



**Berrien
County
Cancer
Service**

**In memory 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 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 2019 (COVID-19) situation is being closely monitored. We are taking precautions to assist in the prevention of the spread of coronavirus. Please contact us at (269) 429-3281 if you need medical equipment, supplies, or skilled nursing services.

September

September means its time again for going off to school.
The days are getting shorter and the nights are getting cool.

~Unknown

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!**



BCCS Bulletin Board

SAVE THE DATES!!!

**Virtual Art Play
Workshop
September 17th!!**

**Recycling for Patients
Week of September
20th!!**

Thought for the Day...

*A positive start will work
better than a negative
one!*



Patient Remarks

“Staff is always exceptionally helpful.”

RECYCLING FOR PATIENTS

Scrapper Matt from Recycling and Junk Patrol of Berrien County will be holding another **Recycling for Patients** event from **September 21-26**. They will be picking up recyclable metals, aluminum, steel, cast iron, copper, vehicle parts, propane containers, bikes, grills, etc. During this week, the money that they make from turning those items into the recycling center will go to support BCCS services.

Call 269-369-1678 for metal pick-up

UNITED WAY OF SWMI 21-DAY RACIAL EQUITY CHALLENGE

September 8 – September 28

This self-guided learning journey is a great way to learn about the history and impacts of racism and how it has shaped the lives of people in SW Michigan, while inspiring participants with resources and tools to build racial equity in their lives. This equity challenge will be 21 daily prompts that will each include a short narrative and 3 options for learning as well as a Reflection log to document your insights and actions. All are welcome to join...invite a friend!

Registration Link: <https://www.uwsm.org/21-day-equity-challenge>



SUPPORT GROUPS

Due to social distancing requirements and facility restrictions, support groups for St. Joseph and Niles are cancelled for the month of September. However, that does not mean that there is not support for those with cancer. There are a large variety of online cancer support groups with some groups being general and cover all cancer diagnoses while other are specific for a particular diagnosis. A few websites to get started with are **cancercare.org**, **cancerhopenetwork.org**, and **cancersupportcommunity.org**.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED ...

to the BCCS 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. Thanks to you, we matched our first \$5,000 challenge for 2020! Our second portion of the challenge to match for 2021 starts in December of this year! Stay tuned!

In Loving Memory

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

In Memory of Terry Laurin

Roger and Barbara Dekker
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Karol Kesterke



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

Will not be meeting in September

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

Will not be meeting in September

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP
Lakeland Regional Medical Center

Will not be meeting in September

**CHILD & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP
Art Play Workshop**

**Buchanan Art Center – Not meeting in
September**

**Krasl Art Center – Virtual Project
September 17th**

Visit www.bccancerservice.org or call
BCCS at 269-429-3281 for details

DATES TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER

September 1st – National Cherry Popover Day
September 2nd – VJ Day, WWII
September 9th – Teddy Bear Day
September 14th – National Cream Filled Donut Day
September 18th – Rosh Hashanah
September 20th – Wife Appreciation Day
September 25th – National Comic Book Day
September 26th – International Rabbit Day
September 30th – National Mud Pack Day

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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 ON HOLD

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

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP - ON HOLD

2nd Thursday of each month – 6:00 p.m.
Spectrum Health Lakeland Regional Medical Center
Community Room
1234 Napier Ave.
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 983-8804

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP – Niles ON HOLD

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