



Cancer Resource Centre

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CULVER'S DONATE WHILE YOU DINE PROGRAM BENEFITS CANCER RESOURCE CENTRE IN MUNSTER

MUNSTER – Culver's Cares is a community program that is all about neighbors helping neighbors. During Valentine's week, Culver's of Highland, Merrillville and Crown Point teamed up to raise \$1,611 in funding for the Cancer Resource Centre in Munster.

"Our community fundraiser is a good way to share great food with friends and family and benefit a great cause at the same time," said Fred Terpstra, chairman and CEO of Culver's – Merrillville, Highland and Crown Point.

The Cancer Resource Centre is a program of the Community Cancer Research Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of cancer care available in Northwest Indiana and the south Chicago suburbs. Since first opening its doors in 2003, the Cancer Resource Centre has offered all of its services free of charge to all who enter. The Centre is funded from generous donations and grants, in-kind contributions and volunteer support.

Anyone who needs help coping with a cancer diagnosis is invited to the Centre where they will find a welcoming atmosphere, encouragement and valuable resources. Individuals may check out books, view videotapes and other educational material within the library or conduct internet searches to obtain research concerning diagnosis, treatment and general information. Groups gather to share experiences in social and professionally-led groups for support. Mind-body programs including yoga, Reiki and empowerment drumming, help patients deal with the complexities of cancer treatment, and rise above the stresses and difficulties of the journey.

"During the past 12 years, the Centre has been able to touch the lives of more than 34,600 patients and families, offering a non-medical setting where they come to celebrate life, deal with hardships and find answers to their questions," said Anthony Andello, director of the Cancer Resource Centre. "Thanks to our good neighbors – the Highland, Merrillville and Crown Point Culver's – many more patients will be able to seek comfort, solace and a new path on their road to recovery."

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The Cancer Resource Centre is located at 926 Ridge Road in Munster. For more information on the mind-body-spirit programs and a complete listing of upcoming classes and events, visit our website at www.cancerresourcecentre.com or call 219-836-3349.

About Culver's

For more than 30 years, Culver's guests have been treated to cooked-to-order food made with farm-fresh ingredients. The ever-expanding franchise system now numbers more than 500 family-owned and operated restaurants in 22 states. The Northwest Indiana Culver's that participated in the Donate While You Dine program for the Cancer Resource Centre are located at 3950 Ridge Road in Highland; 1579 E. 79th Street in Merrillville and 1800 E. Summit Street in Crown Point. The restaurants' nationally-recognized customer service is based on small-town Midwestern values, genuine friendliness and an unwavering commitment to quality. For more information visit www.culvers.com.