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CANCER SERVICES OF NORTHEAST INDIANA ♦ JUNE 2020 ♦ VOL 77 ♦ ISSUE 2

Adapting and pivoting

Adapting. Pivoting. Constantly changing rules. It has been a dizzying couple of months.

On March 20, Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana's staff began working from home to provide the services and support that families dealing with cancer depend upon. Hospital beds still got delivered, nutritional drink and wound care supplies were staged for "contact-less" pick-up. Counselors met with people over Zoom and phone calls. People mailed and faxed their financial needs. It wasn't easy, but I am so proud of how the Cancer Services team responded.

Whether someone needs a companion to walk with them through cancer treatment, a resource for information or a community of support, Cancer Services is here—even during a pandemic.

The board and staff all focused on the best ways to safely serve the mission of Cancer Services. Because of their commitment, there were no unmet needs during this time and most programs continued to experience a participation level of 90% of the rate before coronavirus struck.

Not having the usual assistance from volunteers remains a monumental challenge. This mission depends on their help (and we really miss seeing their faces).

We have begun the process of returning to the office and are hopeful that later this summer the massage therapists will be able to resume the relaxing and healing touch they provide. We know how much our class participants miss tai chi, yoga, meditation and seeing each other. With the guidance of our physician liaison Dr. David Trenkner, we are monitoring the coronavirus statistics and the advice of the CDC. We will continue opening up classes and programs as soon as we know it is safe to do so.

In the midst of all this, some good news almost got missed. The CDC's National Center for Health Statistics reported that cancer death rates decreased every year from 1999 to 2018, leading to a 26% drop overall. Lung cancer is still the leading cause of cancer death, but those death rates decreased 37%. Death rates also decreased in 15 other common cancers including colorectal, female breast, and prostate.



Dianne May, President and CEO of Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana

People are surviving and thriving after a cancer diagnosis. Whether someone needs a companion to walk with them through cancer treatment, a resource for information or a community of support, Cancer Services is here—even during a pandemic. And the ONLY reason the organization exists is because of donor support. Your dollars take care of what insurance doesn't cover and what families need to care for their loved ones. It wouldn't happen without you. So, thank you for sticking with us during this difficult time. You have embodied the phrase, "we're all in this together."



We want to keep you informed.

Please share your email address with us by emailing Events@cancer-services.org.



Thank you for your support!

Because of your support, the 2020 Ribbon Walk raised more than \$40,000 to support local people with cancer. Thank you to all of the participants, supporters and sponsors who made this possible!

Cancer Services remains committed to providing personal and practical support to nearly 5,000 local people touched by cancer. We need your help now more than ever. You can make a donation at www.cancer-services.org, or you can drop off a donation at Cancer Services, 6316 Mutual Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

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Remembering Linda Bewley

The Cancer Services family recently lost a colleague and friend. Long-time outreach coordinator Linda Bewley passed away unexpectedly in April. She retired a little over a year ago and was promoted to the role of volunteer. She recently helped plan Cancer Services' 75th Anniversary celebration and continued to tell people about the organization at health fairs across the region. Linda's gift of gab and love for people made her a fast friend to everyone she met. She always had time to hear someone's story and offer words of encouragement. Her co-workers mourn her loss alongside her husband, son and daughter, their spouses and two grandchildren she adored. We will miss her passion and spirit of caring with families fighting cancer. We will miss the comradery of being her coworker and friend.

Welcome Back



Ann Hathaway,
Program Director
of Education

The hallways aren't the same without you. Cancer Services is looking forward to gradually opening our doors to select classes and programs in July.

While we haven't been able to gather in person, I hope you felt a part of Cancer Services in spirit. Our staff and facilitators remain committed to offering online resources to our clients and the greater community.

We developed the Survivor Academy Online – a cache of tai chi, nutrition, yoga and guided meditation videos on Cancer Services' website for you to view at home.

Register for classes by contacting Ann Hathaway at ahathaway@cancer-services.org or (260) 484-9560 Ext. 351.

As classes resume, we are keeping everybody's safety at the forefront.

Beginning July 6, new policies are in place based on CDC guidelines:

1. All participants must wear a face mask at all times.
2. A temperature check may be required for entry.
3. All classes and programs require pre-registration to comply with social distancing guidelines.

The number of attendants for each program will be limited to ensure social distancing. Priority for class attendance will be based on:

1. Those currently in treatment and their caregiver.
2. Those out of treatment and their caregiver.
3. Those attending for general health benefits.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate this "new normal." You can keep updated on class dates and times by visiting www.cancer-services.org.



Tai Chi Instructor Alan Clayton and Program Director of Education Ann Hathaway mark designated areas to help participants maintain a social distance.

Join our community!

All programs are free, open to the public and held at Cancer Services' Healing Arts Center, unless otherwise stated. Please call (260) 484-9560 or toll free at 866-484-9560 or email Ann Hathaway at ahathaway@cancer-services.org for more information or to make reservations.

July

Healthy Sizzling Summer Meal Ideas

2:00-3:30 p.m. Monday, July 13, 2020 or
11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, 2020

Presented by Sue Delagrang, MS, RDN, LD

Discover the best healthy summer meal ideas using seasonal ingredients. Registration required.

Acupuncture and Cancer Treatment

5:30-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Presented by Lauren Warner, DC, Lac

Learn how acupuncture can assist with pain management and stress relief. Registration required.

August

Therapeutic/Restorative Yoga

12:00 -1:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Presented by Pranayoga

October

Adapting to Life after Cancer

9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 17, 2020

Presented by Shelley A. Johns, PsyD, ABPP,
Assistant Professor of Medicine at
Indiana University School of Medicine

Location: TBD

This workshop offers help for cancer survivors who fear a reoccurrence. Participants will learn resiliency skills that promote well-being. This interactive workshop is appropriate for people with any type of cancer who have finished treatment.

Registration required as class size is limited.

Class Updates

The monthly Art Side By Side program and weekly Stretching class will not be meeting for the remaining months of 2020.



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 Your organization was so kind and supportive to my wife as she battled cancer from 2015 to 2018. You are to be blessed.
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 Godspeed my friend. RIP
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Katherine McAulay and family

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Shelley Snyder
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We all love you so much and your strength is such an inspiration.
Ed & Kaylene Souers



**Marie from Fire Police City County
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The Lehman Family created the "Ribbon Song" for this year's walk.

Kara Stumpf
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Terri Stumpf In honor of Stacey Stumpf. Thanks for all you do to help so many others!
- Dad & Terri
Paulette Szkudlarek - Have a great time!
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Laura Taliaferro
Willie Taylor
Patricia Teegardin
Susan Terfler
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Richard Warner
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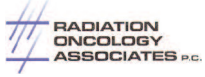




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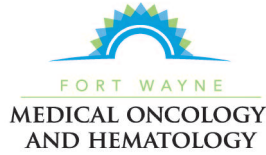
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