## National Cancer Survivors Day® 2021



Coping<sup>®</sup> magazine is proud to be an ongoing national sponsor of National Cancer Survivors Day<sup>®</sup> (NCSD). Celebrated on the first Sunday in June, NCSD is the day set aside each year to recognize cancer survivors, raise awareness of the ongoing challenges cancer survivors face, and celebrate life. This 34th annual Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, June 6. In cooperation with the National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation, Coping is pleased to provide you with exclusive coverage of NCSD 2021. Due to space limitations, photo submissions most representative of NCSD have been chosen to appear in the magazine. More photos can be found online at copingmag.com.

National Cancer Survivors Day® 2022 will be held on June 5. Visit nesd, org for more information.

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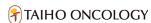














ON THE COVER: Wheat Ridge, CO - Staff and volunteers Tammy, Casey, Natalie, and Jesse jump into the spirit to kick off SCL Health Lutheran Medical Center's "Hope in Motion" National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration.

Leiomyosarcoma survivor Tom joyously celebrates his survivorship with his niece (and event volunteer) Casey and his newly adopted dog, Wanda.





ON THE COVER: Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania – Walter Miya discusses Shujaa Cancer Foundation's inaugural Cancer Survivors Day event with a local radio station.

All smiles, Yusra Islem, Mediline Panya, Gloria Kida, and Dr. Milembe Panya enjoy connecting with one another and celebrating life after cancer.





**ON THE COVER: Mt Washington, NH** – These "Camp Champions," a group of survivors and siblings, pause at the peak of Mount Washington to celebrate summiting their 5th of 11 mountains conquered in two days, for Camp Casco's Celebration of Life weekend.

Middletown, CT - Event staff celebrate and cheer on cancer survivors during the drive-through NCSD celebration hosted by Middlesex Health.





Sugar Land, TX - Members of Pink Phurree, the first all-women cancer survivor dragon boat team in Texas, gather by Brooks Lake during their National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration.



Modesto, CA - Nixon and Eisley Thayer are all smiles at Dry Creek Park while celebrating their mother's survivorship as they take part in Chemo Crew's Virtual 5K Survivors Day event.



Washington, DC - Cancer survivor Melanie A. Nix revels in a celebratory moment during Diagnosis to Destiny's "This Is My Moment" virtual NCSD celebration.



Lewes, DE - Marcia Esposito and her family raise a glass to survivors, caregivers, and healthcare professionals while dining at Matt's Fish Camp as part of Cancer Support Community Delaware's Annual "Crush Out Cancer" Survivors Day event.



Paterson, NJ - At St. Joseph's University Medical Center's "I Am" Survivors Day celebration, a cancer survivor and her nephew hold up inspirational signs and remind us what NCSD is all about - celebrating survivors!



Gainesville, GA - Staff at Northeast Georgia Medical Center's Oncology Research and Tumor Registry departments take a moment to honor survivors on National Cancer Survivors Day



Lincoln, NE - Cancer survivors and supporters are treated to an afternoon of food, prizes, friendship, and inspirational stories at the Southeast Nebraska Oncology Nursing Society Chapter's Cancer Survivors Day event.



**Toledo, OH** – Survivors and supporters show their excitement before taking their celebrations over the top by rappelling down a 16-story building at the "Over the Edge for Victory" event during The Victory Center's week-long NCSD celebration.



Nairobi, Kenya - Bishop Grace shares an uplifting message with survivors during the National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration hosted by Kenvan Network of Cancer Organizations (KENCO), the National Cancer Institute of Kenya, and other cancer organizations.



vors and supporters at Lungevity's NCSD event show off the lung cancer awareness ribbons they made to celebrate their local lung cancer community and spread the message that "anyone with lungs can get lung cancer.



Miramar, FL - Cancer Survivors Day attendees enjoy a beautifully decorated cake at The Center for Gynecologic Oncology in South Florida's "Survivors & Thrivers Picnic," because a "gynecologic cancer diagnosis is no picnic."



Bishop, CA - Survivor Becky Hutto spends National Cancer Survivors Day® enjoying a dose of nature therapy and a mountain medicine hike at Inyo National Forest.



Baxley, GA - Two-time cancer survivor Angel Gillette dons her National Cancer Survivors Day® 2021 t-shirt on NCSD to celebrate 8 years of being cancer-free and her 46th birthday.



Philadelphia, PA - Abramson Cancer Center at Pennsylvania Hospital staff recognize and celebrate cancer survivors on National Cancer Survivors Day® with special gifts, including inspirational cards made by local children.



Hartford, CT – Lisa Brekke, Kristin Carroll, Scott Capozza, and Michaela Pruchnicki stop for a quick photo during American Physical Therapy Association Connecticut Oncology Special Interest Group's NCSD hike.



Richmond, IN – Yeehaw! This National Cancer Survivors Day® isn't Deb Kirkman's first rodeo. The stage IV Hodgkin lymphoma survivor is celebrating 40 years of survivorship.



Sugar Land, TX – Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital staff and volunteers honor cancer survivors during their "Let Your Spirit Soar" Cancer Survivors Day Drive-Thru Celebration.



**Syracuse, NY** – Before kicking off Upstate Cancer Center's virtual NCSD celebration with Rosamond Gifford Zoo, the pediatric oncology team sends well wishes to survivors.



Kankakee, IL – Sporting their National Cancer Survivors Day® 2021 t-shirts, survivors Danny Tincher and Suzanne Ramsey (seated) commemorate their special day with a "Celebrate Life River Walk," surrounded by family, at Kankakee State Park.



Lakewood Ranch, FL – Event chair Dawn Moore (left) and two event attendees enjoy the day at Cancer Resource Network's "Celebrate the Music of Life" drive-through event, complete with live music and "gourmet to-go" meals.



Fort Wayne, IN - An event participant

places her ribbon on the board during

ana's 2021 Ribbon Walk on National

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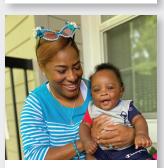
North Charleston, SC – Survivors and supporters show off their best hats at the Miss Cancer Warrior Organization's "Spring Time in Paris: We Have a HATTITUDE about Cancer" Survivors Day celebration.



Louisville, KY – Two-time non-Hodgkin lymphoma survivor Michael Patterson gets pumped before competing in a triathlon on National Cancer Survivors Day®.



Rochester, NY – Founder Lauren Spiker and board president and 13thirty parent Charlie strike a pose before 13thirty Cancer Connect's Annual Bandana Bolt 5k at Seneca Park on National Cancer Survivors Day\*.



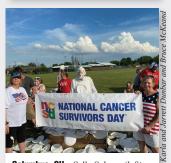
San Diego, CA - "Hear me roar!" says

spending NCSD at the San Diego Zoo.

11-year survivor Carol Dellinger as

she takes a selfie with a lion while

Jacksonville, FL – Seven-year cervical cancer survivor LaTasha Bostick spends NCSD celebrating life with her grandson and attending Cervivor's virtual Survivors Day event.



Columbus, OH – Sally Sobony (left) and board president Kim McKeand (right) hold the NCSD banner in front of founder Tony Sobony after he took 605 pies to the face during American Pie Party's annual Speed Pie event for Survivors Day.



Irvine, CA – Two-time cancer survivor Jennifer Pellegrin (center) proudly celebrates National Cancer Survivors Day® and her nursing school graduation in the same weekend. ▶



Meadowbrook, PA – One-year survivor Julie Perez-Cruz is dressed to impress for the National Cancer Survivors Day\* drive-through Celebration of Life hosted by Redeemer Health and MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper.



Roswell, GA — A true red carpet experience wouldn't be complete without paparazzi! Survivors and volunteers gather for a group shot at Wellstar North Fulton Hospital's "Survivors Are Our Stars" NCSD event.



**Kansas City, M0** – A colorectal cancer survivor in a yellow convertible brakes for a "strong arm selfie" before coasting through Gilda's Club Kansas City's Survivors Day drive-through event.



Valparaiso, IN – Infusion center staff and event volunteers Melissa Santostefano, Connie Moreno, Marman Campos, and Katie Cruz commemorate NCSD with a drive-in movie at Community Healthcare System and Cancer Resource Centre's Cancer Survivors Day event.



**Orlando, FL** – Four-time breast cancer survivor Terlisa Sheppard vows to make the best of every moment and celebrate life despite any challenges that come her way.



Poughkeepsie, NY – Nuvance Health Dyson Center for Cancer Care radiation therapy staff celebrate and uplift cancer survivors at the hospital's National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration.



**Elk Grove, CA** – *Hope Among Us* coauthors Rhonda Eyzaguirre, Jennifer Dresser, and Mari Guzman pose with Sonya Silva of the American Cancer Society before hosting a book signing for Cancer Survivors Day.



Stony Brook, NY – Stony Brook University Cancer Center staff paint rocks with inspirational messages and scatter them throughout the pinwheel garden to recognize National Cancer Survivors Day\* and celebrate the personal milestones of survivors.



Juneau, AK – Event participants proudly display the NCSD banner before Overstreet Park's bronze humpback whale statue while taking part in the Cancer Survivors Day Celebration of Life Walk hosted by Cancer Connection.



**Safety Harbor, FL** – Six-year cancer survivor Amy Bryant shows that there is life after cancer and it's something worth celebrating while posing in front of a beautiful butterfly mural.



**Oakland, CA** – Young adult supporters celebrate life and honor cancer survivors during the Walking to Live, Celebrating Life tobacco prevention and cancer awareness event hosted by The Healing Institute Global Network.



**Portsmouth, 0H** – Cancer survivor Bridget shares a joyous moment and receives an NCSD t-shirt from Dr. Inoshita during the NCSD drivethrough hosted by Dr. Inoshita and King's Daughters Medical Center.



Staten Island, NY – Staten Island University Hospital Northwell Health Cancer Center staff and volunteers gather to snap a photo during the National Cancer Survivors Day® drive-through parade.



Miami, FL - Catherine R. Connor, founder and president of The Dance of Life Inc., spends National Cancer Survivors Day® celebrating 32 years of survivorship with laughter, love, and dance.



San Juan, PR - San Juan VA Hospital staff gather for a group photo in front of their NCSD decorations showing their support for survivors during their annual Cancer Survivors Day celebration.



Annapolis, MD - Maryland Oncology Hematology honors and supports survivors with tables full of goodies, including resources, cancer cookbooks, pins, candy, and art cards, to enjoy at the NCSD event.



Eureka, CA - Hodgkins lymphoma survivor Barry Mendenhall (right) catches up with his friend and doctor Alan Schroeder (left) who treated him 52 years ago.



High Desert, CA - Cindy Lupica captures a photo on NCSD to remember the momentous day - seven years of survivorship, her 45th birthday, and the release of her new book.



Los Angeles, CA - Chef Ryan Callahan participates in a virtual "cheers" with cancer survivors and supporters during his mocktail demonstration as part of Cancer Support Community Los Angeles's Survivors Day Garden Party.



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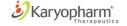




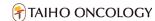












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