



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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The New-England Boy's Song about Thanksgiving Day

By: Lydia Maria Child

Over the river, and through the wood,
To grandfather's house we go;
The horse knows the way
To carry the sleigh
Through the white and drifted snow.

Over the river, and through the wood
Trot fast, my dapple-gray!
Spring over the ground,
Like a hunting-hound!
For this is Thanksgiving Day.

Over the river, and through the wood—
Oh, how the wind does blow!
It stings the toes
And bites the nose
As over the ground we go.

Over the river, and through the wood,
And straight through the barn-yard gate.
We seem to go
Extremely slow,—
It is so hard to wait!

Over the river, and through the wood,
To have a first-rate play.
Hear the bells ring
"Ting-a-ling-ding",
Hurrah for Thanksgiving Day!

Over the river and through the wood—
Now grandmother's cap I spy!
Hurrah for the fun!
Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the pumpkin-pie!

Lydia Maria Child, born in Medford, Massachusetts on February 11, 1802, was an abolitionist and novelist famous for her books on early 19th century female domestic life and racial equality. While her bestselling book "The American Frugal Housewife" made her famous, she's still best known for the poem that starts off with ... "Over the river and through the woods..."

BCCS ART FESTIVAL

Come many.... come all.... bring any kids or kids at heart to our Art Play Festival on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 from 4:00-7:00 pm at the North Shore Event Center. We will have free food, fun and art activities. See some of the art pieces the Art Play workshop participants have created. Engage in a quilt making project, enjoy creative food activities and listen to live music by John Tolhuisen and Mockingbird. There will be a face painter, art, fun and much more at the North Shore Event Center at 2655 N M63, Benton Harbor, across from the Christmas Tree Shoppe, just past Whirlpool.



BCCS Bulletin Board

November Cancer Awareness



#GIVINGTUESDAY™

Encourage your friends and family to give on November 29, 2022 as we continue to fight cancer in all colors.



Fight Cancer In All Colors

STAR GIVERS! for the BCCS ART FESTIVAL

Starks Family Funeral Homes for the Art Festival Title Sponsorship

First Source Bank of Niles for a gift basket

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Julie & Jim Thomsen of Bigby Coffee and Zoup! Eatery for coffee and gift card donation

FIGHT CANCER IN ALL COLORS THANK YOU!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who took part in making the Fight Cancer in All Colors Event a fun evening! We gathered 190 people at the Watermark Solarium on Friday, October 7, 2022 for an evening of live music, fun, awareness and fundraising. The evening was a hit with all who attended. We heard from Dr. Kozuh, three survivors shared their stories and one widower spoke to the crowd. With the silent auction and raffle prizes, many people went home as winners! The sponsors were amazing and the items for the silent auction and raffle flowed in. By the time it was over \$16,000 was raised for patient services! The community was truly very generous! We are grateful to the committee who worked to put this evening together, the speakers who shared their stories, and everyone who took part in the festivities.

Save the Date for our 75th Anniversary Celebration- Thursday, October 12, 2023



myWalgreens Giving Program
September 1, 2022 - November 30, 2022

Use your Walgreens app or go to Walgreens.com, login and select BCCS to give back to by donating your Walgreen rewards through November.

Questions? Give us a call and we can help you out!!



Call us at 269-429-3281

Tired of burning your fingers on your bowl when using the microwave? We have the answer for you - MICROWAVE BOWL HOLDERS! Come see our collection of these very handy, colorful items along with crocheted dish washing cloths, scrubbies, and other handy items. They also make great practical gifts!

Are you a member of a church, group, or organization who invites speakers to talk about community services?

Our Director of Development, Tyanna Essig, is available to give a 20-30 minute presentation to your group upon request.

Please contact Tyanna Essig in our office at 269-429-3281 or email tyanna@bcccancerservice.org.



In Memory

In Memory of Barbara Shafer

Joanne Parrish

In Memory of Kimberly Wicks

Jessica Holmes

Judith Bois

In Memory of Dorcas Chervenak

Susan Desmet

In Memory of Lewis Godush

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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

Sometimes in life we are touched by a person in such a way that you feel the spark, the late Robert "Bob" Humberg was that kind of guy. In August of 2021, when Bob passed, even in his death, he continued to make a difference in the lives of others. Recently the Berrien County Cancer Service, along with several other nonprofit organizations, was the beneficiary of a legacy gift that Bob had planned. When I asked his family member if I could share his story, she was delighted, knowing how much Uncle Bob loved to inspire others with his extraordinary life of compassion and giving.

Bob loved to make people smile and laugh! If you really wanted to get him started, all you had to do was to ask him about steam engines and his time as an engineer at the House of David when he was 15 years old. His bravery was demonstrated as an aviation radio man in the U.S. Navy where he received awards and decorations for his 3 years of World War II service.

He worked for over 33 years at Whirlpool Corporation. Bob was a guy who lived life to the fullest and worked to put a smile on the face of everyone he met. He moved with the rhythm of life in retirement with travel, fishing, golf, his faith, and love of Southwest Michigan. You may have waved at him as he drove his convertible car in the Blossomtime Parade for several years or heard him sing in a Barbershop Quartet. His desire was to make a significant contribution in his death, just as he had touched the lives of people in his everyday life. In his passing, he continues to show his love of life and give a wave to the people and causes that were dear to his heart. His contribution to the Berrien County Cancer Service, at a time when the economy is hitting non-profits hard, is truly a gift of his heart.

As we come into the season of giving, I hope that this story inspires you to pay attention to those around you to reach out with joy and a generous spirit.

If you did not have a chance to return your survey, as the old saying goes, "Better late than never!" Every survey returned is appreciated!



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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.

"This is a wonderful organization. They were able to loan us some equipment right away instead of going the normal process which takes a few days."

Anonymous