Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana honored Linda Bewley as the 2022 William A. Kunkel Champion of Hope Award recipient.

Linda joined the Cancer Services team in 2003. She accepted what was supposed to be a part-time and temporary assignment to help her friend from church, Dianne May, who had recently become president and CEO of Cancer Services. She had agreed to help for a month, but she was so moved by the mission to help people with cancer and loved the philosophy behind how Cancer Services works, she ended up staying until her retirement in September 2018.

Linda, a breast cancer survivor, understood how important the services available at Cancer Services are to families in the communities we serve.

“Linda’s gift for conversation and hospitality came from her deep love of people,” May said. “But more important was her gift for listening. She never tired of hearing people’s stories. She listened to thousands of people who shared their cancer stories, and she formed deep connections with them.

There are so many people who are part of Cancer Services because of Linda. Thousands of volunteers, donors and people who found the help they needed on the next step of their cancer journey.”

For 15 years, Linda represented Cancer Services in the communities it serves, built greater awareness of the services available, and recruited volunteers to join the mission.

One of the people she recruited is Brad Bertsch, a board member and long-time volunteer, who credits Linda with his strong connection to Cancer Services.

Brad became familiar with Cancer Services when his brother used the services. Brad, who works for nearby Brotherhood Mutual, would stop by to pick up needed healthcare supplies and durable medical equipment. When Brad lost his brother to cancer, he shared with Linda that he wanted to find a way to honor his brother and help others with cancer.

Linda had the perfect answer for him. He first helped by representing Cancer Services at health fairs, then used his accounting expertise as a member of Cancer Services’ finance committee and finally joined the board of directors – including serving as chair of the board in 2020 and 2021.

Even after her retirement, Linda volunteered for Cancer Services, including serving on the 75th Anniversary Celebration committee.

Sadly, Linda died after an accidental fall in April of 2020 – Just as COVID began to ravage our community.

Cancer Services was pleased to present this recognition and honor to Linda’s beloved children Laura Vachon and Kevin Bewley.
Join our community!

All programs are free, open to the public and held at Cancer Services’ Healing Arts Center, unless otherwise stated. Please call (260) 484-9560 or toll free at 866-484-9560 or email Ann Hathaway at ahathaway@cancer-services.org for more information or to complete registration.

**OCTOBER**

**Personal Training with Linda Thiemé**
Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2022
2:30-3:30 p.m.
The Impact Center, 3420 E. Paulding Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46816
To register contact Keyonia Cox at (260) 484-9560 or kcox@cancer-services.org

**Pets/People Drawing Class**
Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Facilitated by Mary Hilger, author and retired art teacher
The Healing Arts Center, 6316 Mutual Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46825
To register contact Ann Hathaway at (260) 484-9560 or ahathaway@cancer-services.org

**Chair Yoga**
Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2022 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Instructor Diane Rogers will lead a low impact yoga class.
The Impact Center, 3420 E. Paulding Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46816
To register contact Keyonia Cox at (260) 484-9560 or kcox@cancer-services.org

**Tobacco Free Allen County**

**Vaping & Smoking Information Session**
Monday, October 17, 2022 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Presented by Nancy Cripe, Executive Director of Tobacco Free Allen County
The Impact Center, 3420 E. Paulding Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46816
To register contact Keyonia Cox at (260) 484-9560 or kcox@cancer-services.org

**Reiki**
Wednesday, October 19, 2022
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Instructor Debbie Goodrich-Black
The Impact Center, 3420 E. Paulding Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46816
To register contact Keyonia Cox at (260) 484-9560 or kcox@cancer-services.org

**NOVEMBER**

**Personal Training with Linda Thiemé**
Tuesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2022 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.
The Impact Center, 3420 E. Paulding Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46816
To register contact Keyonia Cox at (260) 484-9560 or kcox@cancer-services.org

**Reiki**
Wednesday, November 2, 2022
5:30-6:30 p.m.
The Impact Center, 3420 E. Paulding Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46816
To register contact Keyonia Cox at (260) 484-9560 or kcox@cancer-services.org

**Music for Self-Care**
Meets every second and fourth Friday of the month
10:30-11:30 a.m.
Facilitated by Ashlee Hawkins, MT-BC
No prior music skills or experience is required.
The Healing Arts Center, 6316 Mutual Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46825
To register contact Ann Hathaway at (260) 484-9560 or ahathaway@cancer-services.org

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Special Tribute to John Crawford, M.D.

Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana held the 2022 Tribute Dinner on September 15, 2022.

The event is an opportunity to pay tribute to people touched by cancer as well as the heroic healthcare professionals in our community who care for cancer patients. Cancer Services also had a Special Tribute to John Crawford, who died in August after dedicating his life to helping local people with cancer.

Wesley Russell, M.D., a Cancer Services board member and radiation oncologist with Radiation Oncology Associates, spoke on behalf of his colleagues to honor Dr. Crawford.

Dr. Crawford was a leader at Radiation Oncology Associates, which he joined right out of training in 1976. Crawford was born in New Orleans and attended Louisiana State University for undergraduate and medical school and then completed radiation oncology training at the Medical College of Virginia.

Crawford made it his goal to bring state of the art care for cancer patients to our community. He was known by his colleagues for his exquisite clinical judgement, extraordinary ability to manage difficult situations and his dedication to patient care.

Dr. Russell noted, “His passion for patient care meant that he was always prepared for the day – working with staff ahead of time to make sure that setups and treatments were just right. For many years he worked at the VA, where he loved taking care of the people who served our country. The patients adored him and noted that he was the kindest and sharpest-dressed doctor they had ever seen.”

Dr. Crawford helped thousands of individual cancer patients as well as leaving a legacy of excellent oncology care in our community.

To view the Tributes shared during the 2022 Tribute Dinner, including Tributes to Dr. Crawford, visit Cancer Services’ Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CSNI.org.

Write a Will Day – 2022

Cancer Services encourages everyone to have a will and invites you to take advantage of the 2022 Write a Will Event.

Cory Swagger, J.D., set up his law practice in Auburn after receiving a Juris Doctor degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Indiana University. Cory is chair of Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana’s board of directors.

Cory will offer his expertise from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2022 at Cancer Services, 6316 Mutual Drive. He will meet with you one-on-one and create a simple will at no cost. The only requirement is that you include a charitable gift in your will.

While we hope you will consider making a gift to Cancer Services, you may give to any charitable cause close to your heart.

Please call 260-255-3750 or email kmacaulay@cancer-services.org to schedule an appointment to prepare your will.

Leave a legacy in your community by participating in Write a Will Day

Attorney Cory Swagger will be available on October 19 from 1 to 6 p.m.

Please call (260) 484-9560 to make an appointment
Thank you

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