



**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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A SMILE

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or almighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business and is the countersign of Friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away.

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

It takes as much courage to
Have tried and failed as it does
To have tried and succeeded

Anne Morrow Lindberg



United Way
of Southwest Michigan

BCCS Bulletin Board

SAVE THE DATES!!!

TEAM UP AGAINST CANCER

September 20

Lakeshore Lancers vs. St. Joe Bears

LITTLE BLACK DRESS PARTY

October 10

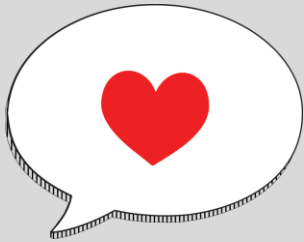
5th ANNUAL ART FESTIVAL –

November 13

Recent Star Givers

Include:

Lighthouse Attic in
Stevensville, MI



Patient Remarks

“I am grateful every day for the service and kindness of the whole team. They are a big help to me. Thanks for your help.”

DID YOU KNOW...

From January to July, **BCCS nurses provided 1,012 skilled nursing patient visits!** Your donations allow us to provide these services to families in our community!



“WAR BY THE SHORE”

“Team Up Against Cancer” Raises Funds for Cancer Care in Southwest Michigan.

Grab your pom-poms on September 20th and head over to the Lakeshore Lancers vs. St. Joe Bears football game at Dickinson Stadium. This community fundraiser is to help individuals fighting cancer, increase awareness and prevention, and celebrate survivors. Gates will open at 5:00 p.m. with local vendors offering a variety of food with all the sales benefiting Marie Yeager Cancer Center and Berrien County Cancer Service!

The St. Joseph High School marching band and cheerleaders will pay tribute to those affected by cancer and salute survivors as they parade into the stadium during a pre-game ceremony. **For more information or to purchase a T-Shirt (includes game admission) please call BCCS at 269-429-3281 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/TUAC.BerrienCountyMI/>**

10th Annual *Play Fore Pink*

Denise Bohn Memorial Golf Outing
*Benefitting the Bohn-Stewart Children Education Fund
& Berrien County Cancer Service*



Sunday, October 6, 2019

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. with a 10:00 a.m. shotgun start.

4 Person Scramble / \$90 per Player

Includes green fee & cart, light breakfast, baked potato bar lunch, and a free return round at the course.

Hole Sponsors: \$100 each or 3 for \$200

Lake Michigan Hills Golf Club

2520 Kerlikowske Road

Benton Harbor, MI

For more information, call BCCS at 259-429-3281

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



ART PLAY WORKSHOPS

Dates and locations are as follows:

Buchanan Art Center
September 9th has been cancelled!
Next workshop is October 14th
from 4:30-5:30 pm

Krasl Art Center
September 19th and October 17th
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 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.

A Change of Mind: The Journey of a Brain Cancer Survivor is about Kevin Jones, a boy from St. Joseph Michigan who was diagnosed with brain cancer when he was just 15 years old. A Change of Mind will take you on Kevin's Journey from day one of being diagnosed, and you will get to witness his experiences of hardships, defeats and triumphs against cancer.

A Change of Mind looks to not only tell the story of Kevin Jones and his victory over cancer, but to spread hope and information to those who are also dealing with the same things and are not sure where to turn.

"Berrien County Cancer Service provided excellent service when I was going through brain cancer treatments. From treatments at the school and home, Connie went above and beyond the call of service. Without BCCS services, we would have had a much more difficult time especially with the lab draw. I really appreciate what they did for me." Kevin Jones

You may view this documentary at:

www.facebook.com/bccancerservice/ or on Kevin's Facebook: KJones Production LLC

Little Black Dress Fundraiser

Thursday, October 10, 2019



Come on Ladies! Join us for a Girl's Night Out at the Shadowland Ballroom on Thursday, October 10. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Join the fun with dancing, a photo booth, silent and live auction, along with a delicious buffet and other surprises!

Tickets go on sale through Midwest Broadcasting Radio Station starting on September 3. Buy your ticket early since this event sells out quickly! All proceeds go to BCCS and the Marie Yeager Cancer Center for patient needs.

In Loving Memory

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

In Memory of Fred Mundt

Irene & Walter Riemland
Kathy Ross

In Memory of Joseph Lodyga

Susan Lodyga

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.



Please Consider...

Looking Ahead

BCCS SUPPORT GROUP – Niles

September 17 – 1:30 pm

October 15 – 1:30 pm

BCCS SUPPORT GROUP – St. Joseph

September 10 – 2:30 pm

October 8 – 2:30 pm

CHILD & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Art Play Workshop

2nd Thursday at Marie Yeager Cancer Center

2nd Monday at the Buchanan Art Center

Visit www.bccancerservice.org or call

BCCS at 269-429-3281 for details

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP

Lakeland Regional Medical Center

September 12 – 6:00 pm

October 10 – 6:00 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER

September 1 – National No Rhyme No Reason Day

September 2 – LABOR DAY

September 5 – International Day of Charity

September 7 - Grandma Moses Day

September 9 – Wonderful Weirdoes Day

September 13 – Scooby Doo Day

September 15 – Tackle Kids Cancer Day

September 16 – Trail of Tears Commemoration Day

September 18 – National cheeseburger Day

September 21 – World’s Alzheimer’s Day

September 26 – National Dumpling Day

September 28 - National Singles Day

September 30 – National Love People Day

Newsletters available online

Our newsletters are available on our website: 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.

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