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## Celebrating 2023 National Cancer Survivors Day<sup>®</sup>



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# National Cancer Survivors Day® 2023

On Sunday, June 4, 2023, cancer survivors and their supporters gathered in communities around the world to celebrate the 36<sup>th</sup> annual National Cancer Survivors Day® (NCS D), to raise awareness of the ongoing challenges cancer survivors face because of their disease, and to celebrate life.



Coping® magazine is proud to be an ongoing national sponsor of NCS D. In cooperation with the National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation, Coping is pleased to provide you with exclusive coverage of NCS D 2023. Due to space limitations, photo submissions most representative of NCS D have been chosen.

National Cancer Survivors Day® 2024 will be held on June 2. Visit [ncsd.org](http://ncsd.org) for more information.

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**ON THE COVER: Greenville, SC** – Survivors give a rousing cheer at the Upstate Cancer Network and Greenville SC Cancer Survivors Park NCS D celebration, which featured interactive music, rock painting, fly fishing, yard games, music therapy, and a food truck.



**ON THE COVER: Sheboygan, WI** – Cancer survivor Rachel Darling (right) clowns around with her husband, Nate, and son, Otto, during the “Survive, Thrive & Be Fit” carnival at the Christopher Farm & Gardens, hosted by the Sheboygan County Cancer Care Fund.



Photo by John O'Boyle

**ON THE COVER: New Brunswick, NJ** – Cancer survivor Mike Botti (left) high-fives his oncologist, Dr. Kathleen Toomey, during the first pitch activities for the Somerset Patriots game as part of RWJBarnabas Health and Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey's NCS D event.



Photo by Susan Kahn

**ON THE COVER: Syracuse, NY** – Guests enjoy an evening of baseball at NBT Bank Stadium while cheering on the Syracuse Mets as part of Upstate Cancer Center's 26<sup>th</sup> annual National Cancer Survivors Day® event.



**Johnston, RI** – Three-year survivor Mark Signer (left), his wife Mary, and Phil and Eileen Kurcon don their official National Cancer Survivors Day® 2023 t-shirts before attending the Celebration of Life hosted by Citizens Bank.



**Carson City, NV** – Survivor Holly McGee (left), joined by Carson Tahoe Cancer Center staff members, celebrates winning the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy for her bubblegum pink 1959 Nash Metropolitan during the Cancer Center’s “Survivors Day Show & Shine” celebration.



**El Paso, TX** – Guests show off their dance moves at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “Give Cancer the Boot” Cancer Survivors Day celebration hosted by the Rio Grande Cancer Foundation.



**Madison, WI** – A young event attendee eagerly looks on as a balloon artist creates something special for her during SSM Health’s Cancer Survivors and Thrivers Ice Cream Social at Turville Bay Radiation Oncology Center.



**Toledo, OH** – Survivor Bradley Allan celebrates one year of survivorship at the “Hope Grows Here” National Cancer Survivors Day<sup>®</sup> picnic hosted by The Victory Center.



**Midland, TX** – Hope House Honeybees Sandy Ballard, Brenda Yowell, and Annie Fincher run the ribbon cutting table at the “Hope Grows Here” Cancer Survivors Day event hosted by the Permian Basin Gifts of Hope.



**Tucson, AZ** – Survivors and supporters enjoy the fresh air, along with a morning stretch led by fitness instructor and survivor Kristin Linne, during the Tucson Cancer Conquerors NCS D breakfast held at the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona.



**Soufriere, St. Lucia** – Survivors grab a photo after spending the day enjoying mud scrubs at Sulphur Springs, the world’s only drive-in volcano, as part of the Faces of Cancer St. Lucia National Cancer Survivors Day<sup>®</sup> celebration.



**Newport Beach, CA** – NAC Dragon Boat teammates Bruce Robertson and survivor Lily Conant enjoy a beachside potluck meal at the NCS D event hosted by Newport Aquatic Center.



**Mumbai, India** – Survivor Anamika Soni (front) and her troupe perform a celebration dance during Indian Cancer Society’s 14<sup>th</sup> annual UGAM National Cancer Survivors Day<sup>®</sup> event held to raise awareness and empower survivors of childhood cancer.



**Indianapolis, IN** – An event attendee is greeted by Indiana University cheerleaders at the NCS D event hosted by Healthy IU (Indiana University’s workplace wellness program).



**Decatur, GA** – Patrice and her son, Nathaniel, are all smiles as they honor their mother and grandmother during Shy Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church’s Cancer Survivors Day celebration.



**Calgary, Canada** – Survivors and caregivers hold up inspirational signs as they gather together for The Oladele Foundation and African Cancer Support Group’s National Cancer Survivors Day<sup>®</sup> celebration.



**Worland, WY** – At the Worland Senior Center, cancer survivors and supporters join hands in a circle of support and celebration during the “Bouquet of Hope” National Cancer Survivors Day<sup>®</sup> event.



**Oakland, CA** – Survivors and supporters pass under a purple balloon arch at the start of the Walking to Live, Celebrating Life tobacco prevention and cancer awareness event hosted by The Healing Institute Global Network.



**Georgetown, Guyana** – Survivor Alicia Vivien proudly displays her royal purple Survivor sash during the National Cancer Survivors Day® luncheon hosted by the Guyana Cancer Foundation.



**Rochester, NY** – Childhood cancer survivors and their families come together on National Cancer Survivors Day® to celebrate life at the Survivors Day Picnic hosted by C.U.R.E. Childhood Cancer Association.



**White Mountains, NH** – Nine Camp Casco "Camp Champions" pause at the top of Mt. Washington to celebrate summiting their 5<sup>th</sup> of 11 peaks in two days to raise money to support childhood cancer survivors in celebration of NCSD.



**Jensen Beach, FL** – Survivors display their finished paintings as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Pink Paradise Painting Party" hosted by the DTG Breast Cancer Support Foundation, Inc. to celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day®.



**Glen Burnie, MD** – Dandelions Flower Stand celebrates survivors by handing out flowers on behalf of the Tate Cancer Center at UM Baltimore Washington Medical Center during their "Stories of Survivors" NCSD celebration.



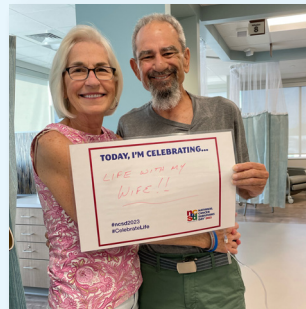
**Modesto, CA** – Survivors and friends gather to appreciate and move their bodies with instruction from Studio V, followed by a healthy and delicious brunch by Greens on Tenth, during the NCSD celebration hosted by Chemo Crew.



**Raleigh, NC** – Survivors show off their paintings during the Kimberly's Touch 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Paint, Sip, & Dip" National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration held at Spring Forest Park.



**New York, NY** – Chief medical officer of Tisch Cancer Hospital Dr. Cardinale Smith speaks to a room full of attendees during Mount Sinai NYC's National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration.



**La Porte, IN** – Survivor Dominic, with his wife, Mary Ellen, proudly shares what he is celebrating – "Life with my Wife!" – during Northwest Health – La Porte's NCSD celebration.



**Baxley, GA** – Endometrial cancer survivor Angel Gillette celebrates 10 years of being cancer-free – and her 48<sup>th</sup> birthday – on Cancer Survivors Day.



**Des Moines, IA** – Survivors Beth Day and Pam Kroeger, joined by their husbands, Kevin and David, take part in Above and Beyond Cancer's 25-mile bike ride to celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day®.



**Columbus, OH** – During Cancer Support Community Central Ohio's "I Will Survive" Celebration of Life, survivors, caregivers, and staff members dress in their best 70s threads while enjoying an exhibitor fair, lunch, and disco.



**Sugar Land, TX** – Former MLB player and cancer survivor Dave Dravecky poses with guests Luz Pena and Carolina Moreno after giving his heartfelt testimonial during the “Let’s Knock Cancer Out of the Park” NCS D event hosted by Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital.



**Pinehurst, NC** – Survivors and supporters join together to celebrate life at FirstHealth Cancer Center’s NCS D garden party.



**Dar es Salaam, Tanzania** – At the Ocean Road Cancer Institute, volunteers pose for a photo op before taking part in the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual National Cancer Survivors Day® walk and Celebration of Life hosted by the Shujaa Cancer Foundation.



**Dayton, OH** – Cancer Survivors Day attendees enjoy a wide selection of red, white, and blue treats at the Dayton VA Medical Center’s NCS D celebration.



**Spokane, WA** – Carol Dellinger, a 13-year breast cancer survivor, celebrates a victorious moment after conquering two mountain summits on National Cancer Survivors Day®.



**Plainsboro, NJ** – Penn Medicine Princeton Hospital staff take a moment to honor cancer survivors for their everyday heroism on National Cancer Survivors Day®.



**Berlin, MD** – Survivors and supporters look on as a tree is planted in their honor at the Healthway Drive Community Garden during Atlantic General Hospital Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center’s Survivors Day ceremony.



Photo by Kennedy L. Nix

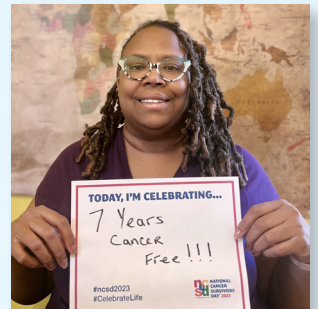
**Washington, DC** – Triple-negative breast cancer survivor Melanie A. Nix delivers a keynote speech during the virtual “Celebration Offering Hope and Solidarity” NCS D event hosted by the Institute for the Advancement of Women’s Health.



**Lincoln, NE** – Oncology team members Emily Wallace, Ryleigh Burns, Janice Ayres, and Joselyn Hayes show their support for survivors at the Lincoln Firefighters Hall during the Southeast Nebraska Oncology Nursing Society’s NCS D event.



**Las Cruces, NM** – Survivors Day attendees spark their creativity by making origami during the “Spring in Japan” NCS D celebration hosted by Memorial Medical Center.



**Highland, IN** – Breast cancer survivor Bisa Myles celebrates seven years of survivorship on National Cancer Survivors Day®.



Photo by Richard Hebbardt

**Juneau, AK** – The Yeas Ku Oo dancers perform for event attendees at the National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration hosted by Cancer Connection Alaska.



**Stony Brook, NY** – At the Staller Center for the Arts, survivors and members of their care team join together to celebrate life for Stony Brook Cancer Center’s Cancer Survivors Day event, which featured food, games, and a jazz concert.



**Columbus, OH** – Two-time non-Hodgkin lymphoma survivor and bone marrow recipient Michael T. Patterson commemorates National Cancer Survivors Day®, and his 55<sup>th</sup> birthday, by participating in a triathlon at Deer Creek State Park.



**New Bern, NC** – Event attendees share a joyous and silly moment during the “Hats Off to Survivors!” National Cancer Survivors Day® event hosted by Journey of Hope Cancer Support Fund and the CarolinaEast Foundation.



**Lowell, IN** – Betty Kender, an 88-year-old survivor, enjoys a ride in a golf cart from Jeanne Deyarmin during the “Journey of Hope” walk and celebration hosted by the Hope Center, a ministry of Lowell Church of Christ.



**Las Vegas, NV** – Survivors gather behind a “HOPE” sign filled with seeding paper and planter gifts as part of the carnival-themed “Hope Grows Here” National Cancer Survivors Day® BBQ with live music hosted by Relay for Life of Southern Nevada.

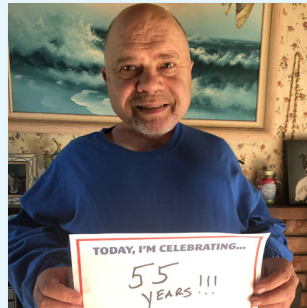
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**St. Augustine, FL** – A room full of cancer survivors take part in a chair yoga session during the National Cancer Survivors Day® event hosted by Flagler Health+ and Cancer Specialists of North Florida.



**San Juan, Puerto Rico** – Oncology clinic personnel grab a group photo at the San Juan VA Hospital’s NCSD Celebration of Life.



**Eureka, CA** – On NCSD, Hodgkin lymphoma survivor Barry Mendenhall celebrates 55 years of cancer survivorship.



**Kansas City, MO** – Prostate Network co-founder Steve Hentzen (right) poses for a photo with the Pets For Life crew during the National Cancer Survivors Day® event hosted by Gilda’s Club Kansas City.



**Durham, NC** – Lung cancer survivors and supporters celebrate at the “Groovin’ with Hope” Survivors Day celebration hosted by Lung Cancer Initiative.



**North Charleston, SC** – Breast cancer survivors Deryle e DeWese and Ylonda Nero don their best tea party attire for the “Tea and the Big C” NCSD event hosted by the Miss Cancer Warrior organization.



**Annapolis, MD** – Event staff and volunteers get ready to honor and celebrate survivors and bring awareness to the challenges they face ahead of Maryland Oncology Hematology and Wellness House of Annapolis’s 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Survivors Day celebration.



**Chicago, IL** – In Grant Park, runners and walkers come together for the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Cancer Survivors Celebration Walk & 5K hosted by the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University at Northwestern Medicine.

Photo by Abel Arcañega



**Roswell, GA** – Medical oncologist Dr. Nagender Mankan (left), breast surgeon Dr. Laura Pearson (center), radiation oncologist Dr. Mark McLaughlin (right), and executive director of hospital operations Raina Sanford (background) celebrate survivors during the “Cruising Through Survivorship Together” NCSD event hosted by WellStar North Fulton Hospital.



**Denville, NJ** – Cancer survivors receive Taylor Swift-inspired friendship bracelets during the Celebration of Life brunch hosted by Saint Clare’s Health.



**Wabash, IN** – Cancer Survivors Day attendees enjoy connecting with one another at the Wabash City Park Pavilion during the HOPE Foundation’s NCSD ice cream social.



**Hiram, GA** – Stage IV colorectal cancer survivor Jessica “Kitty” Morris (right) and her mother, Peggie Thomas, get up close and personal with a slithery friend from Land and Sea Exotic Pets during Wellstar Paulding Hospital’s “Cruising Survivorship Together” NCSD event.



**Torrance, CA** – A survivor and staff member pose next to an NCSN banner filled with inspiring messages while celebrating cancer survivorship during the “Festival of Life” Wellness and Education Health Fair hosted by Torrance Memorial Hunt Cancer Institute.



**Orange Park, FL** – Outside the Orange Park Town Hall, runners and walkers kick off the 9th annual Pink Ribbon Symposium Butterfly 5K Run/Walk.



**Oklahoma City, OK** – In Scissortail Park, dancers entertain event guests during INTEGRIS Health Cancer Institute’s National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration.



**Great Falls, MT** – Survivor Ashley Senter celebrates being five years NED (no evidence of disease) by putting her handprints on the wall during the Cancer Survivors Day celebration hosted by Benefis Sletten Cancer Center.



**Richmond, VA** – Members of the Second Baptist Church Southside’s H.O.P.E. (Harvester of Positive Energy) cancer ministry enjoy a worship service and health fair.



**Chicago, IL** – National Cancer Survivors Day® speaker and stage IV colorectal cancer survivor Stacy Hurt gives a toast to survivorship while attending the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) annual meeting on NCSD.



**Dallas, TX** – “Get ready to knock out cancer!” says two-time breast cancer survivor Robin Jones as she celebrates her strength and victory on National Cancer Survivors Day®, encouraging others to remember they are cancer warriors too.



**Brantford, Canada** – Event attendees enjoy door prizes, educational booths, and inspirational speeches during the “Empowering Hope” National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration.



**Las Vegas, NV** – Stage III colon cancer survivor and reigning Classic Universe Woman Robin Ross (left) celebrates Survivors Day and 20 years of survivorship by judging a pageant and sharing her story.



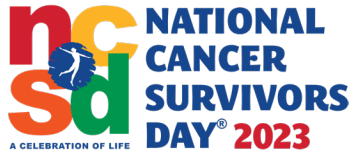
**Niles, OH** – Volunteers get ready to honor and celebrate survivors ahead of Mercy Health’s Cancer Survivor celebration at Eastwood Field where they’re hosting a picnic and enjoying a Mahoning Valley Scrappers baseball game.



**Crown Point, IN** – Participants gather for a group shot during the National Cancer Survivors Day® event hosted by Community Healthcare System at the Community Stroke & Rehabilitation Center Valori Kolarczyk Healing Garden.



**Chambersburg, PA** – Survivors Day guests enjoy NCSN speaker and breast cancer survivor Holly Bertone’s “Loving Yourself with Your Entire HEART” message during the Cumberland Valley Breast Cancer Alliance’s “Night at the Spa” Pink Ribbon Dinner.



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