



Cancer Resource Centre

August 11, 2014

Contact: 219-836-4582

Elise Sims, specialist
Media/Public Relations
Marketing & Corporate Communications
esims@comhs.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CANCER RESOURCE CENTRE RENAMES HEALING GARDEN

MUNSTER – Wanting to honor the memory of his wife June, a woman who battled cancer with grace and dignity, Jerry Franklin knew the perfect place – one that offers visitors peace and serenity. The healing garden at the Cancer Resource Centre will be renamed the “June Hawk-Franklin Garden of Meditation and Healing.”

“The Cancer Resource Centre gave us so much,” Franklin said. “This place has been such a positive thing in our lives and because of it we found the strength to move forward after a diagnosis of cancer.”

June was diagnosed with stage 4 uterine cancer and was expected to have 7-11 months to live. Instead, the couple, who were married for 29 years, had two more years together and were able to fill that time with lots of “living.” Franklin credits those good days to the support they received from the Cancer Resource Centre.

Throughout June’s treatment, the couple benefited from the tranquil surroundings and peaceful environment of the Centre, utilizing everything from the resource library to the mind-body programs and support groups. On Tuesdays, they would attend the Wellness Support Group to help energize June who would be shaking off the debilitating effects of chemotherapy. The Tuesday visit allowed the Franklins to enjoy a good Wednesday and Thursday doing things they loved before another round of chemotherapy would begin on Friday.

Before June passed away, the couple talked about the charities they wanted to support; the Cancer Resource Centre was one of those organizations. In thinking about how to carry out June’s “to-do list,” Franklin made the decision to donate to the garden, a place she enjoyed and where they had made previous donations.

A private dedication ceremony is being planned at the Centre, 926 Ridge Road in Munster.

-more-

926 Ridge Road
Munster, Indiana 46321

Cancer Resource Centre
Phone: 219-836-3349
Fax: 219-836-7269
Web: www.cancerresourcecentre.com

Although June passed away in January, Franklin continues to attend the Tuesday Wellness Group with his friends who are considered part of his “family.”

The Resource Centre is a program of the Community Cancer Research Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of cancer care in northwest Indiana and the south Chicago suburbs. All services of the Cancer Resource Centre – support groups, mind-body-spirit classes, educational offerings and a resource library - are offered free of charge to those in need.

For more information about the Cancer Resource Centre, visit www.cancerresourcecentre.com or call 219-836-3349.