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National Cancer Survivors Day® 2024



On Sunday, June 2, 2024, cancer survivors and their supporters gathered in communities around the world to commemorate the 37th annual National Cancer Survivors Day® and raise awareness of the ongoing challenges of cancer survivorship.

Coping® is proud to be an ongoing national sponsor of NCSD. In cooperation with the National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation, Coping is pleased to provide you with exclusive coverage of NCSD 2024. Due to space limitations, photo submissions most representative of NCSD have been chosen.

National Cancer Survivors Day® 2025 will be held on June 1. Visit ncsd.org for more information.

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ON THE COVER: Sugar Land, TX – Music therapist Ashley (center) shares a joyful moment with survivors and caregivers as part of the “United, Surviving and Thriving” National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration hosted by Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital.



ON THE COVER: Baton Rouge, LA – Mary Smith and her son, Jeremy, share a special moment together at the Celebration of Life hosted by Cancer Services, Inc. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church.



ON THE COVER: El Paso, TX – Survivor Pam Thomasson hits the dance floor donned in all pink during the “Give Cancer the Boot” NCSD event held by Rio Grande Cancer Foundation at Cielo Vista Mall.



A group of survivors and their supporters sporting matching t-shirts give a rousing cheer during the celebration.



Wake Forest, NC – Survivor sisters Rhonda Hicks (left) and Karen Shayne (right) pose for a photo with 85-year-old two-time survivor Brookshire McDonald (center) during AGEM & Consulting and Unconditional Her's National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration.

Runners Anthony Alston and Jeyrone Sabir share a playful moment before the Celebration of Life 5K begins.



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Downers Grove, IL – Oncology RN Kelsey and Radiation Oncology nurse Lili "Give Cancer the Boot" at Bhorade Cancer Center's Survivors Day event where attendees enjoyed local BBQ, line dancing, live music, bingo, and caricature art.

A young attendee enjoys shaking the paw of a therapy dog after getting her face painted.



Anchorage, AK – Event volunteer Jana Lage (right) honors survivors with a "survivor kit" during WomenListen, Inc's Day in the Tropics Celebration of Life at the Mann Leiser Memorial Greenhouse in Russian Jack Springs Park.



San Diego, CA – Non-Hodgkin lymphoma survivor Nancy and breast cancer survivor Yvette celebrate Cancer Survivors Day together alongside their friends and family.



Rochester, NY – Survivors and supporters gather to appreciate and move their bodies by completing a restorative Pilates flow led by instructor Julia, during the NCS D celebration hosted by 13thirty Cancer Connect at Lumos Infrared Sauna + Cold Plunge.



Richmond, VA – Johnnie Cave rings the bell following Second Baptist Church Southside's H.O.P.E. (Harvester of Positive Energy) cancer ministry's Celebration of Life, which included a worship service and health fair.



Kigali, Rwanda – Breast Cancer Initiative East Africa, Inc. founder and CEO and 30-year breast cancer survivor Philippa CK Decuir (center) and two medical students spread awareness and answer cancer-related questions at the WellFest NCS D event at Nature Kigali.



Oklahoma City, OK – In Scissortail Park, a young attendee enjoys a face painting session during INTEGRIS Health Cancer Institute's National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration, which featured dance performances and craft projects.



Photo by Michelle M Photography LLC

Pineville, NC – Pineville Mayor David Phillips greets cancer survivors and caregivers during the Cancer Survivor Tea NCS D celebration hosted by Benita Smith, with assistance from the Pineville and Charlotte communities, at the Belle Johnston Community Center.



Lincoln, NE – Cancer survivors Christine and Terry, who was also an event speaker, grab a bite to eat during Southeast Nebraska Oncology Nursing Society's Cancer Survivors Day event at the Lincoln Firefighters Reception Hall.



West Palm Beach, FL – A member of medical staff and cancer survivor walk arm in arm down the runway at the Good Samaritan Medical Center's "Surviving in Style" NCS D fashion show.



San Angelo, TX – Hodgkin lymphoma and squamous cell carcinoma survivor Tim Vasquez triumphantly celebrates his survivorship at the Shannon Cancer Center NCS D event.



Annapolis, MD – Event staff and volunteers get ready to honor survivors and bring awareness to the challenges cancer survivors face ahead of Maryland Oncology Hematology and Wellness House of Annapolis's Cancer Survivors Day celebration.



Photo by Kevin Morrow

Syracuse, NY – Seventeen-year-old Hodgkin lymphoma survivor Emily Rosenthal throws out the ceremonial first pitch at NBT Bank Stadium before cheering on the Syracuse Mets as part of Upstate Cancer Center's 27th annual National Cancer Survivors Day® event.

Event attendees enjoy a post-game fireworks show at NBT Bank Stadium to end the celebration with a bang.



Photo by Susan Kabin



Youngstown, OH – A cancer survivor and her guest share a joyous moment in the photo booth at the "A Night of Magic" NCS D celebration hosted by Mercy Health Cancer Care.



Oakland, CA – Event participants Alicia Hampton, Marva Mayes, and Kristen Trotter walk through a simulated colon during the Walking to Live, Celebrating Life cancer awareness event hosted by The Healing Institute Global Network.



Photo by Jeremy Garner

Fort Wayne, IN – Team #StrongLikeMax don matching pink glasses ahead of the Cancer Survivors Day Ribbon Walk hosted by Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.



Appleton, WI – Cancer survivor Yvonne Plekan (left) takes a celebratory walk with her daughter and sister to celebrate five years of survivorship and National Cancer Survivors Day®.



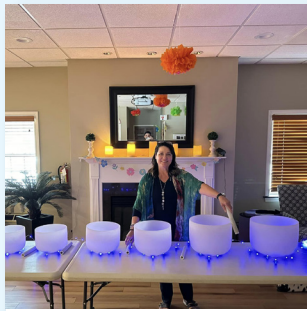
Randolph, NJ – An attendee proudly adds his colorful handprint to a canvas during West Morris Area YMCA's Celebration of Life, symbolizing the cancer community.



West Haven, CT – A group of superheroes (staff) welcome cancer survivor and veteran Fred Brown at the West Haven Veterans Hospital Survivors Day event.



Harlem, NY – Breast cancer survivor Wilhelmina Grant Cooper takes a minute to show off her official National Cancer Survivors Day® 2024 t-shirt under the colorful balloon arch ahead of SISTA AH Studio's Survivorship Sunday Celebration of Life.



Linwood, NJ – Gina Rollins demonstrates sound healing during a full day of health and wellness at the "Grow with the Flow" Cancer Survivors Day event hosted by Cancer Support Community New Jersey.



Photo by Kate Michaud

South Paris, ME – Co-founder Sue Craib greets cancer survivors and caregivers at the National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration hosted by Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine at King's Hill Inn & Barn.



Crown Point, IN – Tracy Hughes (left) treats cancer survivor Idelma Pescara (right) to a customized floral bouquet during Community Healthcare System's National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration held at the Valori Kolarczyk Healing Garden.



Photo by Tahira Brooks

Springfield, IL – Cancer survivor Erica Austin comes dressed to impress during the Lavender Life 5th annual Survivors Tea hosted by K.C. Moore at the Village Tea Room.

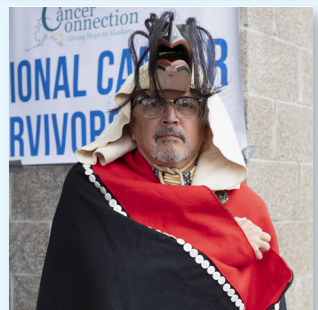


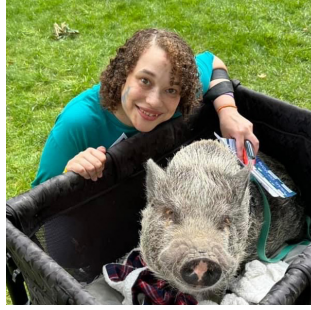
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Juneau, AK – Kenneth Goff proudly wears his uncle's regalia during the National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration hosted by Cancer Connection Alaska.



Evansville, IN – Cancer survivors gather together grouped by length of survivorship while attending the 7th annual Tri-State National Cancer Survivors Day® event hosted by Cancer Pathways Midwest.

An event attendee poses for a photo with therapy pig Teddy during the Celebration of Life.



Choseul, St. Lucia – Survivors enjoy time in nature at a protected mangrove and serve soup at Owen King European Hospital as part of the Faces of Cancer St. Lucia National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration.



San Diego, CA – Award-winning tennis coach and survivor Anna Hedden (center) spends the day at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park for Survivors Day with her husband and caregiver Scott (left) and her father and fellow survivor Viktor (right).



Durham, NC – Lung cancer survivors share a joyous and silly moment at the "Sunshine and Self-Care" Survivors Day celebration hosted by Lung Cancer Initiative.



Springfield, MO – Leukemia survivor Sophia Greenwalt and colon cancer survivor Cooper Aycock celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day® together ahead of their wedding this November.



Sarasota, FL – During Cancer Resource Network's "Celebrate the Music of Life" Cancer Survivors Day event, participants joyfully hit the dance floor.



Staten Island, NY – Event guests are greeted with a beautiful display at The Florida Cancer Center's "Living in Full Bloom" NCS D celebration hosted by Northwell Health.



Annapolis, MD – Survivors stop by the Sail Beyond Cancer Annapolis booth to gather resources and gifts during the Maryland Oncology Hematology Survivors Day event.



Roswell, GA – Breast surgeon Dr. Laura Pearson (center) takes a moment to connect with cancer survivor Mary (right) and her family member (left) in front of a garden backdrop during the "In the Joy of Living, Hope Grows" Celebration of Life hosted by Wellstar North Fulton Hospital.



White Mountains, NH – Camp Casco "Camp Champions" pause at the top of Mt. Jackson to celebrate summiting the 10th of 11 peaks in two days to raise money to support childhood cancer survivors in celebration of NCS D.



Sheboygan, WI – Cancer survivor Lisa (right) and Dan clown around during the "Survive, Thrive & Be Fit" NCS D carnival at the Christopher Farm & Gardens, hosted by the Sheboygan County Cancer Care Fund.



Calgary, Canada – Along with the Mayor of Calgary Jyoti Gondek (center), survivors and caregivers gather together for The Oladele Foundation and African Cancer Support Group's National Cancer Survivors Day® event.



Lviv, Ukraine – Event attendees hold up their hands and NCS photo-op signs in excitement while celebrating life in High Castle Park during LIVE NOW's National Cancer Survivors Day® event.



Mountain Home, AR – Survivor Dana Watterson and her niece Tanya Lewis celebrate finishing the Outrun Cancer 5K Race & Walk Survivors Day event hosted by the Peitz Cancer Support House of Baxter Health.



Mwanza, Tanzania – A group of cancer survivors and their supporters capture a powerful moment during the "Light Up Hope" NCS celebration hosted by the Nyota Colorectal Cancer Foundation founder Stella Herman (seated in center).



Eugene, OR – Eugene Emeralds mascot Sluggo and The Oregon Duck welcome guests to the planting station during the Oregon Cancer Foundation's "Hope Blooms!" Survivors Day celebration.



Covington, LA – Cancer survivor Debbie Wanko celebrates three years of survivorship while releasing a butterfly at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center's Survivors Day event.



Raleigh, NC – Event guests hit the lanes at the Stars and Strikes Family Bowling Entertainment Center during the NCS celebration hosted by Kimberly's Touch.



San Diego, CA – Prostate and lung cancer survivor Dixon Llanderal is all smiles with a furry friend during Sharp HealthCare's National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration.



Naperville, IL – During Edward-Elmhurst Cancer Center's "Hope Grows Here" Celebration of Life, cancer survivors were greeted with a "flower" display.



San Juan, Puerto Rico – A bone marrow transplant survivor plays the saxophone for fellow survivors and hospital staff at the NCS event hosted by San Juan VA Hospital.



Bradley, ME – Survivors and caregivers enjoy fellowship and a treat at Spencer's Ice Cream during the NCS celebration hosted by Purple Iris Foundation.



Spokane, WA – Carol Dellinger, a 14-year breast cancer survivor, commemorates NCS by hiking along the Spokane River in her official National Cancer Survivors Day® t-shirt.



Mumbai, India – Survivors give a group dance performance for the 15th annual UGAM Survivors Day celebration held to empower survivors of childhood cancer, advocate for survivorship issues, and create awareness of childhood cancer at the NCS event hosted by the Indian Cancer Society.



Orange Park, FL – A group of event participants don their finisher medals following the 10th annual Pink Ribbon Symposium Butterfly 5K Run/Walk.



Olathe, KS – Stage IV colon cancer survivor Alice Marshall celebrates her strength and being seven years NED (no evidence of disease) on National Cancer Survivors Day®.



Arcata, CA – Two young attendees pose for a photo with Crusty, the Humboldt Crabs mascot, as part of the Cancer Survivors Day hosted by Providence St. Joseph Hospital Cancer Program.



Rapid City, SD – A chef and dietician demonstrates how to make healthy smoothies at Monument Health Cancer Care Institute's Survivors Day event.



A group of attendees participate in a chair yoga demonstration during the Celebration of Life.



Dayton, OH – Members of the radiation oncology team greet survivors at the National Cancer Survivors Day® Walk and Vendor Fair hosted by the Dayton VA Medical Center.



East Syracuse, NY – An event attendee accepts a cookie during the Cancer Survivors Day celebration hosted by Hematology-Oncology Associates of CNY.



Philadelphia, PA – Cancer Support Community Greater Philadelphia is presented with a congressional proclamation and record during their National Cancer Survivors Day® event.



Ft Lauderdale, FL – Hospital staff Llemarli Duncan, Lydia Desravines, and Ana Tacher enjoy the ice cream social Survivors Day event hosted by Broward Health Medical Center.



Toledo, OH – Cancer survivor Jeff Heshley celebrates three years of survivorship with his wife, Midge, during The Victory Center's "Treasure Survivorship" National Cancer Survivors Day® event.



Uyo, Nigeria – Event attendees are treated to a celebratory dance performance during Only Believe Care Foundation's "Cancer Care, Uniting for a Cure" Survivors Day event.



Jeddah, Saudi Arabia – Event guests strike a pose during the King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Center's NCSD Celebration of Life at the Roshana Althahia Center.



Torrance, CA – Cancer survivor Kim McCormick dons a flower crown and sunflower umbrella while enjoying the Torrance Memorial Medical Center NCSD event.



Dallas, TX – Survivors are all smiles during the "It's a Sweet Life!" National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration at the Cancer Support Community North Texas Clubhouse.

Event volunteers enthusiastically dish up ice cream sundaes for survivors and their families.



Valley Glen, CA – Survivor Faye Serafin (right) takes a moment to celebrate during the Relay for Life Across the Greater Valley NCSD event hosted by American Cancer Society.



North Charleston, SC – Cancer survivors receive a gift basket during the "Beauty and the Colors of the Cancer Beast" NCSD event hosted by Miss Cancer Warrior Organization.



Georgetown, Guyana – Breast cancer survivor Sylvia Ann Dias and thyroid cancer survivor Nicola Schultz grab a photo during the National Cancer Survivors Day® event hosted by the Guyana Cancer Foundation.



Stony Brook, NY – Stony Brook University mascot Wolfie the Seawolf and a surgical oncologist greets cancer survivors and their supporters at the NCSN event hosted by Stony Brook Cancer Center.



Wauwatosa, WI – Survivors Rick Czaplowski (left) and Kara Vander Vliet (right) grab a photo in front of a colorful backdrop with fellow cancer survivors during the Cancer Survivorship Educational Health Fair hosted by Ascension Wisconsin.



Shreveport, LA – Breast cancer survivor Kathy Mansfield and her husband, Rick, celebrate her five years of survivorship during the Cancer Survivors Day event hosted by Willis-Knighton Cancer Center.



Pittsburgh, PA – National Cancer Survivors Day® speaker and stage IV colorectal cancer survivor Stacy Hurt raises a toast to survivorship on NCSN.



Greenville, SC – Survivors and their families celebrate with music and fellowship during the Upstate Cancer Network and Greenville SC Cancer Survivors Park NCSN celebration.



Kansas City, MO – During Gilda's Club Kansas City's National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration, event attendees participate in an instructor-led yoga session.



Annapolis, MD – Triple-negative breast cancer survivor and NCSN speaker Melanie A. Nix (second from right) spends Cancer Survivors Day reflecting and celebrating with her family.



Elgin, SC – Survivors Frankie Blanding, Daisy Brown, Anette Kendrick, and Zeathia Strong gather for the NCSN celebration hosted by the Color of Hope Cancer Care Ministry at Oak Grove Baptist Church.



Las Cruces, NM – Staff show off their "Wonderland Tea Party" outfits during the NCSN Celebration of Life hosted by Memorial Medical Center.



Midland, TX – Event guests write notes of hope to infusion patients during Gifts of Hope's "Hope Grows Here, Hand in Hand" National Cancer Survivors Day® event.



Winston Salem, NC – Survivor Mary Alice Johnson enjoys the festivities during the Survivors Day event hosted by Cancer Services, Inc., in partnership with Novant Health and Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist, at the Intergenerational Center for Arts and Wellness.



A group of survivors gather to enjoy music therapy with a drum circle led by Professor John Beck.



Dar es Salaam, Tanzania – His excellency John Ulanga, Dr. Julius Mwaeselage, Dr. Omary Ubuguya, and Gloria Kida welcome survivors and caregivers to the "Celebrating Life: A Cancer Survivors Brunch Event" hosted by Shujaa Cancer Foundation at the Ocean Road Cancer Institute.



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