

BERRIEN COUNTY CANCER SERVICE NEWSLETTER

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In honor of the committed service of Olove Colcord, R.N.

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.



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The BERRIEN COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

is a group for patients, family members and care givers. Come share successes, feelings, fears and practical methods of coping with the physical and emotional aspects of living with the diagnosis of cancer.

Share

Share a smile or friendly greeting
To some stranger on the street
It will bring a ray of sunshine
To some person you may meet.

Share a little act of kindness,
It could brighten someone's day,
It could bring a spark of courage
To someone who lost their way.

And you'll feel much better for it,
It won't cost a single dime,
It could make a world of difference,
Share a minute of your time.

Bill Carr



United Way
of Southwest Michigan

BCCS Bulletin Board

ENJOY FINE DINING AND BENEFIT BCCS!

The Berrien County Cancer Service, Inc. has been selected as a beneficiary for a **Bentwood Tavern Give-Back Dinner on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, from 5-10 pm!** On that evening, 50% of all food and beverage revenue will be generously donated to BCCS. All donated funds will go toward our Patient Needs Fund, which ensures our services will remain available to patients as long as needed. Bentwood Tavern features “artisan comfort cuisine” with a modern spin on pub fare. It is located inside the Marina Grand Resort at **600 West Water Street in New Buffalo, Michigan.** For **reservations, please call 269.469.1699 or visit www.bentwoodtavern.com.** You can also check them out on Facebook. **No registration or coupons are necessary.** Invite your friends and family to join use for a fun evening of great food and fellowship in support of our patients!



PENNIES FOR PATIENTS – THE POWER OF A PENNY!



Would you believe what the power of a penny is? Since it started, Pennies for Patients Day has raised \$422,866.04! Fortunately, this has not all come as “pennies”. The year of the most pennies was 2002 when 13,000 pennies arrived. When bringing your pennies in, remember, we love silver and green paper pennies also! This year we will have 2 multi-coin counters after receiving a donation from Advia Credit Union of Port Huron. As we celebrate our **26th Annual PENNIES FOR PATIENTS™ DAY**, let's pass up last year's total of \$18,388.63. **Come join us on Thursday, May 14, 2015** any time between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. so if you are an early bird or not, we have a time for you! Come and see the excitement of thousands of pennies along with refreshments and fun. There will also be a Niles location on Main and 3rd Street from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. with cookies and punch. All the proceeds stay local to help those with cancer in our community. Bring your pennies, silver, and dollars and join us for our **26th Annual PENNIES FOR PATIENTS DAY!**

Calling all BCCS Volunteers!

National Volunteer Week is a time to celebrate people doing extraordinary things through service. This year it will be celebrated April 12-18, 2015. **Our 3rd annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception will be held Thursday, April 16, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come and join us for food and fun – and take a break, we will supply the food!**



NEWSLETTERS – IMPORTANT

We have sent out a notice regarding our newsletter and asking that for those who regularly use their email to call or email us to change their BCCS newsletter subscription to receive it via email. This has been in response to costs related to printing and postage. We take seriously our commitment to dedicate our funding to caring for those we serve. If you receive the newsletter via mail and wish to continue to do so, please know that we are happy to send it to you and will continue to do so. If you have any questions, please call us at 269-429-3281.

One more announcement:



Our 20th Annual Bike Ride will be held on Sept. 13, 2015 instead of in June. More information will follow in future newsletters.

Good communication between patients, family caregivers, and the health care team is very important in cancer care.

Good communication between patients with cancer, family caregivers, and the health care team helps improve patients' well-being and quality of life. Communicating about concerns and decision making is important during all phases of treatment and supportive care for cancer.

The goals of good communication in cancer care are to:

- Build a trusting relationship between the patient, family caregivers, and the health care team.
- Help the patient, family caregivers, and health care team share information with each other.
- Help the patient and family talk about feelings and concerns.

Patients with cancer have special communication needs.

Patients, their families, and their health care team face many issues when cancer is diagnosed. Cancer is a life-threatening illness, even though advances in treatments have increased the chances of a cure or remission. A patient who is diagnosed with cancer may feel fear and anxiety about treatments that are often difficult, expensive, and complicated. Decisions about the patient's care can be very hard to make. Good communication can help patients, families, and doctors make these decisions together and improve the patient's well-being and quality of life.

Studies show that when patients and doctors communicate well during cancer care, there are many positive results. Patients are usually:

- More satisfied with care and feel more in control.
- More likely to follow through with treatment.
- More informed.
- More likely to take part in a clinical trial.
- Better able to make the change from care that is given to treat the cancer to palliative care.

Some patients and families want a lot of information and choose to make decisions about care.

Patients and their families should let the health care team know how much information they want about the cancer and its treatment. Some patients and families want a lot of detailed information. Others want less detail. Also, the need for information may change as the patient moves through diagnosis and treatment. Some patients with advanced disease want less information about their condition.

There may be differences in how involved patients and families want to be in making decisions about cancer care. Some patients and families may want to be very involved and make their own decisions about cancer care. Others may want to leave decisions to the doctor.

Communication is important at different points during cancer care.

Communication is important throughout cancer care, but especially when important decisions are to be made. These important decision times include:

- When the patient is first diagnosed.
- Any time new decisions about treatment need to be made.
- After treatment, when discussing how well it worked.
- Whenever the goal of care changes.
- When the patient makes his or her wishes known about advance directives, such as a living will.

From: www.cancer.gov

In Loving Memory

During January 2015, Memorial Donations were generously made by and for the following people

In Memory of Dr. O.B. Alston

Lesten Alston, Benton Harbor

In Memory of Charles Bruins

James Bruin, Benton Harbor

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Barbara Klein, St. Joseph

In Memory of Roger Garritano

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In Memory of Nadine Kerns (cont.)

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Ruth Twarucsek, Benton Harbor

Looking Ahead

BCCS SUPPORT GROUP – Stevensville

March 3 & 17 – 1:30 p.m.
April 7 & 21 – 1:30 p.m.

BCCS SUPPORT GROUP – Niles

March 10 & 24 – 1:30 p.m.
April 14 & 28 – 1:30 p.m.

RAINBOWS OF HOPE– St. Joseph

Marie Yeager Cancer Center
March 12 – 5:30 p.m.
April 9 – 5:30 p.m.

Ostomy Support Group

Lakeland Regional Medical Center
March 12 – 6:30 p.m.
April 9 – 6:30 p.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN MARCH 2015

March 1 – Plan A Solo Vacation Day
March 3 – I want You to be Happy Day
March 6 – Oreo Cookie Day
March 8 – International Working Woman’s Day
March 11 – Johnny Appleseed Day
March 13 – Smart & Sexy Day
March 15 – True Confession’s Day
March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day
March 19 – Client’s Day
March 20 – SPRING – Snowman Burning Day
March 22 – International Goof-off Day
March 22 – National Chocolate Covered Raisin’s Day
March 25 – National Medal of Honor Day
March 28 – Earth Day
March 30 – Doctor’s 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 the 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!

Berrien County Cancer Service, Inc.
7301 Red Arrow Highway
Stevensville, MI 49127

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RAINBOWS OF HOPE GROUP- St. Joseph
2nd Thursday of each month – 5:30 p.m.
Marie Yeager Cancer Center
Ward and Kinney Room
3900 Hollywood Road
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 556-7114

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP – Niles
2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month – 1:30 p.m.
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.
Lakeland Regional Medical Center
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1234 Napier Ave.
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 983-8804

