



BERRIEN COUNTY CANCER SERVICE NEWSLETTER

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In honor of the committed service of
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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.

September 2018

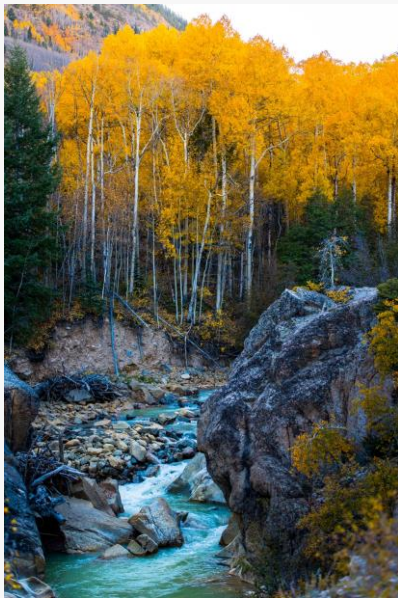
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The **BERRIEN COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**
is a group of patients, family members and care givers. Come
share successes, feelings, fears and practical methods of coping
with the physical and emotional aspects of living with
the diagnosis of cancer.

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Autumn

*There's nothing as fine
as an autumn day,
with the smell in the air
of fresh mown hay.
Each tree is a wonder,
of beauty untold,
each leaf brushed with color
a sight to behold.
There's a nip in the air,
crisp, cool and clear,
to remind us that winter
will soon be here!
But for now we have autumn
the "showoff" season!
My favorite by far
and these are the reasons.*

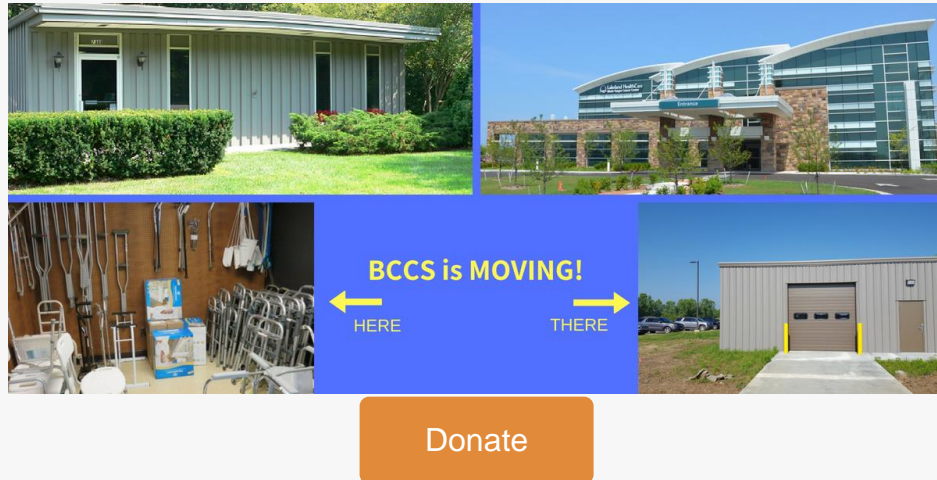
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BCCS Bulletin Board

NEWS FLASH - REVISED MOVE DATE!

Look for us at the Marie Yeager Cancer Center mid-September 2018. Our planned date for moving is September 14th, however if you are needing our services close to that date, please give us a call at 269-429-3281 to confirm our location. We will remain Berrien County Cancer Service and will still offer the same great services to our community. This move will increase awareness of our services and meet more patient needs.

JOIN US IN MAKING THIS MOVE A REALITY BY DONATING!



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 and supportive resources to care for our patients and those who need our assistance. Recent STAR GIVERS include:

Wolverine Pipeline Company - Day of Caring
Milano's Pizza - Day of Caring Pizza and Sub Sandwiches
Peace Lutheran Church - Paul Todd & Paul Todd Jr. Musical Concert
Tuesday Night Brookwood Golf League - Fundraiser
Brentwood at Niles- Gourmet Hot Dog Fundraiser



PLAY FORE PINK! Join us on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at Lake Michigan Hills Golf Club (LMH) for a 4 person golf scramble. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$80 per player or \$320 per team. Fee includes: green fees & cart, chili & baked potato bar, free return round at LMH, games, awards, prize drawings & silent auction. To register, stop at LMH or call: Wayne "Gooch" Yamaguchi at 269-849-2722 ext. 1. **Will need Team Captain information along with team members and email addresses.** Lake Michigan Hills Golf Club is located at 2520 Kerlikowske Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022. This 9th Annual Play Fore Pink is a Denise Bohn Memorial Golf Outing to benefit the Bohn-Stewart Children Education Fund and Berrien County Cancer Service, Inc.

ART FESTIVAL

On Wednesday, October 24th from 5:30 – 8:00 pm at the Box Factory for the Arts, please join us for an enjoyable evening strolling through the beautiful art objects that children have created while taking part in our “Art Play Workshops” this year. Come talk with the children and their families that have benefited from this program about their experiences and art pieces along with our talented artists, volunteers, and staff. Joining us will be Jenni Bush, a professional face painter as well as interactive art projects, refreshments, and live music by John Tolhuizen to make your evening memorable. “Art Play Workshops” are a BCCS community based therapeutic art program for children ages 5-17 who have been impacted by cancer (family member, friend, self). Come and learn about and experience the benefits of art as a means of expressing feelings. A BIG “Thank you” to Kristen Patzer and Nikki Gauthier for hosting the BCCS Art Festival. The Box Factory for the Arts is located at 1101 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI. Come support these children and families of Berrien County. You may call us for more information at 269-429-3281 or on our website at: <http://www.bccancerservice.org/events/art-festival>.



Grab your pompoms and join the fun at the St. Joseph High School varsity football game at Dickinson Stadium on Friday, September 28th. This will be an exciting game for the St. Joe Bears vs. the Portage Central Mustangs. Food vendors, a survivor walk, memory ribbon formed on the field post-game, cancer resource information tables and a pink football jersey exchange for the sponsors will highlight the evening festivities. All proceeds will go to assist local cancer patients in SW Michigan and will be distributed to the Berrien County Cancer Service and Marie Yeager Cancer Center. For more information visit our Facebook page and website: www.bccancerservice.org.

"TEAM UP AGAINST CANCER"



ART PLAY WORKSHOPS



These workshops are designed for families impacted by cancer and are designed for children and adults to learn side-by-side as they 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 or visit our website: www.bccancerservice.org or our FB page: Berrien County Cancer Service, Inc.

Thursday – September 13th and October 11th at Marie Yeager Cancer Center from 5:30-7:00 pm

Monday – September 10th and October 8th at Buchanan Art Center from 4:30-5:30 pm

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

As of January 1, 2014 (the most recent date for which data exists), approximately 419,000 survivors of childhood and adolescent cancer (diagnosed at ages 0 to 19 years) were alive in the United States. The number of survivors will continue to increase and survival rates overall are improving.

What is the outlook for children with cancer?

The overall outlook for children with cancer has improved greatly over the last half-century. In 1975, just over 50% of children diagnosed with cancer before age 20 years survived at least 5 years. In 2007-2013, 83% of children diagnosed with cancer before age 20 years survived at least 5 years.

Although survival rates for most childhoods cancers have improved in recent decades, the improvement has been especially dramatic for a few cancers, particularly acute lymphoblastic leukemia, which is the most common childhood cancer.

Adapted from: NCI.gov



In Loving Memory

During June 2018, Memorial Donations were generously made by and for the following people:

In Memory of James Horton

Fred Balfour, Freeville NY

In Memory of Rick Ledesma

Andrews University, Berrien Springs
Kevin & Vicki Wiley, Berrien Springs

In Memory of Nancy W. Smith

Passaro, Kahne & Taylor Law Offices
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In Memory of Susan A. Stampohar

Tom & Mandy Jacobsen, Embarrass MN

In Memory of Robert "Bob" Widdis

Vicki Tedrick, Baroda
Don & Colette Metzger, Stevensville
Marlene Kampe, Berrien Springs
Daniel & Kim Lummis, Mattawan
Coreen Collier, St. Joseph
Claudia Brister, Baroda
Ned Totzke, Baroda
Eileen Graves, Benton Harbor
Marilyn & David Crowder, Stevensville

In Memory of Robert "Bob" Widdis (con't)

Ann Louise Stedman, Stevensville
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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

Nothing is to be more highly prized than the value of each day.

Donate

Looking Ahead

BCCS SUPPORT GROUP - Stevensville

Will no longer be meeting.
Please join us at one of the
other Support Groups

BCCS SUPPORT GROUP – Niles

September 18 – 1:30 pm
October 16 – 1:30 pm

RAINBOWS OF HOPE – St. Joseph

Marie Yeager Cancer Center
September 13 – 5:30 pm
October 11 – 5:30 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 13 – 6:00 pm
October 11 – 6:00 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER 2018

- September 1 – Be Kind Day
- September 3 – LABOR DAY
- September 5 – Be Late for Something Day
- September 7 – “Neither Snow nor Rain” Day
- September 9 – National Hug Your Hound Day
- September 13 – International Chocolate Day
- September 15 – Big Whopper Liar Day
- September 17 – World Goat Day
- September 20 – National String Cheese Day
- September 22 – Elephant Appreciation Day
- September 25 – National Voter Registration Day
- September 28 – National Good Neighbor 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 – Niles

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

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

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP

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