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We missed seeing each of you and hope to see you next year!

2020 CAMPAIGN TOTAL: \$5,835.29

Please note: If your name is not on this list and you contributed, please contact us so that you can be acknowledged next month





**Berrien
County
Cancer
Service**

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

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Newsletter

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.

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

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STAY SAFE!!

The Berrien County Cancer Service is joining healthcare providers and organizations to work collaboratively with other local, state, and national partners while the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation is being closely monitored. We are taking precautions to assist in the prevention of the spread of coronavirus and may have limited services through the month of July. Please contact us at (269) 429-3281 if you need medical equipment, supplies, or skilled nursing services.



Happy 4th of July

May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.

~ Peter Marshall



BCCS Bulletin Board

SAVE THE DATES!!!

TEAM LUCKY CHARMS' 10th ANNUAL PUB RUN

**IS ON HOLD – MORE
INFORMATION ON THE
BULLETIN BOARD!**

Thought for the Day...

*Be strong, but not rude.
Be kind, but not weak.
Be humble, but not timid.
Be proud, but not arrogant.
Have a nice day.*

– Unknown



Patient Remarks

“Thank you to all the staff at the BCCS for all your help from the loan closet through my Monday Nurse.”

ART PLAY WORKSHOP FOR JULY!

On July 16 there will be a virtual Art Play Workshop in conjunction with the Krasl Art Center. In order to participate, you will need to call our office at 269-429-3281 and ask for Nancy.

TEAM LUCKY CHARMS' PUB RUN

Stay tuned to next month's newsletter regarding information about the Pub Run. There will NOT be a physical event, but the possibility of a virtual run/walk is being considered. As soon as a decision has been made, we will post it on our website: www.bccancerservice.org



SUPPORT GROUPS

Due to social distancing requirements and facility restrictions, support groups for St. Joseph and Niles are cancelled for the months of July and August. However, that does not mean that there is not support for those with cancer. There are a large variety of online cancer support groups with some groups being general and cover all cancer diagnoses while other are specific for a particular diagnosis. A few websites to get started with are cancercaare.org, cancerhopenetwork.org, and cancersupportcommunity.org.

DID YOU KNOW...

BERRIEN COUNTY CANCER SERVICE is a grateful recipient of a Frederick S. Upton Foundation Challenge Grant! We are excited to be awarded a two-year \$10,000 grant (\$5,000 per year) for our loan closet, patient nutrition needs, and assistance for nurses traveling to patient homes. Since it is a CHALLENGE GRANT, our part is to let you know that when you give a donation, it will now be doubled up to a total of 5,000! Join us in our attempt to match \$5,000 to support cancer patients and their families in **Southwest Michigan!**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION

It is YOU our community that enables us to care for those with cancer and related illnesses in our community. We are grateful for all the support and are honored that you trust us to do our best to provide in home skilled nursing care for our patients and those who need our assistance. **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!**

July is National Ultraviolet Safety Month

Simply **staying in the shade** is one of the best ways to limit your UV exposure. If you are going to be in the sun, “Slip! Slop! Slap!® and Wrap” is a catchphrase that can help you remember some of the key steps you can take to protect yourself from UV rays:

Slip on a shirt.

Slop on sunscreen.

Slap on a hat.

Wrap on sunglasses



ART PLAY WORKSHOPS

Art Play Workshops have re-started at the Krasl Art Center in a virtual way with picking up art packets and joining a class on Zoom! If you are interested in joining a workshop, please call 269-429-3281 and ask for Nancy.

These workshops are designed for families impacted by cancer and are designed for children and adults to learn side-by-side as they use clay, watercolor, and other media to express themselves through art. If you know of any children who have a family member or close friend with cancer, please call us.

You can also find out more information on our website www.bccancerservice.org or on our FB page: Berrien County Cancer Service, Inc.

From the Desk of Nancy Church, RN

There is a Japanese proverb that declares, “The bamboo that bends is stronger than the oak that resists.” This has certainly been a year of turmoil and upheaval. In the midst of it, I am challenged to become more flexible, more understanding, and more able to meet the needs around me. It is the storms in life that often make us aware of how much we need each other.

As a nurse who has worked at the BCCS for over 25 years, I have witnessed many changes in healthcare and how cancer is treated. Treatments are being produced that utilize the body’s immune system in ways that we could only dream of when I started here in 1994.

We at BCCS are also changing. Back in November 2018, we moved into the Marie Yeager Cancer Center in order to be more available to many of our patients and more relevant to our community. Some of the barriers that physical distance creates have dissipated as people can more easily obtain needed equipment, items such as wigs and turbans, as well as extra nutritional supplements for days when eating is difficult.

When COVID-19 hit the area like a whirlwind, it was important to us to make sure that each patient had the best plan in place for being as safe as possible. I sat down with the nurses who make the home visits and discussed each person with them. I was again deeply touched by the needs of people here in southwest Michigan and the barriers that they face as they deal with cancer treatment and all that it entails. It reinforced to me how important those skilled nursing visits are for the patients that we care for. Our nurses are reaching out to those who do not have a safety net.

These nursing and supportive services that we provide fill a gaping hole in our healthcare. It is you, the community, that has provided that support since our humble beginnings in 1948. Some of you have collected pennies and given donations since you were kids. Your contributions keep our nurses going from house to house in all kinds of weather. Your support of donated durable medical equipment, medical supplies, and many other items enable us to share them with others. You telling a friend, neighbor, or family member about BCCS gives them hope of receiving needed help.

This year we have had to change how we receive the gifts from the community. Pennies for Patients Day became a virtual event. The schools, churches, and businesses that so faithfully support us each year were not meeting and people were staying home. Some found creative ways to give and many of you mailed in checks or gave online. Thank you for those very special paper pennies.

Another important area that we are in the process of changing is our social media outreach. We have been blessed by some very talented volunteers who share our vision of caring. They have spent countless hours creating content as well as adding Instagram and LinkedIn to our Facebook platform. We want to be engaged with you and create a momentum of caring that reaches every cancer patient here in Berrien County who needs our services.

Share us, Like us, Remember us in your giving, but most of all, Tell others about us. We are here and we care.

In Loving Memory

*Memorial donations were generously
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Nancy Bowen

*In honor donations were generously
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Thomas and Carole Furner's

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Elizabeth Hesseltine and Marc Brandon

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.

Looking Ahead...

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**BCCS SUPPORT GROUP – St. Joseph
Marie Yeager Cancer Center**
3900 Hollywood Road

Will not be meeting in July or August

**BCCS SUPPORT GROUP – Niles
Greater Niles Senior Center**
1109 Bell Road

Will not be meeting in July or August

**CHILD & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP
Art Play Workshop**

**Buchanan Art Center – Not meeting in
July
Krasl Art Center – Virtual Project**

Visit www.bccancerservice.org or call
BCCS at 269-429-3281 for details

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP
Lakeland Regional Medical Center

Will not be meeting in July

DATES TO REMEMBER IN JULY

July 1st – National Postal Workers Day
July 4th – Independence Day
July 6th – International Kissing Day
July 9th – National Sugar Cookie Day
July 14th – Shark Awareness Day
July 18th – National Caviar Day
July 20th – National Ice Cream Soda Day
July 25th – National Chili Dog Day
July 26th – Parent's Day
July 30th – International Day of Friendship

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staff@bccancerservice.org.

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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.

____ General Fund ____ Endowment Fund

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Donation Amount \$ _____

OR

In Memory of _____

Please send notification of my gift to:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

**Thank you for your
generosity!**

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CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - St. Joseph ON HOLD

2nd Tuesday of each month 2:30 p.m.
Marie Yeager Cancer Center Second Floor
3900 Hollywood Road
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 429-3281

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP

2nd Thursday of each month – 6:00 p.m.
Spectrum Health Lakeland Regional Medical Center
Community Room
1234 Napier Ave.
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 983-8804

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP – Niles ON HOLD

3rd Tuesday of each month – 1:30 p.m.
Greater Niles Senior Center
1109 Bell Road
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 429-3281