

Community Cancer Services of Isabella County



WHO WE ARE

Community Cancer Services (CCS) of Isabella County is your local cancer organization. CCS is an all-volunteer, non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization which has been serving Isabella County residents dealing with cancer since 1982. Our motto: Patient Support, Research & Education.

Each year CCS provides financial help to Isabella County cancer patients who need help paying their cancer related expenses. Since 1982, CCS has provided over \$1 million to local cancer patients.

One of the keys to a successful CCS is a strong network of volunteers. Since no salaries are paid, most of the money we receive goes directly to help cancer patients in Isabella County who need assistance, so that their cancer treatment is not an overwhelming financial strain.

We donate every second or third year to cancer re-research at CMU.

We provide educational speakers for local groups.

We publish a semi-annual newsletter that is available on our website.

*CCS is not affiliated with the American Cancer Society



RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU

- Cancer can be overwhelming in many ways. Vanda, our CCS Service Coordinator, can help guide you to the services you need. Each case is considered individually to ensure that the most appropriate aid is given.
- CCS provides financial assistance for non-treatment, cancer related expenses, such as mileage and lodging for residents of Isabella County.
- We work hand-in-hand with the Pardee Cancer Treatment Fund of Isabella County to help provide financial support for expenses you may have that are not covered by your insurance.
- Access to Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Central Michigan. They provide education and access to groundbreaking oncology treatment, imaging, counseling, and other related services to patients and their families living in and around Mount Pleasant.
- I-RIDE provides public transportation within Isabella County. They provide free transportation for cancer patients to and from treatment and medical appointments.
- Nancy J. Carey Cancer Support Group for women, which meets the last Wednesday of each month. Call Gisela Moffit at (989) 772-1602 or Christine Fowler at 989-773-7990 for more information. Research shows that support significantly increases survival.
- Kids Konneted is a support resource for parents with cancer and their teens and kids. Visit <https://www.youngsurvival.org/directory/co-survivors-/kids-konneted>



OUR FUNDING SOURCES

- “Into the Light” Cancer Walk at the Isabella County Fairgrounds every September.
- Central Michigan Area Concert Band Annual Veterans Concert at CMU’s Plachta Auditorium every November.
- Miles for Miracles
- Memorial contributions
- Designated contributions through United Way of Gratiot and Isabella Counties.
- Individuals/community agency fundraisers
- The Community Cancer Services Fund. This fund was established through the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation (MPACF) in 2006. This endowment fund provides a financial resource to sustain our continually rising expenses.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Your financial donations and memorials provide continuing support for cancer patients and their families in Isabella County.

If you would like to join us in supporting cancer patients in Isabella County, please send donations to:

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