



Berrien  
County  
Cancer  
Service

## BERRIEN COUNTY CANCER SERVICE NEWSLETTER

[www.bccancerservice.org](http://www.bccancerservice.org)

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 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.



### Freedom's Price

Today we celebrate freedom  
thanks to those who came before.  
Those brave men and women who fought and died  
in each and every war.  
Freedom always comes at a price,  
And while we celebrate  
We should tip our hats to the heroes  
who made our country great.

*Unknown*



United Way  
of Southwest Michigan

# BCCS Bulletin Board

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION

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!

### Recent STAR GIVERS include:

Ashley Weber, who donated at total of \$1,525.00 from her Four Corners Fundraiser in Stevensville! We are so grateful to Ashley and her family, as well as everyone who contributed and volunteered to help her!

Baroda Lion's Club for their generous \$500.00 donation!



Community Weaving Art Project



## BCCS ART DISPLAY and COLORS OF CANCER: A COMMUNITY WEAVING ART PROJECT JULY 15 – AUGUST 24

- Join us at the Niles District Library to create a hand-woven cloth using a loom and yarns of various colors that reflect the impact cancer has on our lives and families.
- In addition, enjoy the art on display that was created by children and families who attend the BCCS Art Play workshops.
- **An Open House for these 2 projects is on Thursday, July 18 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

***Please stop by any time between July 15 and August 24. All are welcome to participate.***

## Niles Summer Concert Series – Phil Anderson Thursday, July 18 – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us for the delightful music of Phil Anderson at the Riverfront Amphitheater. The Berrien County Cancer Service will be the featured nonprofit for the evening! Come early and stop by the Niles District Library to see the BCCS art display and participate in the Colors of Cancer: Community Weaving Project. For more information call us at 269-429-3281.



## ART PLAY WORKSHOPS

Dates and locations are as follows:

**Buchanan Art Center July 8 & August 12 from 4:30-5:30 pm**

**Krasl Art Center July 18 & August 15 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](http://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.**

## SAVE THE DATES!!!

**TEAM UP AGAINST CANCER – September 20**  
St. Joe Bears vs Lakeshore Lancers

**LITTLE BLACK DRESS PARTY – October 10**

**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ART FESTIVAL – November 13**

## July is Sarcoma Awareness Month

### What Is a Soft Tissue Sarcoma?

Cancer starts when cells start to grow out of control. Cells in nearly any part of the body can become cancer and can spread to other areas.

There are many types of soft tissue tumors, and not all of them are cancerous. Many benign tumors are found in soft tissues. The word benign means they're not cancer. These tumors can't spread to other parts of the body. Some soft tissue tumors behave in ways between a cancer and a non-cancer. These are called intermediate soft tissue tumors.

When the word sarcoma is part of the name of a disease, it means the tumor is malignant (cancer). A sarcoma is a type of cancer that starts in tissues like bone or muscle. Bone and soft tissue sarcomas are the main types of sarcoma. Soft tissue sarcomas can develop in soft tissues like fat, muscle, nerves, fibrous tissues, blood vessels, or deep skin tissues. They can be found in any part of the body. Most of them start in the arms or legs. They can also be found in the trunk, head and neck area, internal organs, and the area in back of the abdominal (belly) cavity (known as the retroperitoneum). Sarcomas are not common tumors.

Scientists don't know exactly what causes most soft tissue sarcomas, but they have found some risk factors that can make a person more likely to develop these cancers. And research has shown that some of these risk factors affect the genes in cells in the soft tissues. DNA mutations in soft tissue sarcoma are common. But they're usually acquired during life rather than having been inherited before birth. Acquired mutations may result from exposure to radiation or cancer-causing chemicals. In most sarcomas, they occur for no apparent reason.

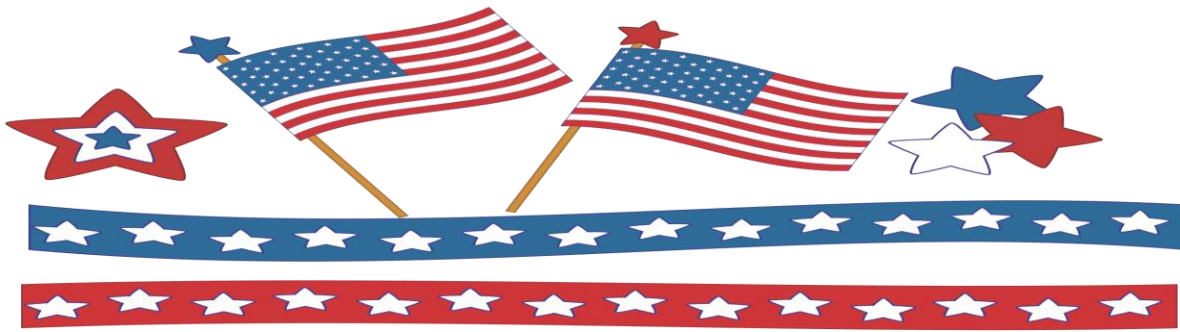
Researchers still don't know why most soft tissue sarcomas develop in people who have no apparent risk factors.

*Adapted from: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)*

### Thought for the Day

Hold up your head! You were not made for failure, you were made for victory: go forward with a joyful confidence in that result sooner or later, and the sooner or later depends mainly on yourself.

*Anne Gilchrist*



## *In Loving Memory*

During May 2019, Memorial Donations were generously made by and for the following people:

**In Memory of Christa Bartsehke**

Agathe & Bruno Lehmann, St. Joseph

**In Memory of Bill (Doc) Berry**

Carol & Tony Dlouhy, Stevensville

**In Memory of Larry Easton**

Terry & Pat Yore, Sodus  
Harry & Doris Case, Sodus  
Alan Workinger, Coloma

**In Memory of Mignon Heppler**

Amy Semanak, St. Joseph

**In Memory of John Kotyuk**

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Starks Family Funeral Homes, St. Joseph  
Richard Veight, Coloma  
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**In Memory of Bonnie Kurbis**

Robert Bouchickas, St. Joseph  
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Barbara Shafer, Stevensville  
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**In Memory of Don Lane**

Barbara Lane, Benton Harbor

**In Memory of Scott Ross**

Sandra Jewell, St. Joseph

**In Memory of Laretta Titman**

Kathy Buck and Kevin Preloger, Chicago IL

**In Memory of William Whitfield**

Jeanette & Dolores Fester, Benton Harbor  
Sharon Kallin, Niles

*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.*

*Additional donations were made*

## *In Honor of*

**Claudia Brister**

Jeanette Fester, Benton Harbor  
Dolores Fester, Benton Harbor  
John & Louise King, Sodus

# Our 2019 Pennies for Patients Fundraiser raised \$17,025.00!!!

We are so grateful to everyone  
who participated including...



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Stevensville Subway  
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Buchanan Art Center  
Niles Infusion  
Lincoln Elementary School  
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Three Oaks Church of Christ  
Van's Pharmacy  
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United Way of SW Michigan  
Progressive Missionary Baptist Church  
Buchanan Area Senior Center  
Lakeland Homecare Niles  
Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool and  
Daycare Sawyer  
Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church  
Lakeland Homecare  
St. John's United Church of Christ  
Marie Yeager Cancer Center  
Brown Funeral Home  
Coloma High School  
St. Thomas Baptist Church  
Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool and  
Daycare Sawyer  
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Peace Lutheran Church  
Greater Niles Senior Center  
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United Federal Credit Union  
New Buffalo Service League

## Looking Ahead

### BCCS SUPPORT GROUP – Niles

July 16 - 1:30 pm  
August 20 – 1:3- pm

### BCCS SUPPORT GROUP – St. Joseph

July 9th - 2:30 pm  
August 13 – 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](http://www.bccancerservice.org) or call  
BCCS at 269-429-3281 for details

### OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP

Lakeland Regional Medical Center  
July 11 - 6:00 pm  
August 8 – 6:00 pm

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### DATES TO REMEMBER IN JULY 2019

July 1 – Second Half of Year Day  
July 3 – Stay Out of Sun Day  
July 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY  
July 6 – Fried Chicken Day  
July 9 – No Bra Day  
July 14 – National Macaroni & Cheese Day  
July 17 – National Hot Dog Day  
July 21 – National Ice Cream Day  
July 22 – Global Hug Your Kids Day  
July 24 – International Self Care Day  
July 26 – Systems Administrator Appreciation Day  
July 29 – Lasagna Day  
July 31 – National Mutt Day

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269-429-3281 or send us an  
e-mail: [staff@bccancerservice.org](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

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In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Please send notification of my gift to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your  
generosity!**