



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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Valentine Treasures

Joanna Fauch

Valentine treasures are people who have often crossed your mind, family, friends and others, too, who in your life have shined the warmth of love or a spark of light that makes you remember them; no matter how long since you've actually met, each one is a luminous gem, who gleams and glows in your memory, bringing special pleasures, and that's why this Valentine comes to you: You're one of those sparkling treasures!

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS DAY!

It's time to start saving for Pennies for Patients Day!

Join us on Thursday, May 12th

So, keep adding to those jars of coins and remember, we also will accept paper money, checks, and online donations. YOU have made this our signature event and since 1990 over \$550,000 has been given to provide services to those with cancer and related illnesses in our local community.

More details will be coming next month!



BCCS Bulletin Board

February is National Cancer Prevention Month

World Cancer Day held every February 4th is the global uniting initiative led by the Union for International Cancer Control. By raising worldwide awareness, improving education and catalyzing personal, collective and government action, we are all working together to reimagine a world where millions of preventable cancer deaths are saved and access to life-saving cancer treatment and care is equitable for all - no matter who you are or where you live.

This year's World Cancer Day's theme, "Close the Care Gap", is all about raising awareness of this equity gap that affects almost everyone, in high as well as low- and middle-income countries, and is costing lives. Learn more about how you can join their 21-Days to Impact Challenge www.worldcancerday.org



STAR GIVERS!

City Heating, Plumbing, and Air Conditioning for an AMAZING October fundraiser!
Chapel Hill United Methodist Church for the AWESOME Arts and Craft Sale donation

Thank you for your generous gifts: Coloma Lioness Club
Lakeside Liquor - Stevensville
DiMaggio's Pizza - Coloma



HOLIDAY APPEAL THANK YOU!!!

WOW! YOU are the BEST!

\$10,331 was raised to provide in-home skilled nursing care and support for those with cancer in our community.

THANK YOU for your CARING HEARTS!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESOURCE CLOSET DONATIONS!

Please call us at 269-429-3281 if you have donations for our resource closet so that we can phone screen items prior to you bringing them. We are taking precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. If you need medical equipment supplies or our skilled nursing services, please give us a call.



ART PLAY WORKSHOP

Let's Go Fishing!

For children and families impacted by cancer
Join us on Thursday, February 17th from 4:30-6:00pm
at the Krasl Art Center
Registration is required
Call Nancy at 269-429-3281 for more information

VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE!

Where there is art, Keith Stevens is sure to be found! We became acquainted with Keith's artistic side when we needed help for setting up the displays for the BCCS Art Festival a few years ago. As one of the art teachers at the Krasl Art Center, he volunteered to be a teacher for our Art Play Workshops held there. With his experience in special education as well as being an artist, we are SO grateful to have Keith be a volunteer!

Thank you, Keith for ALL you do!



In Memory

In Memory of Kay Varga Smith

Lauralynn Wright
Karole Stevens

In Memory of Janet Lozmack &

Bernard Finch

Laurie Weber

In Memory of Barbara Shafer

JoAnn Rumney

In Memory of Robert (Bob)

Schaffer

Joshua & Cassie Frazee

In Memory of Adam Tilly

Rebecca Eichler-Toth

In Memory of Lee Lemon

Janice Lemon

In Memory of Brad Smith

Larry & Jenny Schanker

In Memory of Irene Czajkowski

William and Barbara Klein

In Memory of Arne Nystuen

Sharon Nystuen

In Memory of Barbara Whitwam

Mark and Mary Whitwam

In Memory of The Buldanza Family

Mary Ann Forsythe

In Memory of Ella May Fiskars

Jim and Debra Agens

In Memory of Chris Norden

Ralph and Barbara Stelter

In Memory of Karen Jordan

Randall and Shelly Frank

In Honor of Denise Sirk -

Survivor

Denise Sirk

In Honor of Kay Smith

Thayer

In Honor of Sean Daugherty

Stephen and Patricia Nordberg

In Honor of Nancy Church

Dana and Dawn Wales

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

As a BCCS nurse who was "on the road" for many years, I know the joy that comes from those close interactions with the people who receive our nursing care and resource closet. It is always encouraging to hear that we made a difference in someone's life, especially at a time when they needed it the most. I recently received a letter to be shared that will help you understand the difference we make. "It's been over 13 years since my ovarian cancer diagnosis. The care I received from the BCCS nurses at that time was the most compassionate and competent that I've ever experienced - both before, and since, my cancer treatment. I can't adequately express my gratitude to them not only for my care, but also for their empathy during a very difficult time. I would urge everyone who has had cancer, or who may know someone with cancer, to consider a donation/memorial - if they're in a position to do so - to BCCS. In my experience, there isn't a more deserving institution. With appreciation, KS"



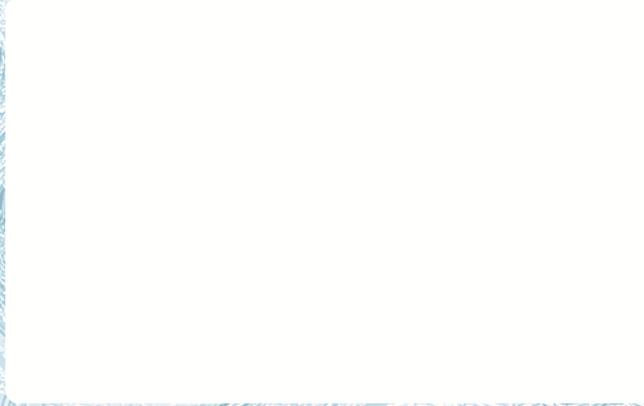
Also don't forget, please get the word out about our services to those who are going through cancer treatment - we are here for them and just a phone call away!

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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.

*"A special "Thank You "
to Debra Hansen, RN.,
and all the staff at
BCCS. Bless you all! "*

From Morrie