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Cancer Services Hosts 7th Annual Tribute Dinner

Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana will host its 7th Annual Tribute Dinner at the Marquis Ballroom at the Fort Wayne Marriott on **Thursday, October 13, 2011**. This year's event, "Navigating Life's Detours," is designed to provide our community an opportunity to pause, treasure the memories of people who have been touched by cancer and pay tribute to cancer survivors, caregivers, physicians or lost loved ones.

This year's speaker, Regina Brett, is a columnist for *The Plain Dealer* in Cleveland, an author and a breast cancer survivor. Diagnosed at the age of 41, Brett endured surgery, chemotherapy, radiation treatments and more surgery. Her book, "God Never Blinks: 50 Lessons for Life's Little Detours," is the inspiration for this year's event. It is a collection of essays and stories about the lessons life taught her along her cancer journey. Her reflections on life have offered comfort and encouragement to cancer victims across the globe. Her writing has also earned her notoriety as she was named a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2008 and 2009 for columns she wrote for *The Plain Dealer*.

"Navigating Life's Detours will be an exciting event for Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana and our community," say Janet Stephenson, board chair for CSNI. "Regina is an excellent storyteller- thoughtful, with humor and insights into life's journey. She is a cancer survivor and as Regina would say, she knows what it means to have life change in the blink of an eye. No doubt, we can all benefit from the inspiration and encouragement this special evening offers."

To learn how you can pay tribute to someone or for tickets, contact Amber Recker at 484-9560 or arecker@cancer-services.org.

WHAT: Tribute Dinner, fundraiser for Cancer Services

WHERE: Marquis Ballroom, Fort Wayne Marriott, 305 East Washington Center Road

WHEN: Thursday, October 13, 6:00 PM

TICKET PRICE: \$100 per ticket, \$800 per table (includes one tribute)

SPEAKER: Regina Brett, columnist, author and breast cancer survivor

RSVP: September, 20, 2011

2011 Event Sponsors

Parkview Comprehensive Cancer Center, Scott's/Kroger, Vera Bradley, PHP, PNC, Radiation Oncology Associates, Lincoln Financial Group, Salin Bank, and Vorderman Photography

About Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana

Cancer Services' mission is to enhance the quality of life of those affected by cancer by providing meaningful resources, information and compassionate assistance. Last year, more than 3,000 local people with cancer and their families received emotional support and practical resources for their cancer journey. Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana helps people who live in Allen, Adams, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley counties. For more information, visit www.cancer-services.org.