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WHAT'S UP...

Board Meetings:

September 18, 2014

October 16, 2014

Meet & Greet (Volunteers & Board Members)

October 16, 2014

Paint The Town Pink

October 23, 2014

15th Annual Tea and Fashion Show

September 28, 2014

ABOUT US...

Douglas County Cancer Services (DCCS) is an all volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to providing support and services for Douglas County residents who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis.

DCCS has been serving Douglas County since 1989 and is a sole entity governed only by its volunteer Board of Directors.

DCCS is funded solely through donations, grants and several fundraisers conducted throughout the year. All of the services offered are free to cancer patients, dependent upon available funding.

All funds raised stay in Douglas County to provide financial aid and Travel and lodging costs and nutrition associated with the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. A support group is also provided through DCCS.

Volunteer opportunities are available. Contact Martha at 541-440-9409 for more information.

NAME OUR NEWSLETTER - Winner

This is our second issue of the newsletter for Douglas County Cancer Services (DCCS). We want to ensure survivors have information regarding DCCS i.e., volunteer opportunities, support group information and a variety of other information. Please feel free to submit any questions and/or information pertinent to DCCS to us at dccancerservices@hotmail.com.

A contest was held for naming our Newsletter. Our volunteer Candy Shipley submitted the winning entry "Lifeline". Candy received a gift card to Applebees. Thank you to all those who entered!



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CANCER SURVIVORS DAY....

June 1st, 2014 Douglas County Cancer Services (DCCS) hosted the Annual National Cancer Survivors Day. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend our sincere apology for an event that did not meet the expectations or standards of previous Cancer Survivors Day celebrations. I would like to offer information regarding the event.

The location of the event changed to the Roseburg Armory for several reasons: 1) The previous location policy changed in that DCCS would be required to pay thousands of dollars, in lieu of past events where all food, goods and services were donated. 2) We required a location which would provide seating for the anticipated number of attendees and have adequate parking. We therefore chose the Roseburg Armory as the fee for the location was affordable and met our space needs. 3) The amount of food purchased and the seating available was based on the number of registered attendees (298). In fact over 320 folks attended.

Several other factors surrounding the event resulted in comments we received from a number of those who attended and we understand their disappointment.

The mission of Douglas County Cancer Services is: To provide support and services to Douglas County residents who are receiving treatment and dealing with a cancer diagnosis. All services provided are free to these patients. DCCS solely provided this day of celebration without financial support from any outside source. Cancer Survivors Day incurred costs for DCCS above and beyond any monies received. This results in DCCS having fewer funds to provide services to cancer patients.

We understand the importance of celebrating survivorship. DCCS provides service and support to cancer patients to assist with survivorship. In order to continue providing this service to the cancer patients of Douglas County and to meet our mission, the DCCS Board of Directors concluded until we receive additional financial support from the community for this event, we will suspend hosting Cancer Survivors Day until we can ensure this event is positive, enjoyable and truly focuses on the positivity of being survivors.

Thank you to all who attended in honor of survivors.

Jackie Barnett, Chair
Board of Directors
Douglas County Cancer Services



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OCTOBER – Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The 15th Annual Tea and Fashion Show which honors breast cancer survivors throughout Douglas County will be held Sunday, September 28, 2014 at Seven Feathers Casino Resort.

This year's theme is "Too Hot to Handle". This event focuses on early detection education, courage and perseverance in surviving breast cancer. The models for the fashion show are breast cancer survivors. The escorts will be firemen from our community fire departments. The event includes a light lunch.

The fashions are provided by JC Penney who is a strong supporter of breast cancer awareness. The models and the staff who participate are all volunteers. In addition quilts which are donated by local quilters will be raffled. A silent auction of great items will also be held.

Attendees are highly encouraged to wear hats to add a touch of elegance to an otherwise light hearted and upbeat affair. A "Best Hat" contest will be held.

Tickets may be purchased at Douglas County Cancer Services office in the Community Cancer Center and JC Penney, both in Roseburg; Sutherlin Drug in Sutherlin, Trueblood Real Estate in Myrtle Creek or Seven Feathers Casino Resort box office in Canyonville. Tickets are \$15.00 if purchased in advance or \$20.00 at the door. Seating is limited; advance ticket purchase is highly recommended.

All funds raised from the event stay in Douglas County to provide financial aid and support associated with the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

For more information contact Douglas County Cancer Services at 541-440-9409, see us on Facebook or visit the web site at www.dccancerservices.com



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WHAT WE DO...

I am a 35 year old female. Within a seven month period, I had two lumps, had a mammogram, two ultra sounds, and a biopsy and was diagnosed with stage three "C" breast cancer. I had just completed the course as a certified nurses' aid. My ultimate goal is to become an aid for hospice.

I have a family, two daughters, eight and fourteen. I did not have health coverage. My friend put me in touch with the Douglas County Cancer Services as I had an appointment with an Oncologist.

I was in shock and did not know how or what to do next.

Everyone at the cancer center has been a blessing. They made a stressful time so comfortable not only for me, but my family as well. That really gave me the boost to look forward and fight this disease.

The service that I received was so helpful. The support, the financial aid took much of the burden from me so that I could focus on myself and what I need to do to get well. This service included people that have been thru this, know how you are feeling and are there to help you with whatever your needs are.

The family of Douglas County Cancer Services is wonderful and I feel so blessed to have them in my life.

A Grateful Patient

Where the Money Goes.....True Transparency

June 2013 – May 2014

<i>Nutrition provided to cancer patients</i>	\$1620.00
<i>Gas cards to patients for transportation</i>	\$7652.00
<i>Financial aid to patients</i>	\$7058.00



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Featured Volunteer – Pat Kuykendall

Pat Kuykendall, who says “Volunteering is habit”, has been volunteering at Douglas County Cancer Services for four (4) years. Pat started volunteering with Arlene Gillaspie after her surgery for breast cancer.

Prior to volunteering, Pat was with the American Red Cross for four (4) years, traveling across the country and Guam.

Pat and her husband enjoy helping people locally and within Oregon. They received the “Top Providers of Help” award from the American Red Cross.

Pat feels serving as an officer of PTA and teaching 1st grade for eight (8) years in Portland and Missoula, Montana help her in volunteering.

Pat has three (3) boys and one (1) girl, nine (9) grandchildren and three (3) great grandchildren. Pat states “This is a great crew here at Douglas County Cancer Services”.

We are very appreciative and happy that Pat chose Douglas County Cancer Services as her volunteer organization. Thank you Pat, for all you do.

Meet and Greet

On July 8, 2014 the Douglas County Cancer Services (DCCS) Board of Directors hosted the first “Meet and Greet” with the DCCS Volunteers. This get together provided the opportunity for board members and volunteers to meet each other and discuss updates, share information and socialize with one another.

The event was well attended and the consensus of the group is to hold quarterly volunteer meetings. The next scheduled “Meet and Greet” will be held October 16, 2014 at 10:30 am in Conference Room B & C at the Community Cancer Center.



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DCCS SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

The DCCS support group, originated and coordinated by DCCS Board Member Maudine Perry in 2007, provides support for cancer survivors. At the start of the support group, 52 members joined the group. Currently 32 members participate. Each month cards are sent to remind members of the upcoming meeting and a potluck is held every three (3) months. Refreshments are provided at each monthly meeting.

A variety of speakers requested by members have presented at the meetings. These speakers discuss numerous topics from nutrition to issues surrounding cancer treatment.

Members may also bring their families to the meetings and many do. The group sends get well cards and support each other with camaraderie. Doctors and Health Centers often refer patients to this support group as it is a positive experience for pre and post diagnosis.

Maudine is vested personally in the group and checks up on many of the members as to their health status. Maudine states “I do feel it helps for our members to discuss their issues with each other.”

The group meets at 1:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Community Cancer Center. For more information, contact Maudine at 541-672-5960.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards

DCCS is enrolled in the **Fred Meyer Community Rewards program**. This is a new way for local non-profits to receive donations from Fred Meyer Stores. This program puts control of our community’s donations into the hands of Fred Meyer customers. The Fred Meyer Community Rewards will donate up to \$625,000 per quarter to non-profit organizations throughout Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Fred Meyer customers are able to help earn money for their favorite non-profit simply by shopping at Fred Meyer with their Rewards Card. Here’s how it works:

DCCS supporters will be able to go online at FredMeyer.com > [Company Information](#) > [Community Programs](#) > **Community Rewards** and link their Rewards Card to our organization.

You will continue receiving the Rewards Points, Rebates and Fuel Points but in addition, your shopping will also help earn donations from Fred Meyer for Douglas County Cancer Services when linked to your rewards card. At the end of each quarter, Fred Meyer Stores will make contributions based on your shopping. To date, DCCS has received \$342.53. Thank you all for your support and please pass this along to your friends and family!



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The News-Review will be hosting the 1st annual **Paint the Town Pink** event on Thursday, October 23rd at the Douglas County Fairgrounds from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM in Douglas Hall. This breast cancer awareness fundraiser will benefit Community Cancer Center, **Douglas County Cancer Services**, and The Treva Hoffman Foundation. **Paint the Town Pink** is the ultimate “Girls’ Night Out” and will feature Food, Wine / Beer, Entertainment, and lots and lots of Shopping! Tickets: \$25 subscribers / \$30 non-subscribers / \$35 at the door. Price includes Paint the Town Pink tote bag, a wine glass, entertainment and freebies from over 60 vendors.

GOAL: To provide a fun “Girls Night Out” experience featuring food, wine, beer, shopping, and entertainment while raising awareness regarding breast cancer prevention and treatment.

Mark your calendars to attend this event in honor of all breast cancer survivors and to support Douglas County Cancer Services.



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