



CANCER SERVICES

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Impact Overview

January - October 2024

Total Clients Served:
403

Transportation Support:
227 trips provided for cancer patients to their treatments.

Financial Assistance:
146,000 miles reimbursed to **121** clients for transportation costs.

31 clients received emergency financial assistance.

Nutritional Support:
801 cases of nutrition assistance, saving cancer patients **\$28,836**.

Prescription Assistance:
225 cancer-related prescriptions covered for **26** clients.

Medical Equipment Services: **487** visits for medical equipment, providing over **371** pieces of essential equipment.

Wig Boutique Services:
68 women supported through our wig boutique.

Dear Friends of Cancer Services,

As we wrap up another impactful year at Cancer Services, my heart is full of gratitude for our community's unwavering support and generosity. Your compassion has enabled us to serve over 400 cancer patients this year and has made it possible for us to provide essential resources such as financial aid, transportation, wigs, nutrition, and emotional support to those in need. Together, we ensure that no one in our community faces a cancer diagnosis alone.

In this issue, you'll find inspiring stories of resilience and hope, including Hazel's journey, which beautifully illustrate the difference we can make together. You'll also meet our volunteer spotlight, celebrate our scholarship winners and newest board members, and discover helpful tips on discussing cancer with children, along with other exciting updates about Cancer Services.

I am particularly thrilled to share that, thanks to the generosity of the Russell Classic, every dollar donated to our year-end campaign or on Giving Tuesday, December 3rd, will be matched up to \$5,000. This means your support can have double the impact through November and December! Your gift will help us to continue our mission of providing needed support and resources to cancer patients in our community as we step into the new year.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the opportunities to expand our services and continue offering hope and healing to those facing a cancer diagnosis. As we approach our 65th anniversary of serving the community in 2025, we reflect on the lives we've touched and the resilience we've witnessed over the years. Your generosity remains crucial to our mission, and I invite you to stay connected, get involved, and help us bring comfort and care to even more families in the coming year.

With warmest regards,

Cecily Schaefer-Brown
Executive Director



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

KIM

Since joining our team in 2023, Kim has contributed 75 hours of service, bringing warmth and support to Cancer Services. She has dedicated her time to writing thoughtful, encouraging notes to cancer patients, assisting in the wig boutique, answering phones, and greeting patients with compassion. Kim's kind, calming presence creates a welcoming environment that is truly valued by everyone she encounters.

Kim shared that she loves volunteering at Cancer Services because it allows her to interact closely with our clients.

"I feel honored to listen and hold space for the stories our clients choose to share," Kim said. "Many of these interactions are lighthearted, funny, and joyful — while others are deeply personal, moving, and heart-wrenching."

As a breast cancer survivor who received kindness and support from Cancer Services during her own treatment, Kim finds joy in giving back, offering the same kindness and encouragement to those who need it most. We are deeply grateful for Kim's dedication and the positive impact she has on everyone who walks through our doors.



Hope for Hazel

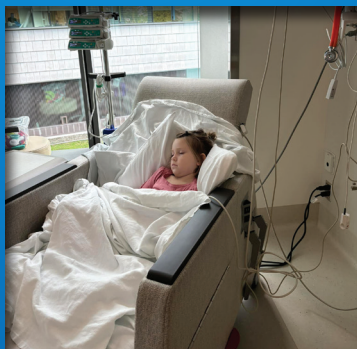
A Community's Call for Action

We want to share the story of Hazel Brown, a bright and beautiful 4-year-old in our community who is courageously battling DIPG, an aggressive and inoperable brain cancer. For over a year, Hazel's family has faced immense emotional and financial challenges. They initially traveled to Michigan daily for radiation treatments, and now, every two weeks, they fly to Seattle for a promising clinical trial. While these treatments provide hope, they bring heavy financial burdens — from travel and medical expenses to the cost of daily living — all of which have intensified since the family's income was reduced by half following Hazel's diagnosis.

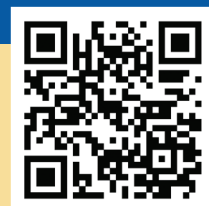
At Cancer Services, we are dedicated to supporting Hazel's journey with mileage assistance and financial aid, but the need is far greater. That's why we're reaching out to our community, asking you to stand alongside Hazel and her family in this fight. Here's how you can help:

1. Donate to Hazel's GoFundMe at <https://gofund.me/a706b70a>
2. Send a note of encouragement to Cancer Services for us to pass along to Hazel and her family
3. Share Hazel's story on social media to raise awareness and support on Facebook at Healing for Hazel.

Each gesture makes a meaningful difference in her journey. Your support, combined with Cancer Services' ongoing assistance, is vital in helping Hazel continue her fight. Together, we can provide this family with strength, hope, and the financial relief they so urgently need.



**Support Hazel and her family
by scanning the QR code to
donate to her GoFundMe**



TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT YOUR CANCER DIAGNOSIS

Finding the right words to talk to your child about a cancer diagnosis can feel overwhelming, but open and honest communication can help them understand, feel secure, and be better prepared to handle the journey ahead. Here are some strategies to help guide this sensitive conversation.

1. Prepare for the Conversation

- **Consider Your Child's Age:** Younger children may need simpler explanations, while older children and teens may want more details. Think about what information will be most helpful for their age and understanding.
- **Plan the Setting:** Find a quiet, comfortable place for an open conversation.

2. Use Clear, Simple Language

- Avoid medical jargon, and try to use clear, gentle language that explains what's happening. For instance, "I have an illness called cancer that might make me feel tired or need to go to the doctor a lot."

3. Acknowledge Their Feelings

- Let them know that it's okay to feel scared, sad, or even angry, and share that you may feel some of those emotions, too. Reassure them that their feelings are normal, and remind them that they can talk to you about anything they're feeling.

4. Encourage Questions

- Children may need time to process the news, and they might not have questions right away. Let them know they can come to you anytime with questions or worries.
- For common questions you might encounter, such as, "Will you get better?" or "Is cancer contagious?" You can reassure them with answers that are honest and clear. For example, "I am working with doctors to get the best treatment," or "Cancer isn't something you can catch from me."

5. Provide Reassurance and Stability

- Children find comfort in routine, so let them know what changes, if any, to expect at home. For example, "Sometimes I may be tired after treatment, but we'll still have our family time."

6. Offer Age-Appropriate Resources

- Books, child-friendly websites, or even drawing and play can be therapeutic tools for younger children to express their feelings and better understand what's happening. Reach out to Cancer Services to learn more about these resources.



7. Seek Support Together

- Consider reaching out to a counselor or support group for families navigating a cancer diagnosis. Sometimes, talking with others who have had similar experiences can provide comfort and make children feel less alone.

A Note to Parents

Talking to your child about cancer can be one of the hardest parts of this journey. Remember, there's no "perfect" way to have this conversation. The most important thing is to reassure them of your love and that, together, you'll navigate whatever lies ahead. By keeping communication open, honest, and age-appropriate, you're helping your child feel safe, informed, and supported during this challenging time.

NEW RECIPE

Turmeric and Orange Creamsicle Shake

Ingredients

- 1 Vanilla Protein Shake
- 1/4 cup ice
- 1/4 orange juice
- 2 tsp turmeric

Directions

Combine all ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth. Pour into a tall glass and enjoy.

* To add more calories add vanilla ice cream



2024 JANET POST MEMORIAL

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Cancer Services is thrilled to announce the recipients of the 2024 Cancer Services Janet Post Memorial Scholarship! This scholarship honors the legacy of Janet Post by providing financial support to exceptional high school students from Erie, Huron, and Ottawa counties who are committed to pursuing healthcare-related degrees.

We are proud to recognize the following outstanding students: Maggie McVeigh, Perkins High School, Maria Maringer, Danbury Local High School, and Meredith Unger, Edison High School.

Congratulations to these inspiring young leaders as they embark on their journeys to make a difference in healthcare!

The 2025 Application is available at <https://www.cancerresources.org/programs/scholarship-application/>



Maggie McVeigh



Maria Maringer



Meredith Unger



Scan the QR code to apply for the
2025 Janet Post Memorial Scholarship.

WELCOME OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER TED KASTOR



Ted is deeply involved in the community and brings a wealth of board experience to our organization. He currently serves on the following boards: Perkins Schools Board of Education, Firelands Health, Perkins Township Zoning Board of Appeals, Greater Sandusky Partnership, Erie County Economic Development Corporation, Firelands Forward, Family Initiatives of Huron County and Plum Brook Country Club.

Ted has been employed in the construction industry for over forty years, retiring from Janotta and Herner after twenty five years of service and then founding Kastor Construction, LLC which is a construction consulting firm. He attended BGSU and graduated from Sandusky High School and was inducted into their Athletic Hall of Fame. Ted is a Leadership Erie County graduate. He is a Life Member of the Sandusky Elks Lodge #285 and was inducted into their Hall of Fame. Ted and his wife Denise reside in Perkins Township and their two children live in Columbus.

He heard about Cancer Services and how they aid people in need with this wide spread disease. When he was invited to join Cancer Services board, he was pleased to be a part of this wonderful organization.

THANK YOU TO OUR THIRD-PARTY FUNDRAISERS

We are immensely grateful to our incredible community partners who have stepped up to support Cancer Services this year. Through their dedication and generosity, over \$23,000 has been raised to help us provide essential resources for local cancer patients. We extend our heartfelt thanks to:

- Civista Bank Employees
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary 2875
- Sawmill Ladies Golf League - Rally for the Cure Tournament
- Wine for the Cause - Gar Nay's Winery
- Volley for the Cure - Perkins High School
- Huron Browns Backers 421 Cornhole Tournament
- Marie Casper Memorial Ladies Day at the Range
- Maca Root - October Breast Cancer Awareness
- Sandusky Book Bar - October Breast Cancer Awareness
- Scarlett O'Hair Breast Cancer Awareness Raffle Basket
- Young at Heart Ministry/Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation
- Corso's Merry Market



Your support makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. If you're interested in hosting a third-party fundraiser, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to us at **419-626-4548** or email **CecilyBrownCS@gmail.com**. Together, the possibilities are endless.



JOINING FORCES: THE MADISON BRENTON FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH CANCER SERVICES

We are thrilled to announce our new partnership with the Madison Brenton Foundation, which will provide additional financial assistance to approved local cancer patients.

This incredible organization is dedicated to addressing the unmet needs of individuals in Sandusky and surrounding communities, particularly those facing complex medical conditions, trauma, or grief. Their commitment to making a difference aligns perfectly with our mission at Cancer Services.

To learn more about the Madison Brenton Foundation and their impactful work, we invite you to visit their website: <https://www.madisonbrentonfoundation.org>

Thank you, Madison Brenton Foundation, for your support and collaboration in helping our community's cancer patients!



Gifts Received from April 1 - October 31, 2024

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.”

– Oscar Wilde

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this contribution list. If we have made an error, please let us know.

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A Heartfelt Thank You to our Golf Outing Sponsors

A heartfelt thank you to all our incredible sponsors and participants for making our 15th Annual Charity Golf Outing a huge success! With your support, we raised nearly **\$21,000** to provide essential resources and assistance to local cancer patients. Together, we're making a difference in our community!

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Make a Difference This Holiday Season!

As the year comes to a close, we invite you to reflect on the impact your generosity can have on the lives of local cancer patients. Your support during this season of giving can help us provide vital resources and assistance to those in need.

Why Give?

Your contribution directly impacts our community, ensuring that no one faces a cancer diagnosis alone. Every donation helps fund essential services, including:

- Transportation assistance to and from treatments
- Nutritional support for healing
- Financial aid for medical expenses
- Emotional support for patients and families

Double Your Impact!

Thanks to the generosity of the Russell Classic, every dollar you donate to our year-end campaign through December 31st and on Giving Tuesday, December 3rd will be matched up to \$5,000! This means your gift will go twice as far in supporting those who need it most.



Scan the QR code or visit our website at CancerResources.org to make a donation.

Our "Wish List" Donation Requests

We appreciate donations of any items from the list below. Every donation makes such a positive impact on our patients we serve.

- Adult Wet Washcloths
- Boost/Ensure
- Bottled Water
- Chapstick
- Disinfectant Spray
- Incontinence Underwear Size Large
- Medical-grade Gloves
- Mints
- Pedialyte
- Twin XL Bed Sheets
- Unscented Lotion

Thank you.

Donations can be made to Cancer Services at 505 East Perkins Avenue in Sandusky Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.