



**Berrien  
County  
Cancer  
Service**

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**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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**THANKSGIVING**

May your stuffing be tasty.  
 May your turkey be plump.  
 May your potatoes and gravy  
 have nary a lump.  
 May your yams be delicious,  
 and your pies take the prize,  
 and may your Thanksgiving dinner  
 Stay off your thighs!!

*C.J. Beaman*

**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!**

**Thought for the Day**

The responsibility of tolerance lies with those who have the wider vision.

*George Eliot*



United Way  
of Southwest Michigan

# BCCS Bulletin Board

## SAVE THE DATES!!!

**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ART FESTIVAL –**  
November 13

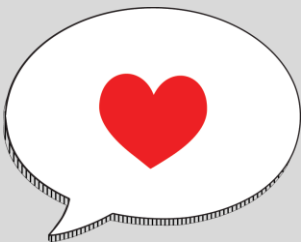
**PENNIES FOR PATIENTS**  
Coming in May of 2020!  
Date to be determined!

## Recent Star Givers Include:

De Groot Family Foundation,  
Watervliet, MI

Brown Funeral Home, Niles, MI

Michigan Contractors  
Association of Southwestern  
Michigan



## Patient Remarks

“It is so good to know that someone cares and is willing to listen and help in time of need.”

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

- As a result of BCCS skilled nursing visits 95% of patients reported an increase in their physical health!!
- That we love sharing from our loan closet and want to be able to have the items that are needed. Here are the current needs that we have for the loan closet:
  - Shower Chairs with backs
  - Stylish turbans
  - Soft cotton caps

## Berrien County Cancer Service **Art Festival 2019**

When a family has a health crisis, the entire family is affected, particularly the children who may not be able to express their emotional needs. We bring local artists and children impacted by cancer together where art can be used as an expression of feelings. Join us as we celebrate this past year's art projects and support those with cancer in our community. Join us at...

**Box Factory for the Arts**  
Wednesday, November 13th from  
5:30-8:00 p.m.  
1101 Broad Street, St. Joseph,  
Michigan



## **Special Art Festival Features**

- Interactive Art Projects
- Refreshments & Live Music
- Professional Face Painting
- Silent Auction
- Fun for the entire family
- Donations receive a piece of art

## **For more information:**

[www.bccancerservice.org](http://www.bccancerservice.org)  
or call (269) 429-3281

# November is Pancreatic/Neuroendocrine Cancer Awareness Month



## ART PLAY WORKSHOPS

Please note November is the last month for Art Play Workshops until February of 2020!!

Dates and locations are as follows:

**Buchanan Art Center**  
November 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30 pm  
**Krasl Art Center**  
November 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-6:00 pm

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.

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

The pancreas is a gland approximately six inches long that is shaped like a thin pear lying on its side. The wider end of the pancreas is called the head, the middle section is called the body and the narrow end is called the tail. The pancreas lies behind the stomach and in front of the spine.

Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors (NET's) form in hormone-making cells of the pancreas. Having certain "syndromes" can increase your risk. NET's may be benign or malignant and may or may not cause signs or symptoms.

Lab tests and imaging tests are used to detect and diagnose Pancreatic NET's. When pancreatic NET's are malignant, they are called Pancreatic Endocrine Cancer or Islet Cell Carcinoma. Pancreatic NET's are much less common than pancreatic exocrine (enzyme producing) cell tumors and have a better prognosis.

**WOW!** THANK YOU TO THE ORGANIZERS, SPONSORS, AND PARTICIPANTS OF THESE EVENTS

*Check out our FB page for more information and photos of the fun!*

**TEAM UP AGAINST CANCER – September 20** A special event at the Lakeshore HS vs. St. Joe HS football game. The survivor/supporter walk, pink jerseys worn by the St. Joe players, and the ribbon post-game were a special tribute to those impacted by cancer. The Berrien County Cancer Service and Marie Yeager Cancer Center appreciate the support that we can provide to those with cancer from this event.

**PLAY FORE PINK – October 6** The Denise Bohn Memorial Golf Outing at Lake Michigan Hills found golfers playing on the beautiful course in support of BCCS and the Bohn children.

**LITTLE BLACK DRESS PARTY – October 10** Was a swinging good time at Shadowland Ballroom! The décor was beautiful and food delicious to support those with cancer through the Marie Yeager Cancer Center and Berrien County Cancer Service.

**FLUSH OUT CANCER – October 11** The money did not get flushed down the pink toilet at City Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning! Thank you to the Ross's and 98.3 The Coast along with WSJM morning show, as well as the toilet sitters for holding this fun event to support those with cancer through the services of the Berrien County Cancer Service.

# In Loving Memory



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

**In Memory of Carl Dittmar**

Southern Indiana Horseman's Club  
Monday Night Burger Group  
Gregory and Linda Gunder  
Larry and Pat Pritchard

**In Memory of Delbert Hart**

Rich Donnelian  
Elaine Williams  
Arden Pridgeon

**In Memory of Edward Hoag**

Thelma and John Koziel  
Bernhardt and Patricia Stark  
Wanda Young and Family  
Craig and Julie Lear  
Jayne A. or Larry Lamb  
Dwight and Linda Roberts

*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 – Niles

Greater Niles Senior Center

1109 Bell Road

November 19 – 1:30 pm

December 17 – 1:30 pm

### BCCS SUPPORT GROUP – St. Joseph

Marie Yeager Cancer Center

3900 Hollywood Road

November 12 – 2:30 pm

December 10 – 2:30 pm

### CHILD & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Art Play Workshop

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at Krasl Art Center

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

November 14 – 6:00 pm

December 12 – 6:00 pm

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## DATES TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER!

November 1 – National Family Caregiver's Day

November 3 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 5 – Election Day

November 7 – National Bittersweet Chocolate Day

November 10 – NET Cancer Awareness Day

November 11 – Veteran's Day

November 13 – World Kindness Day

November 16 – International Day of Tolerance

November 19 – Gettysburg Address Day

November 21 – World Pancreatic Cancer Day

November 24 – Mother Goose Day

November 27 – Rockefeller Christmas Tree Lighting

November 28 – THANKSGIVING DAY

November 30 – stay Home Because You're Well 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

## 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  
generosity!**

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**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - St. Joseph**

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**

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