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# National Cancer Survivors Day® 2018

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Coping® magazine is proud to be an ongoing national sponsor of National Cancer Survivors Day® (NCSD). This 31st annual Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, June 3, in hundreds of communities throughout the world. In cooperation with the National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation, Coping is pleased to provide you with exclusive coverage of NCSD 2018 on the pages that follow. Due to space limitations, photo submissions most representative of NCSD events have been chosen to appear in the magazine. Event photos can also be found online at [copingmag.com](http://copingmag.com).

National Cancer Survivors Day® 2019 will be held on June 2, and now is the time to get involved! Visit [ncsd.org](http://ncsd.org) or email [info@ncsd.org](mailto:info@ncsd.org) for more information.

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**ON THE COVER: Stony Brook, NY** – Cancer survivor and keynote speaker Ethan Zohn leads the “Parade of Survivors” during Stony Brook University Cancer Center’s National Cancer Survivors Day celebration (above). Radiation oncologist Craig Grossman, MD, PhD, MSCE, channels his inner child as he noshes on fluffy pink cotton candy and dons a plastic fireman’s hat (below).



Photos by Abel Arciniega

**ON THE COVER: Chicago, IL** – A five-year cancer survivor joins in the applause as a crowd of nearly 4,000 cancer survivors and supporters gathers in Grant Park to celebrate life at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University’s 25th Annual Cancer Survivors’ Celebration Walk & 5K (above). Donning big smiles and purple tutus, these participants enjoy connecting with each other and celebrating milestones after crossing the Celebration finish line (below).



**ON THE COVER: Liverpool, NY** – Dr. Santo DiFino, a cancer survivor and Hematology Oncology Associates physician, receives his survivor pin from his wife at the Hematology Oncology Associates of Central New York’s celebration of life (above). Along with enjoying giveaways, live music, speakers, raffle prizes, and food, guests also take part in complementary therapy and exercise (below).







**Philadelphia, PA** – Infusion nurses show what heroes are made of as they sport their best superhero costumes at the *Celebrate Life!* event hosted by the Abramson Cancer Center at Pennsylvania Hospital.



**Columbus, OH** – Aloha! Violy Hughes, a breast cancer survivor, twirls on the runway at Cancer Support Community Central Ohio's Survivors Day Luau fashion show.



**Syracuse, NY** – Survivors, supporters, and life-sized animatronic dinosaurs alike invade the Rosamond Gifford Zoo to enjoy NCSD festivities, including dinner and animal demonstrations, hosted by Upstate Cancer Center.



**Boca Raton, FL** – To help their "Hope Soar," cancer survivors and families adorn origami trees with origami swans bearing handwritten messages at the Boca Raton Regional Hospital National Cancer Survivors Day event.



**Bloomington, IN** – Curtis Cantwell Jackson soothes the crowd with relaxing melodies at the Survivors Day celebration hosted by the Olcott Center at Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital.



**New Brunswick, NJ** – A 16-year multiple myeloma survivor, Paul Sachkowsky shares a touching moment with his wife, Nancy, during the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey National Cancer Survivors Day celebration.



**Columbus, OH** – A benevolent volunteer holds his hands up in surrender after taking countless pies in the face at the Survivors Day "Speed Pie" fundraising event hosted by the American Pie Party at Walnut Hill United Methodist Church.



**Georgetown, Guyana** – Cancer survivors gather at Bistro's Café & Bar to enjoy a National Cancer Survivors Day celebration brunch hosted by the Guyana Cancer Foundation of Guyana, South America.

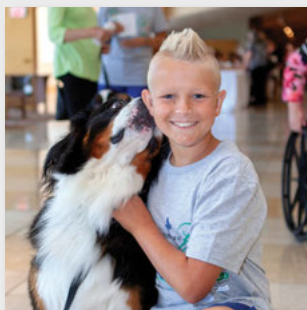


**Niles, OH** – Cancer survivor Rose Marie Lowry and her daughter, Shelley, strike a home-run pose at Mercy Health – Youngstown's "Grand Slam Celebration" picnic held at Eastwood Field. ►

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**Oklahoma City, OK** – Bailey, a Bernese mountain therapy dog, greets Jayden Drake at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Cancer Survivors Day event hosted by INTEGRIS Cancer Institute.



**Los Angeles, CA** – National Cancer Survivors Day attendees Felix and Rubi Aquino share a joyous moment at the Cancer Support Community Los Angeles event as they pen messages of celebration.



**Castries, St. Lucia** – A cancer survivor performs an original song as other survivors back her up with celebratory dancing at Faces of Cancer St. Lucia's NCSD event.



**York, ME** – Volunteer Linda Wagner and staff member Pat McKay serve up slices of National Cancer Survivors Day cake to survivors including Rosey Swan at the York Hospital event.



**Lakewood Ranch, FL** – Oncology nurse navigator Alice Hicks greets a survivor with a warm hug at the Sarasota-Manatee Cancer Resource Network's "Celebrating the Music of Life" event at the Pier 22 Ballroom.



**Sheboygan, WI** – An enthusiastic group of survivors and supporters takes a fireside break during the Sheboygan County Cancer Care Fund's unique NCSD hike.



**Taneytown, MD** – Cancer survivors and their families commemorate National Cancer Survivors Day with fun photos snapped in the photo booth at Carroll Hospital's "Joining Hands in the Fight Against Cancer" event.



**Los Angeles, CA** – Joined by husband Leo Wolinsky and friend Sandy Carpenter, breast cancer survivor Lee Wolinsky (center) shares a message with those attending Cedars-Sinai's 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Survivors Day luncheon.



**Commerce, MI** – Two-year cancer survivor Lee Roy Simpson shares his cancer survivor story with other survivors and supporters at the Charach Cancer Treatment Center's NCSD event.



**Henderson, KY** – At Methodist Hospital Hematology and Oncology's "Wipe Out Cancer" luau, cancer survivor Clara Woodard and infusion nurse Terry Buckman join in "The Chicken Dance."



**Parker, CO** – Cancer survivors, health-care professionals, families, and friends gather outside for a ladybug release at Parker Adventist Hospital's National Cancer Survivors Day event.



**Fort Wayne, IN** – Sandra Thomas prepares the walking-trail ribbons for the Cancer Survivors of Northeast Indiana's 2018 Lapper and Survivors Day Celebration, an annual walk that honors those touched by cancer.



**Sugar Land, TX** – These boisterous Survivors Day participants share a fun, celebratory moment at Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital's globally-inspired luncheon.



**Toledo, OH** – Nothing but smiles and merriment show on the faces of Chloe Baker and Erika Contreras at The Victory Center's "Make Every Day Magical" NCSD event.



**Jeddah, Saudi Arabia** – Survivors and supporters gather for a spiritual night in the garden at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center, Jeddah branch, to celebrate Cancer Survivors Day.





**Throop, NY** – A cancer survivor receives an angel pin from Missy McCormick, RN, at the National Cancer Survivors Day event hosted by Hematology-Oncology Associates of Central New York.



Photo by Keith Gard

**Kansas City, MO** – Survivors enjoy a day of NCSD celebration, including posing for a photo op, at the Cancer Survivors Day Rally hosted by Gilda's Club Kansas City.



**Bel Air, MD** – Survivor Francis and his family have western-style photo booth fun at the event hosted by the University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Center and Patricia D. and M. Scot Kaufman Cancer Center.



**Mumbai, India** – Attendees enjoy a traditional bamboo dance from Nagaland at the Cancer Survivors Day celebration hosted by UGAM, a support group for childhood cancer survivors.



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**Slidell, LA** – As survivors celebrate the "Gift of Life," local musician and New Orleans Musical Legends Park inductee Ronnie Kole plays piano for the crowd at Slidell Memorial Hospital's Survivors Day event.



**Elmont, NY** – Cancer survivor Sandra Katz enjoys a day at Belmont Park as part of Integrated Medical Foundation's Belmont Stakes 5K Run/Walk for National Cancer Survivors Day.



Photo by Eric Nisly

**Goshen, IN** – Susan Franger, VP of Cancer Services at Goshen Center for Cancer Care, welcomes attendees and introduces keynote speaker Paqui Kelly at the Center's "Celebrate Life!" NCSD event.



**Fairfield, CA** – Stand-up comedian and medullary thyroid cancer survivor David Lew shares a sweet embrace with his mother at NorthBay Cancer Center's 22nd Annual Celebration of Life.



**Rochester, MN** – Two "radiation buddies" reunite at the NCSD "Brunch on the Farm" hosted by the Mayo Clinic Cancer Center, American Cancer Society, and the Andre Gauthier Foundation.



**Seaford, DE** – Cancer survivor John Wroten flashes the victory sign as he "Gives Cancer the Boot" at Nanticoke Cancer Care Center's National Cancer Survivors Day luncheon.



**Las Cruces, NM** – The exuberance of cancer survivors Maggie Wells and Jennifer Ryder Fox says it all as they play "Cat in the Hat" games during Memorial Medical Center Cancer Center's Survivors Day Celebration.



**Woburn, MA** – To liven up the crowd, Dr. Douglas Tisdale dons a sombrero and Dr. Kelley Cornell sizzles as a costumed chili pepper while dancing to the song "Tequila" during Winchester Hospital's NCSD Fiesta.



Photo by Treg Long

**Little Rock, AR** – Survivor Mark Francis lounges in a giant inflatable chair with his wife, Patricia, at the weather-themed "Braving the Weather: The Forecast Looks Bright" event hosted by the American Cancer Society.



**Rome, GA** – Angela James, an oncology patient navigator and social worker, sends daisies floating down the river to honor cancer fighters during the "Cast Off Against Cancer" event hosted by Cancer Navigators.



**Philadelphia, PA** – The Mercy Cancer Center at Nazareth Hospital's NCSD event committee clowns around at the center's candy-themed "Sweetness of Survivorship" National Cancer Survivors Day celebration, where event participants took advantage of the colorful candy photo op and enjoyed the sweet melodies of the Shop Class Quartet. ►





**Middletown, NY** – Orange Regional Medical Center's cancer survivors give a rousing cheer as they enjoy the hospital's NCSD hoedown, complete with a bluegrass band, square dancing, education, inspiring speeches, and crafts.



**Marinette, WI** – A large group gathers for a Cancer Survivor Picnic at Bay Area Medical Center's National Cancer Survivors Day celebration, the first public event in their new facility.



**San Juan, Puerto Rico** – Cancer survivor and attorney Hector Ferrer speaks to the crowd in the lobby of the San Juan VA Hospital during their annual National Cancer Survivors Day celebration.



**Lexington, KY** – Medical oncologist Dr. Jessica Croley speaks to survivors and supporters at the "Savor the Sweet Life" NCSD event hosted by KentuckyOne/Saint Joseph Cancer Center.



**Media, PA** – Soloist and cancer survivor Christy Sutton delivers a "Night of Inspiration" with her repertoire of opera and popular songs, accompanied by pianist Lilah Knox, at Riddle Hospital's Cancer Survivors event.



**Orange Park, FL** – Attendees enjoy a beautiful day celebrating life at the Fourth Annual Pink Ribbon Symposium Survivorship Celebration Butterfly 5K Fun Run and Fun Walk.



**Sewell, NJ** – Kathy, a radiation oncology nurse and cancer survivor, strikes a pose with her husband, Lou, at the Summer Celebration hosted by Jefferson Health at the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center-Washington Township.



**Wilmington, DE** – Iris Craighead, a 31-year breast cancer survivor, receives the "Oldest Survivor" award, presented by cancer survivor Cynthia Church, at the Cocktails & Comedy Show hosted by Nicolle D. Surratte of NspireD.



**Mumbai, India** – Survivors and their caregivers attend a Cancer Survivors Day musical event, with a special celebrity appearance by actress Sakshi Tanwar, hosted by V Care Foundation at Tata Memorial Hospital.



**Sacramento, CA** – Cancer survivor Teresita shares a hug with her daughter, Olivia, as UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center celebrates life during the Sacramento Republic FC soccer match against Orange County SC.



**Laurinburg, NC** – Participants at the beach-themed celebration hosted by Scotland Memorial Foundation's Scotland Cancer Treatment Center enjoy a surprise Jimmy Buffet-inspired serenade from Dr. Jeffrey Klotz.



**World, WI** – Celebrants enjoy ice cream sundaes after a meet and greet with therapy horses Emmy and Coco at the National Cancer Survivors Day celebration hosted by Rainhorse – Horses for the Human Spirit.



**Sheboygan, WI** – Team members show off their memorial pinwheels ahead of the Mindful Tri, a holistic walking event, at the Cancer Survivors Picnic hosted by Aurora Health Care and Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic.



**West Los Angeles, CA** – Three-time cancer survivor Vartkes Samuel Cholokian stirs the audience with an inspiring speech at Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles' National Cancer Survivors Day celebration.





**White Plains, NY** – Cancer survivors, caregivers, and staff members from White Plains Hospital enjoy a brunch honoring the strength of cancer survivors as they listen to the Cancer Survivors Day keynote address given by former White Plains Hospital President and CEO Jon B. Schandler.



**Scottsdale, AZ** – Attendees of the National Cancer Survivors Day celebration hosted by the HonorHealth Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center gather at The OdySea Aquarium to show there is life after cancer – and it's something to celebrate!



**Munster, IN** – NCSD participants take part in a chair yoga demonstration during the Cancer Survivors Day breakfast hosted by Cancer Resource Centre and St. Catherine Hospital. The event also included music, testimonials, and a guided imagery presentation.



**Rochester, NY** – Homer, the Home Depot mascot, gathers together childhood cancer survivors from their laughing and playing for a group photo at the annual Survivors Day Picnic at Genesee Valley Park, hosted by CURE Childhood Cancer Association.



**Houston, TX** – Cancer survivors Kimberley Nelson and Bridgette Farris share a friendly embrace at The Fountain of Praise Health and Wellness Ministry's "Celebrating Life!" NCSD event.



**Arcata, CA** – Celebrants form a human ribbon at St. Joseph Health Humboldt Cancer Program's Survivors Day barbeque on Arcata Ball Park's opening weekend.



**New Bern, NC** – The oldest and youngest cancer survivors in attendance, Irma Tingle and AJ Turnage, receive prizes after walking the red carpet at the Journey of Hope Cancer Support Center's NCSD event.



**Kansas City, KS** – University of Kansas Cancer Center team members take a break from greeting survivors to pose for a photo at the KUCC Cancer Survivor Celebration.



**Queens, NY** – Participants in the We Run for Hope Lorna Plummer Memorial Race, held at Flushing Meadows Corona Park on National Cancer Survivors Day, show off their race-day moves.



**Fairmont, WV** – The MoTown Strutters tap dance to "Ain't She Sweet" at the "Sharing the Journey" NCSD Celebration of Life hosted by the Sharing and Caring Cancer Support Group, where centenarian and three-time survivor Melva Hess was the keynote speaker.

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