

January - February 2015 Vol. 13, Issue 1

All Cancer Resource Centre programs are free of charge to cancer patients and their loved ones.

ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Our orientation sessions introduce the philosophy of the Cancer Resource Centre. Attendance is required prior to joining a support group.

Orientation is NOT required prior to attending any educational seminar or workshop, mind/body program or networking group.

Call 219-836-3349 for dates and times.

REGISTRATION

It is important that you register for all events as soon as possible. In the event of poor weather conditions call the Cancer Resource Centre regarding possible program cancellations.

To register for any of these programs, call 219-836-3349, Mon. through Fri., 8:30 am-5 pm. For more information, call the Centre or visit our website at www.cancerresourcecentre.com.



Greetings from the Director

The Cancer Resource Centre Advisory Board and staff wish everyone a wonderful new year filled with abundance, joy and treasured moments. We are

grateful for your support that enables us to continue to grow and serve those whose lives have been touched by cancer. We ended the year with our 11th Annual Unite & Fight Cancer Walk & Fun Run that raised more than \$100,000. Chairman Dr. Russell Pellar and the committee thank all who participated and invite you to next year's event October 4, 2015. A big "thank you" to the Friends of the Centre and committee for the festive Holiday Entertaining 101 event. We also celebrated the holidays with our open house, enjoying music from the Munster High School Chorale under the direction of William Woods and our very own Ukulele group.

We wish Cancer Resource Specialist Monica Hoffman the best in her retirement after nine years of service to the Centre. We thank you for your efforts, dedication and contributions on behalf of the Centre. Good luck for a healthy, happy life spending time with your family and on the many journeys ahead.

We look forward to 2015, so we can continue our **mission** of providing support, education and encouragement. We will be sending our annual survey in the mail and appreciate your returning it to us so we can continue to meet your needs.

Looking ahead to spring we will have our brick dedication for the June Hawk-Franklin Garden of Meditation and Healing. All orders must be turned in no later than February 1, 2015.

If you are still interested in receiving future INSPIRE newsletters electronically, please e-mail aandello@comhs.org or mshields@comhs.org. If you no longer wish to be on our mailing list; please contact the Community Cancer Research Foundation at 219-836-6875 or the Cancer Resource Centre at 219-836-3349.

Anthony Andello

Director, Cancer Resource Centre



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Cancer Resource Centre Mission...

To promote the well-being of all people whose lives have been touched by cancer by offering support, education, and encouragement.

Community Cancer Research Foundation Mission...

To reduce the cancer morbidity and mortality in our community by supporting and advancing cancer detection, diagnosis, treatment, education and prevention efforts of the Community Healthcare System, and by promoting the acquisition of knowledge through clinical research.

Colvers Cares DONATE WHILE YOU DINE

Take your Valentine out for a fundraiser that benefits the Cancer Resource Centre. Culver's of Highland, Merrillville and Crown Point will donate 10% of sales from 10 am to 10 pm on Tuesday, February 10, to the Cancer Resource Centre.

- Highland: Ridge Road & Cline Avenue
- Merrillville: 1 block north of Rt. 30 on Mississippi Street
- Crown Point: 1800 Summit

Breast Aware with Tupperware



Kate Ray thought she knew everything there was to know about breast cancer. Her mom had been diagnosed some 21 years ago. But when her mom was recently rediagnosed, she set out to learn what was new about breast cancer today and raise awareness in the process. Friend Michelle Krueger is a Tupperware representative and together the two planned a Girls Night Out, selling bright pink Tupperware containers with a speaker who told her story and taught self-examinations. They presented a \$350 check from the proceeds to Mary Shields, administrator of the Community Cancer Research Foundation that will be earmarked for breast cancer research.



Holiday Entertaining 101



Holiday tips for food, friends, fun and entertaining were presented at this get together hosted by the Friends of the Cancer Resource Centre. Joining in the festivities were The Tasty Olive Company, The Gourmet Goddess®, Ambiance and Becky Kirsch gift wrapping.

Lights of Life Beacons of Hope

Nearly 300 area residents gathered Dec. 3 as pink and lavender pine trees were lit by Radiologist Thomas Hoess, MD, on staff at the hospitals of Community Healthcare



System. The lights program was started 14 years ago to honor those touched by cancer. To date, the Lights of Life program has raised more than \$100,000 to bring cancer research programs to people in Northwest Indiana, southwest Michigan and the south suburbs of Chicago. For more information on ways to give to the Cancer Research Foundation or Cancer Resource Centre, call 219-836-6875.

Symposium features Women's Cancers



Brenda Eriksen, MD

This year's annual event offered presentations on Common Cancers in Women. Community Healthcare System's Director of Pathology Brenda Eriksen, MD, discussed "How to Decipher the Pathology of Breast Cancer" and Cancer Researcher Jane Houldsworth, PhD from Cancer Genetics, Inc. discussed "Cervical Cancer Screening: Enhancing the Pap Smear."

Clinical Trials

NEW STUDIES

Alliance A151216: Adjuvant Lung Cancer Enrichment Marker Identification and Sequencing Trial (ALCHEMIST)

Alliance A081105: Randomized Double Blind Placebo Controlled Study of Erlotinib or Placebo in Patients with Completely Resected Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR) Mutant Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)

ECOG-ACRIN 4512: A Phase III Double-Blind Trial for Surgically Resected Early Stage Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: Crizotinib versus Placebo for Patients with Tumors Harboring the Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase (ALK) Fusion Protein

SWOG S1400: Phase II/III Biomarker-Driven Master Protocol for Second Line Therapy for Squamous Cell Lung Cancer

Please contact the Cancer Research department for information about this or other clinical trials.

You may visit our website

www.MyCCRF.com

for a current listing of open trials.



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<u>Cancer Resource Centre Hours</u> Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

<u>Community Cancer</u> <u>Research Foundation Hours</u> Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Many Thanks!

The Cancer Resource Centre and Community Cancer Research Foundation wish to thank the following businesses, individuals and organizations for their support.

April Bragg

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Blood Cancers Support Group

St. Thomas More 3rd Grade Brownies

Cancer Care Bag Donations and Ribbons Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Lake Central Volleyball

Bump Out Cancer

Monetary Donation

Hobart Volleyball Program **Diggin for a Cure**

Monetary DonationHospice of the Calumet Area

Munster Donut

Healing Hearts

Aurelios-Munster
Gino's Steakhouse
Giuseppe's-Schererville
Penn StationMunster/Schererville
Munster High School
Chorale Group
Rima KrutulisCRC Ukulele Group
Holiday Open House

Community Hospital Auxillary
Dan Largent & Maintenance
Joyce Ivey
Linda Katsinis, Dietary
Robin DaSilva, Soloist
Salvation ArmyHammond/Munster Corp
Singing Company
Scott Holly & Staff
Thomas Hoess, MD

American Cancer Society
Doris Bauer, Bunny's Beauty
Salon-Discreetly Hair
Holli Zabek, SpaPointe
Look Good...Feel Better

Lights of Life Ceremony

Kathy Porras
Ostomy Networking

Pam Kozy Heart in Hand, LLC Highland, IN Reiki, Reiki Reflexology, Sound Healing NON-PROFIT ORG. U.S. POSTAGE PAID HAMMOND, IN PERMIT NO. 0028

Healing Hearts

Join others who have lost a loved one. Share experiences, struggles, feelings and triumphs. Healing Hearts support group offers helpful information and support in a comfortable atmosphere. Dorothy Poma, bereavement facilitator for Hospice of the Calumet Area, facilitates this group.

Wed, Jan 14, 2015 1:30-3 pm Surviving the Loss of a Loved One

Wed, Jan 21, 2015 1:30-3 pm Understanding the Grief Process

Wed, Feb 4, 2015 1:30-3 pm Helping Yourself Heal

Wed, Feb 18, 2015 1:30-3 pm
How to Deal with Other People When I am Grieving

ON THE SHELF... New Arrivals

<u>"After Cancer Treatment, Heal Faster, Better, Stronger"</u>

By Julie K. Silver, MD

"Survivor, Taking Control of Your Fight
Against Cancer"
By Laura Landro

"Everyday Strength - A Cancer Patient's Guide to Spiritual Survival"

By Randy Becton

These books are available in our lending library.
Please visit our library to see other available books.

Happenings

Breast Cancer Support Group Mon, Jan 5, Jan 19; 6:30-8 pm All breast cancer survivors are invited to attend. Please call to register.

NEW! Crystal Bowl Sound Healing

Mon, Jan 12; 11am -12:15 pm
The pure sounds of the crystal
bowls will wash away stress and
still the mind. Wear loose clothing;
bring a blanket and pillow for
comfort. Held the 2nd Monday of
every month. Facilitated by Pam
Kozy of Heart in Hand.

Blood Cancer Support Group Tue, Jan 20; 6-7 pm

Medicaid & Affordable Care Act Tue, Jan 27; 2-3:30 pm

Yvette Hernandez, regional financial counselor for Community Hospital, will be here to address your questions and concerns regarding Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act.

Ostomy Support Group
Wed, Jan 28;10 am-12pm
Effects of Relaxation and Exercise

Stress Management Wed, Jan 28; 6-7 pm Balance-A Yogic View

January 2015

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4	5 Yoga: 9:30-10:30 am Breast Cancer Support Group: 6:30-8 pm	6 Wellness Support: 10-11:30 am OR 6-7:30 pm	7 Chair Massage: 10-11:30 am Mind Over Mood Support Group: 10-11:30 am Yoga: 6-7 pm	8 Chi Gong: 9:30-10:30 am Chair Yoga: 2-3 pm No Ukulele	9 Tai Chi: 9:30-10:30 am	10
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Survivorship Tue, Feb 3; 3-4;30 pm

Dr. Shah of the Northwest Oncology Group will discuss how to identify appropriate follow-up care, practice healthy behaviors, improve your attitude and quality of life. Light refreshments served.

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The pure sounds of the crystal bowls will wash away stress and still the mind. Facilitated by Pam Kozy of Heart in Hand.

Culver's Cares-DONATE WHILE YOU DINE

Tue, Feb 10; 10am-10pm

Visit Culver's of Highland, Merrillville and Crown Point on Tuesday, February 10 and Culver's will donate 10% of sales to the Cancer Resource Centre.

<u>Living Wills, Advance Directives</u> Fri, Feb 13: 1-2pm

Karl Hand, from the Hand Law Group in Schererville, will provide information on why you should have a living will, advance directives and how to handle your estate planning.

Look Good ...Feel Better Tue, Feb 17; 2-4pm

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