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National Cancer Survivors Day® 2019



Coping[®] magazine is proud to be an ongoing national sponsor of National Cancer Survivors Day[®] (NCSD). This 32nd annual Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, June 2, 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 2019 on the pages that follow. Due to space limitations, photo submissions most representative of NCSD events have been chosen to appear in the magazine. More event photos can be found online at copingmag.com. National Cancer Survivors Day[®] 2020 will be held on June 7, and now is the time to get involved! Visit ncsd.org or e-mail info@ncsd.org for more information.

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ON THE COVER: Anaheim, CA – Event volunteers can't contain their excitement as they cheer on the cancer survivors and gather for a group photo at the Kaiser Permanente Orange County National Cancer Survivors Day[®] event.





ON THE COVER: Houston, TX – Cancer survivors Ruth and Kristy don silly photo props and take a moment to capture their triumphant feelings at the NCSD celebration hosted by CanCare.



ON THE COVER: St. Augustine, FL – Speaker and breast cancer survivor Jo Ellen Parkey shares her strong sense of optimism as she engages event attendees during her motivational speech at Flagler Hospital's Cancer Survivors Day event.



ON THE COVER: Philadelphia, PA – Upper-jaw osteosarcoma survivor, guitarist, singer, songwriter, and keynote speaker Charlie Lustman spreads his arms in overwhelming joy during Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Thomas Jefferson University's Celebration of Life.



Lincoln, NE – Yoga instructor Anita Whittle enthusiastically leads a room full of participants in a chair yoga session during the Southeast Nebraska Chapter of Oncology Nursing Society's Cancer Survivors Day event.



Sugar Land, TX – A joyous cancer survivor plays the tambourine while taking part in a music therapy class at Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital's Cancer Survivors Day Celebration.



Arcata, CA – Caregivers grill up a delicious lunch for St. Joseph Health Humboldt's NCSD barbecue and Humboldt Crabs baseball game at Arcata Ball Park, where attendees enjoyed raffles, a photo booth, giveaways, and hugs from team mascot Crusty the Crab.



Boca Raton, FL – Survivor Courtney Folden high fives young Brielle while her daughter Saylor affectionately looks on at the finish of the "Run for the Ribbons" NCSD 5k Run/1k Walk hosted by Boca Raton Regional Hospital.



Portsmouth, OH – Six-year cancer survivor Bethany Wise strikes a red carpet-worthy pose at the "Celebration of Our Stars" Survivors Day event held by Dr. Tsuyoshi Inoshita and King's Daughters Medical Center.



Soufriere, St. Lucia – Cancer survivors celebrate their courage and victory with signs spelling out "We Made It" in front of Gros Piton mountain, where supporters joined them in a hike to the 2,550 ft. summit as part of the NCSD event hosted by Faces of Cancer St. Lucia.



Stony Brook, NY – Bladder and prostate cancer survivor Dennis Kelty shares his inspirational story with participants at Stony Brook Cancer Center's National Cancer Survivors Day[®] event.



Chicago, IL – Runners raise their arms in jubilation as they cross the finish line at Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University's Cancer Survivors Celebration Walk & 5K at Grant Park.



York, ME – Leslie Schwarz and Dennis Pease pose for a "full circle" photo at the Living Well Center during the National Cancer Survivors Day[®] celebration hosted by York Hospital Oncology.



Scottsdale, AZ – Survivors and loved ones gather around their one-of-a-kind collaborative painting designed by Debra Lee Murrow for HonorHealth Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center's National Cancer Survivors Day[®] event.



Sheboygan, WI – Survivor Doris Schmidt adds her colorful thumbprint to an elegant "Tree of Life" canvas during Hospital Sisters Health System St. Nicholas Hospital's Celebration of Life.



Liverpool, NY – Survivors are honored with a memorable butterfly release at the Hematology Oncology Associates of Central New York's "Hope Grows Here" NCSD event.



Gibraitar – Attendees at the Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Gibraltar Charitable Trust's National Cancer Survivors Day[®] event enjoy wine tastings, delicious food, and great company.



Stamford, CT – A survivor basks in a moment of triumph and joy after crossing the finish line at the Hope in Motion Walk & Run hosted by Stamford Health's Bennett Cancer Center on National Cancer Survivors Dav[®].



Fort Worth, TX – A family clowns around with bright red noses while celebrating National Cancer Survivors Day* together at Cancer Care Services' circus-themed "The Greatest Life on Earth" event.



Charlotte, **NC** – Cancer survivor, community leader, entrepreneur, and philanthropist Charles Walker smiles as he gestures toward a signed welcome board during a surprise NCSD celebration honoring his journey.



Lewiston, ME – Aga and Abi playfully pose with fun photo props during the "Laughter is the Best Medicine" Survivors Day event hosted by the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at St. Mary's Hospital.



Fairmont, WV – Survivors participate in a moving candle-lighting ceremony during the "Hope Soars" Celebration of Life sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and hosted by the Sharing and Caring Cancer Support Group.



Jackson, NJ – Attendees buckle up to ride the new "Coasters for Cancer" roller coaster at Six Flags Great Adventure during the NCSD event hosted by Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey and RWJBarnabas Health.



South Paris, ME – Cancer survivors and supporters enjoy music at "A Garden Party" hosted by The Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine on National Cancer Survivors Day[®].



Sacramento, CA – Cancer survivor St. John Fraser and the rest of Irish folk band One Eyed Reilly entertain guests at the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center Survivors Day celebration.

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Plano, TX – Staff at Texas Oncology Plano West Cancer Center don their best 70s outfits as a part of their weeklong "Surviving the Decades" NCSD celebration.



South Boston, VA – Survivors and supporters show their excitement during Halifax County Cancer Association's "The Greatest Life on Earth" Cancer Survivors Day celebration.



Canyon, TX - Cyclists from across the nation gather against nature's backdrop to support cancer survivors during Harrington Cancer and Health Foundation's "24 Hours in the Canyon" mountain bike and road bike event held in Palo Duro Canyon State Park on National Cancer Survivors Day®



Stuart, FL - The roaring 20s are in full swing as cancer survivors, loved ones, and caregivers celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day® at the event hosted by Cleveland Clinic Martin Health.



New Bern, NC - A miniature superhero welcoming committee greets guests at the "Superheroes of Hope" Cancer Survivors Day celebration hosted by Journey of Hope.



Cockeysville, MD - Survivor John Hobner and his sidekick, Bette, greet guests at the Legacy Chase Steeplechase celebration hosted by Greater Baltimore Medical Center's Sandra and Malcolm Berman Cancer Institute.





Jeddah, Saudi Arabia - Childhood cancer survivors come together to celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day® at the annual event hosted by King Abdulaziz University Hospital.



Newington, CT - A performer takes the mic to entertain the crowd of survivors and supporters at the "Hope Grows Here" NCSD event hosted by NAMAH (NaadYog Academy of Music and Artistic Heritage).





Fort Wayne, IN - Donna Kaiser clusters colorful cancer awareness ribbons on her hat while attending the National Cancer Survivors Dav[®] Lapper walk hosted by Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.



survivors, educators, and professionals gather in solidarity during Sinomusa-Nothando Community Development's Survivors Day celebration.



Auburn, NY – Dr. Angele Roman and Amanda Kazanivsky, RN, take part in arts and crafts activities at the National Cancer Survivors Day® event hosted by Hematology-Oncology Associates of Central New York.

Philadelphia, PA - "Benjamin

take turns wielding the symbolic

Survivorship" NCSD event hosted

golden key during the "Key to

by Nazareth Hospital.

Franklin" greets guests while survivors



Texarkana, TX - Survivors and their families find many reasons to celebrate at W. Temple Webber Cancer Center at CHRISTUS St. Michael Health System's Survivors Day event.



Grand Rapids, MI - Proudly wearing their survivor buttons, these two ladies show off their photo while participating in one of the numerous activities offered at the Spectrum Health Cancer Center Survivors Day celebration.



Spartanburg, SC - Stacey Williams, MPH, leads a parade of jubilant dancers during the bowling-themed Cancer Survivors Day celebration hosted by Gibbs Cancer Center and Research Institute.



Sewell, NJ - Survivors give a rousing cheer at Jefferson Health's "Soaring with Butterflies, A Hope Event for Cancer Survivors" NCSD celebration, which featured a butterfly release, giveaways, massages, music, and food.



Oklahoma City, OK - Anna-Lisa Bright lifts her lantern high while enjoying the Celebration of Life hosted by INTEGRIS Cancer Institute



Lewes, DE - Survivors and their loved ones eagerly await the release of monarch butterflies at the Cancer Support Community Delaware's "Wings of Hope" Survivors Day celebration.



Syracuse, NY - A family captures a priceless moment while riding the carousel at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo during Upstate Cancer Center's Survivors Day celebration.



Woburn, MA - Winchester Hospital staff Nicole Reynolds, Lynda Takach, Sally Quigley, and Maria Caraglia, along with DJ Pete Donovan (center), sport bright hats for the hospital's "Hats Off to Survivors" event.





Meadowbrook, PA - Cancer survivors learn seated yoga during a demonstration at the "Hope Grows Here" NCSD celebration hosted by Holy Redeemer Health System and the Healing Consciousness Foundation.



Roswell, GA - At WellStar North Fulton Hospital's "Our Superheroes Don't Wear Capes (They Conquer Cancer)' event. Dr. Sachin Lavania and his daughter pet a miniature horse from Special Equestrians of Georgia.



Worland, WY - Ruth Dugger, longest survivor in attendance, poses with Tamera Langley, most recently diagnosed survivor, at the "Down with Cancer, Up with Life" NCSD event hosted by Circle of Caring.



Media, PA - The Penncrest High School Chamber Ensemble, led by Benjamin Weaver, delivers a moving musical performance for guests at Riddle Hospital's Cancer Survivors Celebration.



Bloomington, IN - Cancer survivor Peggy McCorvie shows off an array of colorful leis as she greets guests at the Cancer Survivors Day Celebration hosted by Indiana University Health Olcott Center.



Harrisburg, PA - Survivors and loved ones join to celebrate life, build relationships, eat, and take part in a candle-lighting ceremony hosted by Central Pennsylvania Coalition United to Fight Cancer.



East Chicago, IN - Leo Correa, CEO of St. Catherine Hospital, adds his own personal flair to the open art piece on display at the hospital's "Relax, and Enjoy Life" National Cancer Survivors Day® event.



Columbus, OH - Still wearing whipped cream from their pie-throwing extravaganza, celebrants take a moment to capture a photo at the National Cancer Survivor Day® SpeedPie Event hosted by American Pie Party.



Laurinburg, NC – Survivors gather to watch physicians and staff compete in "The Gong Show," talent contest judged by local celebrities at Scotland Cancer Treatment Center's National Cancer Survivors Day[®] celebration.



Lakeville, CT – Survivor and keynote speaker Sandy Dennis shares a warm embrace with volunteer Jacob Lamb during Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association's Survivors Day event.



Waco, TX – Howdy! Attendees kicked cancer to the curb during Baylor Scott & White McClinton Cancer Center's "Give Cancer the Boot!" NCSD celebration.



Slidell, LA – Andy the Armadillo hands out peanuts and poses with guests at the "Striking Out Cancer" National Cancer Survivors Day® event hosted by Slidell Memorial Hospital Regional Cancer Center.



Toledo, OH – Kimber and Timmy Ackley proudly display their sign, which reads, "Today I'm celebrating the best day of my life," at The Victory Center's NCSD picnic.



Lakewood Ranch, FL – Survivors and their guests are treated to an afternoon of fun, music, food, and friendship during the "Celebrate the Music of Life" Survivors Day event hosted by the Cancer Resource Network.





Ann Arbor, MI – Therapy dog Legend and handler Jared Wadley pose with an enthusiastic young guest at the NCSD celebration hosted by The University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center.



Durham, NC – Guests bring out their inner cool kids at the Survivors Day luau hosted by Lung Cancer Initiative of North Carolina.



Las Cruces, NM – Cancer survivors hold up the "world," supported by their cancer team, at Memorial Medical Center's "The World Stands With You" National Cancer Survivors Day* event.



Morehead, KY – Colon cancer survivor Steven Knight, aka "Black Scarab," entertains young admirers at the "Super Survivors" NCSD ice cream social hosted by St. Claire Health Care.



Garden Grove, CA – Graduates of Healing Odyssey's cancer survivors' retreat come together to build a broader community, share stories, and celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day[®].



Glenarden, MD – Survivors enjoy a unique day of creating vision boards, complimentary bra fittings, and sipping mocktails during the "Celebrating You!" NCSD event hosted by Cherry Blossom Intimates and Jane O. Smith.



Middletown, NY – Survivors take a break from live music, raffles, food, and crafts to show their enthusiasm at Orange Regional Medical Center's Celebration of Life.



Pittsburgh, PA - Childhood cancer survivors celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day® with games, balloons, slime making, and a barbecue picnic at Kennywood Amusement Park during the NCSD event hosted by the University Pittsburgh Medical Center Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.



Little Rock, AR - Survivor Randy Smith clowns around at the "Picture a Cure: Don't Be Negative" event hosted by the American Cancer Society. Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and various Arkansas cancer centers.



Pendleton, OR - Cancer survivors capture a memorable moment at St. Anthony's Hospital's National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration.



Wilmington, DE - At the "Cocktails and Comedy Show" Survivors Day celebration hosted by Nicolle D. Surratte, survivor Paulette Gandy is acknowledged for completing her recent radiation treatment.



Rochester, MN - Rochester Honkers mascot Slider hands out hugs at the "Strike Out Cancer" event hosted by the Mayo Clinic Cancer Education Program, American Cancer Society, and Andre Gauthier Foundation



San Juan, Puerto Rico - Survivors and staff take a moment to snap a group photo at the San Juan VA Hospital's NCSD Celebration of Life.



Los Angeles, CA - Guests enjoy great bv k discussions, tips on improving health, and inspirational speakers at the Phot Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles Survivors Day celeberation.



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