



Berrien  
County  
Cancer  
Service

## BERRIEN COUNTY CANCER SERVICE NEWSLETTER

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In honor of the committed service of  
Olove Colcord, R.N.

### **THE MISSION OF THE BERRIEN COUNTY CANCER SERVICE:**

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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The **BERRIEN COUNTY CANCER SERVICE SUPPORT GROUP**  
is a group of patients, family members and care givers. Come  
share successes, feelings, fears and practical methods of coping  
with the physical and emotional aspects of living with  
the diagnosis of cancer.



# BCCS Bulletin Board

## ***Thank You to ALL of our Wonderful Supporters!***

It is the generosity of our community that allows us to touch people in a special way beyond our nursing care. This support is so meaningful to those who are going through difficulties, to know that someone is there and reaching out to them.



## **Recent STAR GIVERS include:**

**IDEX Foundation** for matching the amount that **Gast Manufacturing** raised for Pennies for Patients this past May.....an amazing \$1,320.00! A Special Thank You to the employees of Gast, Sue Willming who coordinates the volunteers, and the Gast Volunteers who helped us move in September.

**Mary-Martha Circle of the First Congregational Church of St. Joseph.** They provide and wrap many presents for our nurses to hand out at Christmas time.

**Wolverine Pathfinder Club of the Village Adventist Church in Berrien Springs** for Thanksgiving food to pass out to our patients.

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## **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION**

A special Thank You to Van's Medical Equipment for picking up, cleaning and delivering our durable medical equipment as a courtesy to BCCS in support of our community!

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Look for our  
**ART PLAY WORKSHOPS**  
to return in February 2019.

Please visit our website at [www.bccancerservice.org](http://www.bccancerservice.org)  
or call us at 269-429-3281.

Special Appreciation to Chris and Molly Craft of  
**KEY REALTY** for their Premier Sponsorship of our Art Program.

## Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow

Just want to remind you that BCCS may be closed for snow days during inclement weather. So if it is snowing, please call us first at 269-429-3281 prior to coming to the BCCS office to make sure that we are open. On the days that the office is closed, messages will be checked periodically. If you have a medical emergency, please call 911. The nurses will still be visiting patients unless the roads are hazardous. Often the nurses will make patient visits a day early if they know that a snow storm is coming.



## IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START COLLECTING PENNIES!



As we celebrate our **30<sup>th</sup> Annual PENNIES FOR PATIENTS™ DAY**, our goal is to surpass last year's total of \$22,322.37. ***Come join us in May 2019*** and see the excitement of thousands of pennies being counted along with refreshments and fun. There will also be a Niles location from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. with cookies and punch. Stay tuned for more information in the February newsletter. **All the proceeds stay local to help those with cancer in our community.** Bring your pennies, silver, and dollars and join us for our **30<sup>th</sup> Annual PENNIES FOR PATIENTS DAY!**

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### January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

Cervical cancer used to be one of the most common causes of cancer death for women in the United States. Thankfully, this rate has decreased over the past 30 years.

It's estimated that more than 12,000 new cases of invasive cervical cancer will be diagnosed this year and about 4,200 women will die from cervical cancer.

Cervical cancer deaths have decreased by more than 50 percent due to regular screening tests that detect abnormalities before cancer develops.

Regular Pap tests that screen for cervical cancer helps detect abnormal cells before they become cervical cancer.

HPV is one of the leading causes of cervical cancer. The majority of cervical cancer and pre-cancerous lesions are caused by two specific types of HPV; HPV-16 and HPV-18. These two types account for 70 percent of all cervical cancers.

The key to decreasing the number of deaths related to cervical cancer are prevention and early detection.

Well woman exams, Pap test and HPV testing are keys to detecting abnormal cells before they progress to cancer.

The best prevention is early detection and routine screenings with your primary care doctor should begin as early as possible.

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### Volunteer Spotlight

I have been blessed by God many times over. I believe the best way to thank God is to serve others. Volunteering at BCCS is an honor and a privilege.

Volunteer: Anonymous

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## ***In Loving Memory***

During November 2018, Memorial Donations were generously made by and for the following people:

### **In Memory of Marjorie Ambs**

Charlene Krause, Berrien Springs  
Becky Mock, Eaton Rapids  
David Huntington, Albion

Mark & Barb Breitenmoser, Berrien Springs

### **In Memory of Jerry & Marilyn Conrad**

Glenn & Dorothy Conrad, St. Joseph

### **In Memory of Ruth Kirkpatrick**

Diane Goodman, Stevensville

### **In Memory of Dick Lutton**

Hannah Noble, Three Oaks  
Joyce Stockman, St. Joseph

### **In Memory of Gary Elton Thompson**

Brenda Leonard, Savage, MN  
Linda Lewellen, Niles

### **In Memory of Estelle (Ann) Troy**

Carmelita Troy, Berrien Springs

### **In Memory of Christine Wright**

Larry Veihl, Muskegon  
Chris & Joan Doty, Kalamazoo  
James & Pam Whitright, Eau Claire  
Richard & Mary Whitright, Eau Claire

*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 cancer patients in Berrien County. Thank you.*

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## ***Thought for the Day***

"When you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine"

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## Looking Ahead

### **BCCS SUPPORT GROUP – Niles**

January 15 - 1:30 pm

February 19 - 1:30 pm

### **RAINBOWS OF HOPE– St. Joseph**

On hold for the winter months.

Re-evaluating for future day and time.

### **CHILD & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP**

#### **Art Play Workshop**

#### **Resuming in February**

2nd Thursday at Marie Yeager Cancer Center

2nd Monday at the Buchanan Art Center

Visit [www.bccancerservice.org](http://www.bccancerservice.org) or call

BCCS at 269-429-3281 for details

### **OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP**

Lakeland Regional Medical Center

January 8 - 6:00 pm

February 14 - 6:00 pm

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER IN JANUARY 2019**

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 3 - National Fruitcake Toss Day

January 4 - National Spaghetti Day

January 6 - Cuddle Up Day

January 8 - Bubble Bath Day

January 9 - National Take the Stairs Day

January 11 - Step in a Puddle & Splash Your Friend's Day

January 12 - National Pharmacist Day

January 13 - Make Your Dream Come True Day

January 14 - Dress Up Your Pet Day

January 16 - National Nothing Day

January 18 - Winnie the Pooh Day

January 19 - National Popcorn Day

January 21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

January 21 - National Hugging Day

January 24 - Compliment Day

January 25 - Opposite Day

January 26 - Spouse's Day

January 28 - Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day

January 28 - Fun at Work Day

January 29 - National Puzzle Day

### **Newsletters available online**

Our newsletters are available on our website:

[www.bccancerservice.org](http://www.bccancerservice.org). If you would like to be removed from this mailing list, please call our office

at 269-429-3281 or send us an e-mail:

[staff@bccancerservice.org](mailto:staff@bccancerservice.org).

## Please Consider...

Berrien County Cancer Service, Inc., is a non-profit organization funded primarily by United Way, private donations and fund-raisers. We receive no Medicare, Medicaid or other insurance payments. To continue our free services to Berrien County cancer patients, we need your help. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Donations to our General Fund will help balance our current budget. Donations to our Endowment Fund will help guarantee that the Cancer Service will be available for as long as needed. Your contribution to our non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation is tax deductible – 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.

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**Thank you for your generosity!**

