



## Faith, Family and Friends

My name is Pam Goudreau and I was asked to tell my story of having cancer twice.

My first diagnosis was with breast cancer in February 2013. I had invasive ductal carcinoma. I chose Beaumont Breast Clinic in Royal Oak because I Goggled and Beaumont came up as the third best clinic in Michigan. I feel an attachment to Beaumont because my son was born there thirty-three years ago and I WAS STILL IN THEIR COMPUTER.

I had a lumpectomy, chemo and radiation. All went easy and as planned. After my breast cancer, I continued to do follow ups with my oncologist. I was being watched for low white blood counts. When I went to my appointment on September 28, 2016, my white blood count was very low. I had a bone marrow biopsy October 3rd with sedation because I don't do pain!

The next day, Dr. Nedeau called and said I had acute Myeloid Leukemia, secondary to my breast cancer. She told me to be a Beaumont in an hour to be admitted. I told her I couldn't be there in an hour as "I had things to do!"

The next day I started chemo and was an inpatient at Beaumont for forty-two days. Just before Thanksgiving I went to the Karmanos Cancer Treatment Center in Detroit. I met with Dr. Uberti to discuss the need for a stem cell transplant and to start the process. My sister was a perfect 10/10 HLA match and the same blood type.

Finally the big day arrived; January 25, 2017 was "Transplant Day". I had finished my chemo and had my total body radiation while my sister was giving her cells. The cells arrived in my room and were infused in twenty minutes. This is the very short version of treatments and transplants.

I feel there are three things that help one get through cancer or any other difficult time. 1- Faith - my faith in God and that God would take care of me. I need to remember to say "Thank you daily to God". 2 - Family - my husband stayed with me in my room for forty-two days 24/7. When at Karmanos, he came daily. My daughters visited every weekend. My son called and prayed with his two year old son. Kaider would yell "Amen" at the end of the prayer. My brother called two to three times a day. My 90 year old mother called and prayed. Cousins, aunts, uncles were all praying. To my sister, my biggest "Thank you"; she hates doctors, hospitals and anything medical. She gave me her cells and because of her I am here today! 3 - Friends - my neighbors, co-workers and friends - the people I see frequently and friends I haven't seen in five or more years. I got calls, texts, cards and presents.

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*CCS is not affiliated with American Cancer Services*

## CCS Makes a Difference in Isabella County

- We've been helping cancer patients in Isabella County since 1982 - 36 years.
- Run completely by volunteers and almost every penny goes directly to meet patient needs.
- Pays transportation costs in addition to some medical expenses.
- Helps with payment of mammograms during National Breast Cancer Month for those without adequate health insurance.
- Supports the Nancy Carey Support Group for women in Isabella County.
- Your tax deductible donations, gifts, memorials stay in Isabella County for research, patient support and education.
- Provided \$57,075.50 of financial support in 2017 to local cancer patients.
- From January to June 2018, CCS distributed over \$33,000 to clients for mileage reimbursements and special expenses.
- In a special agreement with I-Ride, CCS pays for rides to cancer treatment within Isabella County. Call I-Ride at 772-9441 to schedule a ride.



*"CCS has adopted the yellow daffodil as a symbol of hope and renewal".*

Check out our website:  
[www.isbellacommunitycancer.org](http://www.isbellacommunitycancer.org)

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I have kept every card I received from breast cancer and leukemia and I will keep them forever.

I would also like to thank Community Cancer Services for their assistance and kindness. I know all these people volunteer for this amazing service to help people with cancer in our community.

Remember three things: Faith, Family, Friends. With these one can get through anything.

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## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

### *Mammograms Available*

Once again, CCS is offering mammograms for those without adequate health insurance during October.

“Early detection is the key to breast cancer survivorship and if we can help just one man or woman with an early detection, we will have met our goals”. To schedule an appointment call Vanda at 772-2524

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## CCS Extends a Greatful THANK YOU to Isabella Bank And United Way of Gratiot and Isabella Counties!!!

Thank you to the Isabella Bank and United Way of Gratiot and Isabella Counties for awarding CCS a “Matching Challenge Grant” of \$5,000 each for a total of \$10,000.00! With the generous help from Isabella Bank, CCS was able to meet the terms of the receiving the grant from United Way. CCS will be able to use this \$10,000 contribution to help meet transportation, lodging, and special need costs for cancer victims in Isabella County. A sincere thank you to both Isabella Bank and United Way.

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## Thanks to the community for their support:

Here’s just a partial list of organizations in our community that are helping CCS:

- I-Ride and the Isabella County Transpiration Association for a recent fundraiser along with helping with transportation of clients to treatments.
- Mt. Pleasant Eagles 4463 for sponsoring a recent fundraiser for CCS.
- Hunters Ale House and WCFX for sponsoring “Bras for a Cause” fundraising event for CCS.
- Miles for Miracles – the students of Mt. Pleasant, Sacred Heart and Shepherd for their recent fundraiser.
- Alice Hovey and her group of quilters for the donation of a beautiful quilt for the auction at the Into the Light Walk.
- Culvers – fundraising events with CCS members helping serve orders.

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## Thank you from our clients:

*Editor’s note: all of our clients are confidential, therefore no names are printed with their comments:*

“Thank you to Dr. Roy for introducing us to Community Cancer Services. We had basically no money for gas to get to Ann Arbor for treatment and Dr. Roy was able to connect us with CCS. They gave us gas cards so we could meet our appointment”.

“I just want to say “Thank You” to CCS for taking care of me so I had a place to stay and gas to get to the treatment. Having cancer costs a lot and the insurance company doesn’t pay for all of it. Thank you.”

“My daughter is now in remission. Thank you for all of your help!”

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## Nancy Carey Support Group for Women

This amazing group of compassionate women meets the last Wednesday of each month to provide friendship, information and comfort to those who have had a cancer diagnosis recently or in the past. Women at any stage of diagnosis or treatment are welcome to attend. The meetings are informal, upbeat and informational and begin at 7:00 pm and are held at Oxford Row/Canterbury club house. Call Giesela Moffitt at 772-1602 for more information.

## Mileage Program for Cancer Treatment Travel

Did you know that CCS will help pay your mileage to and from cancer treatment? Last year, 2017, CCS provided almost \$57,000.00 in medical mileage to their clients. Call Vanda, Patient Coordinator, at 772-2524, for more information.

### Important Phone Numbers

Pardee Fund of Isabella County ..... 772-6896  
Community Cancer Service ..... 772-2524  
NCI (up-to-date information)..... 1 800-4CANCER  
Y-ME: (24 hour breast cancer hotline) ..... 1 800-221-2141

## CCS Board of Directors Meetings

The CCS Board of Directors meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 320 South Bradley. New prospective members are invited to attend. Come check us out. Call Suzanne Courser at 644-2504 for more information.

## Veterans Day Concert

*Presented by Central Michigan Community Band*

Sponsored by Kraphol Ford

**Sunday, November 11th – 3:00 pm**

Plactha Auditorium, CMU

## Pardee Cancer Fund of Isabella County

Isabella County residents are fortunate to have the Pardee Cancer Foundation available to help with the medical expenses of cancer treatment. Pardee provides financial support for expenses not covered by insurance. Call 772-6895 for more information.

## Need a Tax Deduction – CCS is a good Choice

When donating to CCS, you know that your money will be spent to help local people with their struggle with cancer. CCS is a 501-c-3 fully tax deductible organization so all of your donations count.

## Memorials / Luminary Request Form

Yes, I would like to make a tax deductible donation to Community Cancer Services.

Please accept this contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ or in Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Community Cancer Services of Isabella County, PO Box 36, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-0036

An acknowledgement will be sent to the person or family you choose. Your gift will help fight cancer in a concrete way.



\*Please make a luminary in honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
for the "Into the Light" cancer awareness walk this fall.

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Invited!**



**Please  
Join Us!**

## 20th Annual “Into the Light” Cancer Awareness Walk

I-Ride is sponsoring free rides to and from the event for those needing a ride. Call I-Ride at 772-9441 to schedule a ride.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018**  
4pm - 10pm  
Isabella County Fairgrounds



- Survivor Ceremony - 7:00 pm
- Entertainment
- Auctions
- Luminary Ceremony - Dusk
- Food
- Childrens Activities / Face-Painting

*We Walk in Memory or Honor of Loved Ones*

*We walk as Survivors • We walk for Survivors • We walk because we can*

For more information, contact Deonna at (989) 330-1978 or dm krem62@gmail.com