



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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Sing to me Autumn

By: Patricia L Cisco

Sing to me, Autumn, with the
rustle of your leaves.

Breathe on me your spicy scents
that flow within your breeze.

Dance with me, Autumn, your waltz that
bends the boughs of trees.

Now tell me all the secrets you've
whispered to the seas.

Sleep with me, Autumn, beneath your
starlit skies.

Let your yellow harvest moon
shimmer in our eyes.

Kiss me, Autumn, with your
enchancing spellbound ways
That changes all you touch into
crimson golden days.

Love me, Autumn,
and behold this love so true.

That I'll be waiting faithfully
each year to be with you.

Quick and Easy Ways To Give



PUMPS 9 & 10

Pay it forward at the pump! Shell Gas Stations in Stevensville (Red Arrow Highway) and Benton Harbor (Napier Avenue) are giving a portion of the proceeds from PUMPS 9 & 10 to BCCS through October. So head to the pump and pay it forward at the same time!!



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

BCCS Bulletin Board

October is Breast Cancer and Liver Awareness Month

Fast Facts About Breast Cancer

Each year in the United States, about 255,000 women get breast cancer and 42,000 women die from the disease. Men also get breast cancer, but it is not very common. About 1 out of every 100 breast cancers diagnosed in the United States is found in a man. Most breast cancers are found in women who are 50 years old or older, but breast cancer also affects younger women.

The liver continuously filters the blood to convert nutrients and drugs absorbed from the digestive track into chemicals the body can use. It also removes toxins and is involved in blood clotting and many other functions. Liver cancer can be primary, which means the cancer starts in the liver. Secondary liver cancer is more common because of its large size and high blood flow, making it a target for cancer cells moving through the body. This most commonly happens with colorectal, breast and lung cancers.

STAR GIVERS!

Pennies for Patients Donations since July 12th

Candlewood Suites
Honor Credit Union
Statements Style Lounge
Welcome Inn

Brian Daron
Robert Daron
Sharon Hainer

While May is long past, there are still donations for Pennies for Patients coming in. A special "Thank You" to the Welcome Inn for their passing their Pennies jar around frequently!



RESOURCE CLOSET SPECIAL!

If you or anyone you know is in need of a stand-up lift, please let them know BCCS has two in stock in our resource closet. Ready to be picked up at anytime!



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!

Call us for more info at 269-429-3281

ART PLAY WORKSHOP

For children and families impacted by cancer
Join us on Thursday, October 20th from
4:30-6:00pm for a fun time at the Krasl Art Center.
Project to be determined.
Registration is required. Call Nancy at 269-429-3281 for more information



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@bccancerservice.org.

We want everyone in Berrien County to know about our services!



In Memory

In Memory of Roger Jordan Sr.

Louise Lausman

In Memory of Rochelle Colucci

United Federal Credit Union

In Memory of Lewis Godush

Sandra Barker

Marcia Bowers

Perry Brown

Joe & Lynn Cook

John Godush & Jacqueline

Amicarelli-Godush

Betty Hak

Michael & Linda Hasse

Amy Robertson

Amy Semenak

Nancy Waldenmaier High

In Memory of Kimberly Ellen

Wicks

Julie Crane

MJ Carpenter

Donna & Norma Goldner

Fred & Mary Jane Hipshear

Theresa Jacobson

Edward & Patricia Kanwischer -

Timberline Inn, Inc.

Daniel McGinnis

Arthur & Carol Springsteen

Julie Henegar - We are so sorry for
your loss.

Sarah Schuilenburg - Our Deepest
Sympathy for your loss. We hope
this donation will help this
organization continue their great
work and help others in their time of
need - Your PNC Friends

In Memory of Charlynn Faye McCullough

Barton & Kathryn De La Barre

Connie & Matthew Demler

Kristina & Michale Shelly - Tiffani
- our deepest condolences on
the loss of your mother. May
your memories of her bring you
solace and comfort. Love, Mike
& Krissy

In Memory of Charles Brunke

Ronald Bronakowski

Sam Brunke

Elise Doughten & Bruce
Doughten

Mary Shaver-Davis

Kenneth Zielke

Veronica Myers - In memory of
Charles Brunke on behalf of the
Deja Family

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

It's October! A month when there is an extra emphasis on cancer awareness, particularly breast cancer. In the 28 years that I have been a nurse at BCCS, I have seen a lot of progress being made as science has made inroads to unlock the secrets of what causes cells to go rogue and new ways to target those cells, mobilizing the body's immune system to fight. As science progresses, more people are living with cancer. The risk of dying from cancer in the U.S. has decreased over the past 28 years according to the American Cancer Society. There has been a 32% decrease from its peak in 1991 to 2019, the most recent year for which data is available. During my 28 years here, I have been touched in incredible ways by the people I've met, the hope and courage I've seen. It has made me realize that each day is a gift, the mundane becomes special, something to embrace.

We are so grateful for the community businesses and individuals who are committed to keeping BCCS caring for those with cancer. I hope that you are able to stop by the Shell Station Giving Pumps #9 and 10 at the Lakeshore and Napier where you can donate to BCCS as you fill your car with gas!

October is a month that we want to hear from you! If you have utilized our services, you may receive a survey with a stamped envelope for return to help us know how we are doing and ways to improve. *Every survey returned is appreciated!*



Fight Cancer in All Colors



There has been an overwhelming response to "Fight Cancer in All Colors", selling out 190 tickets in less than 30 days! Donors have given nearly \$10,000 worth of merchandise and gift cards for this event.

Table Sponsors

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Team Frazee/
Century 21
Susan Matheny
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Patty Kenworthy
Dave Essig

Thank you!

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Whirlpool Corporation



2022 Art Play Festival

A Huge "Thank You" goes out to Starks Family Funeral Homes for sponsoring our Art Play Festival on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at the North Shore Event Center



Please join us to celebrate our Art Play Group! The last time we hosted this festival was 2019. Our participants have created a lot of art since then and are happy to display it. Join us for food, fun, arts and festivities. We will have creative food and desserts, artists, art activities, music, face painting, a silent auction and fun for kids of all ages.



**The North Shore Event Center
2655 N M63, Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Located past Whirlpool Corporation
on M-63 across from
The Christmas Tree Shoppe**



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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.

I felt welcome, and understood. For a lady losing all her hair, having a wig was a big morale booster.
Thank You!

Anonymous