.org

269-429-3281

\$40 by August 31

\$50 Sept 1-Event

Our Supportive Sponsors



WE ARE OVERWHELMED BY THE WONDERFUL RESPONSE we have received for this event and have stopped selling tickets. If you would still like to go, please contact Tyanna at 269-429-3281 or tyanna@bccancerservice.org and you can be placed on a waiting list. We may have some open seats, but will not know until closer to the event. If you would like to donate door prizes or silent auction items please contact Tyanna.

THANK YOU FOR BELIVING IN US AND IN THIS EVENT!

Call Tyanna at 269-429-3281

BCCS Bulletin Board

September Cancer Awareness and Colors

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| Childhood Cancer Awareness | Gold |
| Prostate Cancer Awareness | Light Blue |
| All Blood Cancer Awareness Leukemia | Orange |
| Lymphoma | Lime |
| Hodgkins Lymphoma | Violet |
| Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma | Lime |
| All Gynecologic Cancer Awareness | Purple |
| Uterine | Peach |
| Ovarian | Teal |
| Thyroid Cancer Awareness | Blue/Pink/Teal |

"Nothing can dim the light which shines from within." Maya Angelou



September is a month dedicated to many colors of cancer....

Cancer comes in many colors, shapes and sizes. It has several symptoms and seems to have a different affect on each person. September cancer awareness relates to both male and female cancers, blood cancers, thyroid cancer and the worst of all childhood cancer. Cancer can be devastating to finances but it cannot silence courage or quench the spirit. Survivors and their families are true warriors trying to live their lives in spite of this devastating illness. This is why at BCCS, we fight cancer in all colors!

2 EASY WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Shell Station Giving Pumps

You can help BCCS while you pump your gas at the Lakeshore and Napier Shell Stations from now until the end of October. Use Pumps #9 and #10 at either station.



myWalgreens Giving Program
W Use your Walgreens membership through myWalgreens.com or the Walgreens app to donate your Walgreens Cash rewards to BCCS between now and November 30th. Each time you have Cash Rewards, you can help someone with cancer.

ART PLAY WORKSHOP

For children and families impacted by cancer, join us for a fun time on Thursday, September 15th from 4:30-6:00pm at the Krasl Art Center. Registration is required. Call Nancy at 269-429-3281 for more information



In August, we enjoyed a delicious volunteer luncheon at Papa Vinos Restaurant in St. Joseph. We truly appreciate our volunteers. According to the Independent Sector, the current estimated national value of a volunteer hour is \$29.95. As a non-profit, we could never be as successful at our mission of compassionate in-home nursing care, resource closet, and other supportive services without our volunteers. In 2021, our volunteers gave us \$10,362.70 in value!



In Memory

In Memory of Joyce Baum

Brad Johnson

James & Nancy Ann Betker

James & Judi Shank

Jeffrey & Lori Anderson

Jill Koniarz

Joseph & Mary Oetter

Larry & Karen Coffey

In Memory of Charles Brunke

Howard & Renea Brunke

In Memory of Roger Jordan

Joanne Parrish

In Memory of Ron Fites

Dolores & Jeanette Fester

In Honor of Lew Godush

one of our VIP guests at

Trail Ends Resort

Zach Taylor

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 are very much appreciated and will help those with cancer in Southwest Michigan.

From the Desk of Nancy Church, RN

This year for Pennies for Patients, we wanted to bring fresh inspiration to this community event. Inflation and gas prices were on the rise and we wanted everyone to be able to participate even if pennies in the pocket were scarce, so we started asking the question, "What Do YOU Want to Say to Cancer?" We started receiving a few responses, then in June, there was a phone call from Janice Harpole. She was worried that she was a little late, but she was personally touched by our question. She had taken the challenge to heart and thought about what it meant for her personally. Being an artist, she picked up her pastel chalk and started drawing, carefully considering her feelings as she reflected her experience with cancer in 2017. She chose the darkness and shape of a tunnel as she started her journey of anxiety and hurtfulness. Along the way, the journey turns lighter and there is a watcher who is playing a trumpet, with the notes of music reaching toward the light and helping her get through to the end of the journey, out of the tunnel, into the light. Janice shared this moving story with us at the Celebration of the Contributions of Olove Colcord event at the Niles District Library in July. Janice has a passion for caregiving, especially for those with cancer. During this celebration of Olove, Janice realized that she had been a caregiver for Olove when she lived in her final years of assisted living. All of us were touched by her story expressed through art and the connection she had with Olove. We are so honored that she presented us with a print of this impactful art. If you would like to see the print that Janice donated to us, join us at the Art Play Festival in November.



Be sure mark your calendar for our ArtPlay Festival on November 9th at the North Shore Inn. This celebration of art created by children impacted by cancer at our Art Play workshops. Join us and invite your friends, especially children, to this fun filled evening of colors, music, food, and festivities focused on children's art. There will be interactive art activities, art on display, a silent art auction, a face painter, and fun to be had by all. There is no charge for this event, although we will have opportunities for you to donate to ensure this valuable program continues for children and families impacted by cancer. I hope to see you there!

