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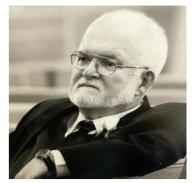
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Local Volunteer Gives More than Car Rides

Bob Gudorf inherited his work ethic and desire to give back from his father, Norbert.

"I'm a workaholic, and my father was too," he shared with a chuckle. In their hometown of Minster, OH, Norbert was instrumental in building a pool at the high school, a bowling alley, and other projects to benefit the community at large.



Bob Gudori

He ran an appliance and TV store in the

small town in west central Ohio. Bob recalled how every year his father would hold a drawing to give away a brand new bike.

"I never had a new bike, so you bet I was putting my name in the hat," Bob said. "But every year, the bike would end up going to a family who had experienced some kind of loss."

Norbert wasn't wealthy and was kept busy running his business and caring for 11 children, but he still did what he could for the neighbors and community he cared about. Bob feels compelled to do the same.

At 70 years old Bob retired after working for 55 years at Classic Products. He started as a shipping clerk and worked his way up through the company to become the Executive Vice President. "I worked hard and always put myself forward to take on new responsibilities. I was willing to learn and do anything."

"Anything you do, you get back in spades. Don't be afraid, and just do it." After a life of hard work, it was time for Bob to take it easy. But before long he was bored. That was when he visited volunteer.org and discovered Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana sought volunteer drivers.

"I drove a lot for work and was comfortable with driving. So it was a no brainer."

At 66 Bob was diagnosed with throat cancer. He intimately understood the struggles of a cancer diagnosis and the difficult treatments which followed.

From then on, he's provided free transportation for Cancer Services



Bob Gudorf spreads Christmas cheer as Santa Claus.

clients to cancer treatments. On average, he generously donates 120 hours of his time each year to helping people with cancer get to their treatment.

During the trip, he always makes a point to share that he is a cancer survivor. "Some people don't want to talk much, and some people do. I just listen. I've met some incredible people with amazing life stories. I've enjoyed the history they gave me."

Bob also volunteers for Meals on Wheels and, during the Christmas season, he brings joy to area children as Santa Claus.

In his downtime, he enjoys relaxing at home with his two Rottweilers and reading books. Bob estimates that he read 200 books during COVID, when he couldn't spend his time volunteering.

If you'd like to volunteer as a driver but are feeling apprehensive, Bob has this to share: "Anything you do, you get back in spades. Giving the people I help someone to talk to makes me feel better about myself. The people you'll drive need help. Don't be afraid, and just do it."

Thank you to the volunteers who did so much in 2022!

181 volunteers

4,222 hours donated

481 free rides to cancer treatment

2,810 bed pads sewn and donated to people with cancer



Cancer Services will be closed on May 29, 2023 for Memorial Day.

Raise money to help people with cancer!



Saturday, May 6, 2023

Celebrate life and honor lost loved ones at this family-friendly and fun event on May 6, 2023. All proceeds from Ribbon Walk stays in our community to support people with cancer physically, mentally, and financially.

Registration is free, and we encourage you, your team members, and your supporters to donate to help people with cancer. Raise \$35 by May 1 to receive a commemorative t-shirt!



Join the Ribbon Walk and fundraise to support local people with cancer!

https://give.cancer-services.org/ribbonwalk2023

Help us reach our \$120,000 goal!











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Laura Lefever, Cancer Services board member and Whitley County resident

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Your gift to an endowment gives forever. These gifts work in partnership

with gifts made directly to the organization.

Cancer Services recently opened endowments at the community foundations in Adams, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko,

Noble, Steuben, Wells, and Whitley counties. Our Board of Directors are offering a match of \$10,000 in each of these counties to double every donor's gift dollar for dollar through May 2023!

Laura Lefever is a member of the Board of Directors who supported the idea of the match. She also serves as a volunteer driver helping her neighbors get to cancer treatment in Fort Wayne.

"An endowment fund is a savings account that never goes away," she says. "The more funds in the endowment, the more money Cancer Services gets. It adds up fast and makes a huge difference."

It matters to Laura that her endowment gifts not only last forever, but also that they support her community directly. "I live in Whitley County, and the proceeds from the endowment at the community foundation go to help people who live in Whitley County.

Will you give a gift that never stops by donating to Cancer Services' endowment fund?

To make an endowment gift, visit the website of your local

community foundation, or write and mail a check to Cancer Services, note "(your county) endowment" in the memo line.



Join our community!

All programs are free and open to the public. Cancer Services offers many ongoing classes and support groups.

Visit www.cancer-services.org for the full event calendar.

NEW PROGRAMS:

Tai Chi and Qigong (NEW WEEKLY CLASS) Facilitated by Celeste Motherwell Mondays from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Cancer Services Southeast Fort Wayne
Impact Center – 3420 E. Paulding Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46816
To register, contact Keyonia Cox at (260) 484-9560
or kcox@cancer-services.org

Men Fighting for Health (NEW MEN'S CANCER GROUP) Facilitated by Joe Ayers

Every second Wednesday, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Cancer Services Southeast Fort Wayne
Impact Center – 3420 E. Paulding Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46816
or virtually on Zoom
To register, contact Ann Hathaway at (260) 484-9560 or
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APRIL

Bridging the Gap: Connecting Eastern and Western Medicine Modalities Tuesday, April 4, 2023 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Presented by Dr. Brian J. Lee, Aspire Plastic Surgery Healing Arts Center – 6316 Mutual Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46825 To register, contact Ann Hathaway at (260) 484-9560 or ahathaway@cancer-services.org

Bring It, Push It, Own It Wednesdays, April 12, 19, and 26 2:30-3:30 p.m. Facilitator: Bekah Worpell

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Living Tobacco-Free Monday, April 17, 2023 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Presented by Pat Turner with Tobacco Free Allen County
Cancer Services Southeast Fort Wayne
Impact Center – 3420 E. Paulding Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46816
To register, contact Keyonia Cox at (260) 484-9560 or
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Clarity Project: Cognitive Rehab Following Cancer Treatment

April 17 – May 24, 2023

Meets every week on Monday & Wednesday, 6 – 8 p.m.

Registration required by April 7 with Marsha Haffner at

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Real Talk on Cancer (Topic: Stress reduction) Wednesday, April 19, 2023 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Facilitated by Chariee Reason, MSW, LCSW
Cancer Services Southeast Fort Wayne
Impact Center – 3420 E. Paulding Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46816
or virtually on Zoom
To register, contact Ann Hathaway at (260) 484-9560 or

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The Healing Powers of Reiki Thursday, May 4, 2023 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Presented by Dr. Brian J. Lee, Aspire Plastic Surgery Healing Arts Center – 6316 Mutual Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46825 To register, contact Ann Hathaway at (260) 484-9560 or ahathaway@cancer-services.org

Real Talk on Cancer (Topic: Mental health awareness)

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 6 – 7:30 p.m.

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JUNE

Real Talk on Cancer (Topic: Cancer Survivors Month)

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Facilitated by Chariee Reason, MSW, LCSW
Cancer Services Southeast Fort Wayne
Impact Center – 3420 E. Paulding Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46816
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We need YOU to drive!

People with cancer may need to go to treatment weekly or even daily. If they can't drive themselves, it can be nearly impossible for them to stick with their treatment schedule.

You can help. Sign up as a volunteer driver today, and you'll help a neighbor access life-saving treatment.

Cancer Services needs volunteer drivers in all 11 counties in Northeast Indiana. We are in special need of drivers who live in or are willing to drive to:

- Zip codes 46806, 46807, 46809, or 46819
- DeKalb, Kosciusko, Steuben, LaGrange, and Wabash counties Interested? Contact Haley Walters, Volunteer Coordinator, at (260) 484-9560, hwalters@cancer-services.org, or complete the form on our website at https://cancer-services.org/get-involved/volunteer

Gas cards or mileage reimbursement are available for volunteers to subsidize gas costs.

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Welcome to our recently added staff members!



Cheryl Hayes, Client Advocate and Spiritual Care Counselor

Hello! I came to Cancer Services last August after working at Heart to Heart Hospice as a Spiritual Care Coordinator. I have a Bachelor's in Counseling from Calvary University and an Associate's Degree from Colorado Institute of Art. If I could have any superpower, I'd choose to create a meal out of thin air. In my free time, I love to be outdoors! I also enjoy meeting new people, reading, watercolor painting, enjoying great food and wine, traveling with my husband of 30 years, Loren, and exploring Fort Wayne and surrounding areas. Loren and I have one son (22 years old) who lives on the road as he works and travels the United States. I didn't necessarily plan to work in a cancer-related field, but as I worked in hospice and encountered so many people facing serious illness, I found a passion for walking along-side vulnerable people. I have been drawn to their courage and wisdom, fears, and doubts, as they are challenged to move forward in these circumstances outside of their control. I have learned so much about humanity, our connection with each other, the value of life and of death. Cancer Services is sacred space; I can't imagine being anywhere else.



Audrey Mumma, Director of Communications

Hey there! I started working at Cancer Services in November 2022. Previously I worked at Mental Health America of Northeast Indiana for seven years, where I worked on marketing, wrote grants, and planned special events. My bachelor's degree is in English Writing from Indiana University. During my free time I'm a chronic homebody who feels most at peace hanging out with my spouse, teenage stepdaughter, two cats, and two guinea pigs. I love reading and often lose all track of time and space when I get sucked into a good book. I feel honored to be a part of the mission of Cancer Services because I've lost loved ones to cancer. If I could have one superpower, I'd want the ability to move things with my mind so I don't have to disturb my cat on my lap to go grab something!



Kaitlyn Pozorski, Client Advocate and Counselor

Hi! I recently passed my one-year anniversary with Cancer Services. Cancer impacts everyone, it does not discriminate. I consider it an honor to be able to provide services to any individual or loved one who has been impacted by cancer. I earned my Bachelor's in Social Work from University of Saint Francis and my Master's in Social Work from IUPUI, and I'm a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Before working at Cancer Services, I worked at Headwater's Counseling as a therapist. In my free time, I spend time with family and friends, hike, read, photograph nature, and try new restaurants. I have a 10-month-old daughter who lights up every room she is in and has the most adorable smile! I also have a seven-year-old son who is in first grade. He is the most caring, thoughtful, energetic, funny person I know. If I could have one super-power, I'd want to be able to be in multiple places at once — I would get so much more accomplished!

Consider leaving a gift to Cancer Services in your Will.

Your legacy can be one of generosity, transformation, and community. You are making a positive impact on people with cancer, and you can continue making a difference. Consider adding a gift to Cancer Services in your Will. Contact Dianne May at 260-484-9560 to learn more.

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in both men and women.

What can you do this month to raise awareness and protect yourself?

- Stay up-to-date with your screenings, which can find the cancer early when treatment is most effective.
- Be aware of the warning signs of colorectal cancer.
- Dress in blue to show your solidarity with your neighbors fighting colorectal cancer.

To learn more about colorectal cancer, visit the Colorectal Cancer Alliance at www.ccalliance.org



Saturday, May 6, 2023

Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Donate & Register Online: give.cancer-services.org/ribbonwalk2023

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Celebrate life and honor lost loved ones at this family-friendly and fun event on May 6, 2023. All proceeds from Ribbon Walk stay in our 11-county service area and help Cancer Services to support people with cancer physically, mentally, and financially.

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