



**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 HOME – 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 2018 (COVID-18) situation is being closely monitored. We are taking precautions to assist in the prevention of the spread of coronavirus and will be maintaining only essential services through May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please contact us at (269) 429-3281 if you need medical equipment, supplies, or skilled nursing services.

### What is a Mother?

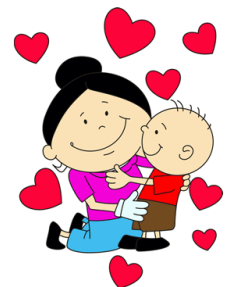
A mother's someone special  
With an understanding heart—  
When others lose their faith in you  
That's just when hers will start.

A mother's someone loving  
Who has the sweetest way  
Of giving you encouragement  
When skies are looking gray---

A mother's someone helpful  
Who will always lend a hand  
And smooth things out a little  
When they don't go as you've planned.

A mother's someone dearly loved  
And that is surely true  
Of a mother who is --  
All these things to you.

*Unknown*



# BCCS Bulletin Board

## **SAVE THE DATES!!!**

### **VIRTUAL PENNIES FOR PATIENTS**

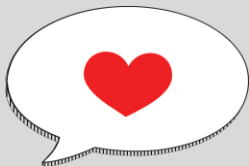
Entire Month of May 2020!

### **TEAM LUCKY CHARMS 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PUB RUN**

We are told by Team “Lucky Charms” to plan on a date in September 2020!

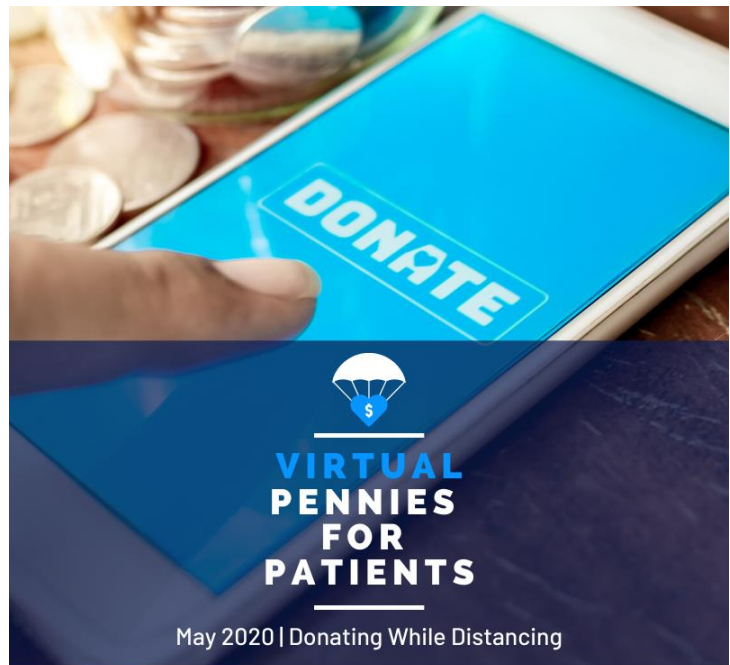
## **Thought for the Day**

*It is the things we always hold  
that  
We will lose someday.  
The only things we  
Keep are those we give away.*



## **Patient Remarks**

We have not used the nurse's services but may use it in the future. We mainly borrowed items that we needed. The staff was very friendly and very helpful to us. They have been such a blessing to us. Thank you for your services to those of us who are dealing with cancer.



As you know, a new reality upon us and the Berrien County Cancer Service team is working hard to provide for our patients now more than ever!

BCCS patients are among the most vulnerable facing the Coronavirus, and it's up to us to find creative ways to lend them a hand. This means being strong together and virtually collecting those dollar and coin donations that make our annual Pennies for Patients fundraiser such a success!

**During the month of May, you can make your donations online or by mailing a check. Go to [www.bccancerservice.org](http://www.bccancerservice.org) to donate or learn more about how you can help support those we serve.**

***If you have any questions, please call us at: 269-429-3281***

***Please join us on our Facebook page for a live feed on Thursdays, May 14th and 21st at noon. Keep current on our campaign through our Facebook and Instagram!***

**\*Important Note: Coinstar machines do not take donations for this fundraiser or for the Berrien County Cancer Service.**

## **Cancellation Notice**

## **Support Groups**

Due to the social distancing requirements and facility restrictions related to COVID-19, both the St. Joseph and Niles meetings will be cancelled for the month of May.

# May is Melanoma & Skin Cancer Awareness Month

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## **ART PLAY WORKSHOPS**

Art Play Workshops will not be meeting while the local public schools are suspended. The Cancer Support Groups that meet at Marie Yeager and Niles locations are on hold for the month of May.

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 or are a stable pediatric cancer patient, please have them call 269-429-3281 and ask for Nancy regarding these workshops. You can also find out more information on our website [www.bccancerservice.org](http://www.bccancerservice.org) or on our FB page: Berrien County Cancer Service, Inc.

With over 5 million cases diagnosed in the U.S. each year, skin cancer is the most common cancer. Fortunately, skin cancer is also one of the most preventable forms of cancer. **If you are headed out for summer fun, be sure to pack: 1) Lightweight long-sleeved shirt or cover-up; 2) Hat with a wide brim; 3) Sunglasses that block UVA and UVB rays; 4) Sunscreen with SPF15 or higher and broad spectrum protection.** Remember to reapply sunscreen at least every 2 hours after swimming or sweating. Have fun and stay sun-safe!

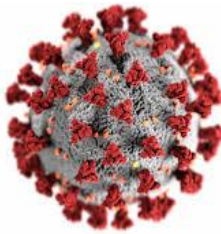
## **DID YOU KNOW...**

**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!**



For the latest local information regarding the coronavirus, please visit the Berrien County Health Department website: [www.bchdmi.org](http://www.bchdmi.org)

***Stay safe and stay healthy!***

# In Loving Memory

*Memorial Donations were generously  
made by and for the following:*

**In Memory of Anita Moore**

John Wilk Jr.  
Lester Keigley  
Michael Haskins  
Keith Hafer  
Paula Schroeder

**In Memory of Pam Kirshenbaum**

Rochelle Danhi

**In Memory of P.J. Prout**

Helen Corbe Lacelle

**In Memory of Erich Norris**

Michael Simko

**In Memory of Silvia Hinrichs**

Ilias Billionis

**In Memory of Phyllis Lucas**

Karol Kesterke

**In Memory of Velma Skelley**

Karol Kesterke

**In Memory of Norma Boyajian**

Siham Sayegh

**In Memory of Ruth Ann Froberg**

Maurice Sands

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...

## Looking Ahead

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

Will not be meeting in May

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

Will not be meeting in May

**CHILD & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP  
Art Play Workshop  
Buchanan Art Center  
Krasl Art Center**

Will not be meeting in May

Visit [www.bccancerservice.org](http://www.bccancerservice.org) or call  
BCCS at 269-429-3281 for details

**OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP**  
Lakeland Regional Medical Center

Will not be meeting in May

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER IN April**

- May 1 – International Tuba Day
- May 4 – Bird Day
- May 6 – National Nurses Day
- May 10 – Mother’s Day
- May 12 – International Nurses Day
- May 14 – Dance Like a Chicken Day
- May 15 – National Bike to Work Day
- May 18 – International Museum Day
- May 25 – Memorial Day
- May 27 – Sun Screen Day
- May 29 – Learn About Composting Day
- May 30 - Water a Flower 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.

\_\_\_ 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**

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EMAIL**

Help us save postage, call 269-429-3281 or email us at [staff@bccancerservice.org](mailto:staff@bccancerservice.org). If you are not reading the newsletter, you may contact us to be removed also. We

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**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - St. Joseph**

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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  
Phone: (269) 983-8804

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP – Niles**

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

**OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP**

**OFFICE STAFF**

Kimberly McCoy, Patient Care Coordinator  
Suzanne Arent, Administration Assistant  
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2nd Thursday of each month – 6:00 p.m.  
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Community Room  
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St. Joseph, MI 49085