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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 SERVICE SUPPORT GROUP** is a group of 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.



MAY

Happy Mothers' Day

**M - is for the million things she gave me
O - means only that she's growing old
T - is for the tears she shed to save me
H - is for her heart of purest gold
E - is for her eyes, with love light shining
R - means right, and right she'll always be.**

Song Lyrics by Eddy Arnold

BCCS Bulletin Board

Thank You to ALL of our Wonderful Supporters!

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.



Recent STAR GIVERS include:

Brown Funeral Home for a \$300.00 donation!

Lake Michigan College Nursing Students who held "Penny Wars" and gathered a total of \$939.41!!

Thank you for your generous contributions!!!

NEW CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month for a Cancer Support Group for all types of cancer. Our next meeting is May 14 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Ward Conference room on the 2nd floor of the Marie Yeager Cancer Center, 3900 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph. If you have questions, please call us at 269-429-3281.

MAY 9th IS PENNIES FOR PATIENTS DAY!!! PENNIES COLLECTION FOR ST. JOSEPH - 3 EASY STEPS!

1. Come to the Marie Yeager Cancer Center on May 9th (MYCC) at 3900 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph, Michigan and follow the signs to the BCCS storage unit where we will be collecting the pennies. The storage unit is a brown building with 3 garage doors that is on the west side of MYCC - just drive around the building and you will find us on the left-hand side.
2. Drop your pennies off. We will have someone there to help you with the pennies.
3. Then come into the MYCC building and turn right past the volunteer desk and you will find refreshments!

If you live near Niles, you may drop off between 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the St. John's United Church of Christ, 601 Sycamore St., Niles





ART PLAY WORKSHOPS

Dates and locations are as follows:

Buchanan Art Center May 13th & June 10th from 4:30-5:30 pm

Krasl Art Center May 16th & June 20th 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.

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!

May is Bladder and Brain Cancer Awareness Month

Patient Story

Diane was diagnosed bladder with cancer in 2009. She underwent surgery followed by 2 years of intense treatment. Her cancer returned in an aggressive fashion in 2015 requiring weekly treatments in Chicago. During this time, she got acquainted with BCCS through a health fair that Lakeland Health was sponsoring. The first time she came to our office, she was very grateful for the medical supplies and gas card that we were able to help her with as well as the emotional support that was provided during that visit. Soon after that she required sophisticated surgery and found out that her insurance only covered a few in-home nursing visits, not enough to take care of her needs. The BCCS nurse came to her home to assist her with these skilled nursing procedures and provided a variety of medical supplies from our loan closet. She was very grateful since she had not been able to work and much of her finances had been spent on her medical issues, transportation, and needed supplies. She continues to stop by BCCS to pick up supplies at times. Diane is always appreciative and maintains a very positive attitude. In turn, she gives back to BCCS as a volunteer!

Here is what BCCS means to Diane: "I was supported by BCCS nursing at home, after my radical cystectomy and neobladder surgery. I have also been supported by BCCS as I utilize items in the loan closet regularly. I don't think I could have kept looking forward without their knowledge, genuine caring and encouragement. I look forward to interacting with the nurses and the whole staff. I try to help out, volunteering when I can, because I truly appreciate them and the service as a whole. It is something that other community should strive for – the BCCS organization!"



In Loving Memory

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

In Memory of Pastor Larry Easton
Cynthia Hetmansperger, Three Rivers
Don Booty, Naperville, IL

In Memory of Patricia Macholtz
Jean Gitersonke Family, Benton Harbor

In Memory of Ron Germain
Peggy Schaffer, Sawyer

In Memory of Lucille Osburn
Roy Shoemaker, Benton Harbor

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.

Thought for the Day

“If you haven't time to do it right in the first place,
When will you have time to do it over?”

John Wooden

Patient Remarks

“My condition has forced me to stop driving. Your drawing blood at 14 day intervals lets Dr. Kozuh keep up with my condition. I could not keep up with the lab blood test schedule without Deb's two week interval home visits. Dr. Kozuh feels your agency is a marvelous resource for our area and may be unique in the entire country.” Timothy

Looking Ahead

BCCS SUPPORT GROUP – Niles

May 21 - 1:30 pm

June 18 - 1:30 pm

BCCS SUPPORT GROUP – St. Joseph

May 14th – 2:30 pm

June 11th – 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

May 9 - 6:00 pm

June 13 - 6:00 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER IN MAY 2019

May 1 - MAY DAY

May 3 - Lumpy Rug Day

May 4 - Bladder Cancer Awareness Day

May 6 - national RN Recognition Day

May 8 - World Ovarian Cancer Day

May 11 - World Belly Dance Day

May 12 - MOTHER'S DAY

May 14 - National Chicken Dance Day

May 17 - National Pizza Party Day

May 19 - Rake Your Parents to Playground Day

May 23 - EMSC Day (Emergency medical Services)

May 25 - Cookie Monster's Birthday

May 27 - Joe Cool Day

May 30 - Memorial 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!