

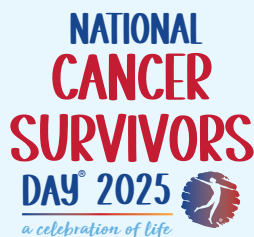
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National Cancer Survivors Day® 2025



On Sunday, June 1, 2025, cancer survivors and their supporters gathered in communities around the world to commemorate the 38th annual National Cancer Survivors Day® and raise awareness of the ongoing challenges of cancer survivorship.

Coping® is proud to be an ongoing national supporter of NCSD. In cooperation with the National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation, Coping is pleased to provide you with exclusive coverage of NCSD 2025. Due to space limitations, photo submissions most representative of NCSD have been chosen.

National Cancer Survivors Day® 2026 will be held on June 7. Visit ncsd.org for more information.

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ON THE COVER: Hiram, GA — Care team members — joined by Wellstar mascot Dr. WellBee — pause for a fun photo while honoring cancer survivors at the baseball-themed “Strike Out Cancer” NCSD event at Wellstar Paulding Medical Center.



ON THE COVER: Sarasota, FL — Two guests share a heartfelt embrace during Team Tony Cancer Foundation's National Cancer Survivors Day® gala.



ON THE COVER: Chicago, IL — A family of three joyfully crosses the finish line during the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University and Northwestern Medicine's 32nd Annual Cancer Survivors Celebration Walk & 5K at Grant Park.



More than 3,500 cancer survivors and supporters unite in a powerful show of strength and community as they gather for the Celebration Walk & 5K along Chicago's lakefront.



Ann Arbor, MI — Survivors and supporters come together for a day of “Healing in Harmony” at the NCSD event hosted by the Cancer Support Community of Greater Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan Health Rogel Cancer Center.



Balsam Lake, WI — Avid angler and Hodgkin lymphoma and esophageal cancer survivor Brian, who has been fighting cancer for more than 33 years, shows off his National Cancer Survivors Day® 2025 t-shirt.



Raleigh, NC — Cancer survivor Kathy and her mother and caregiver, Elsie, share a joyous moment during the “Hats Off to Survivors” event hosted by esophageal cancer survivor and EC Aware board member Jeff Thomas.



Las Cruces, NM — With faith and trust, and just a little bit of pixie dust, attendees of Memorial Medical Center's whimsical Survivors Day celebration flew off to Neverland where they were greeted by Captain Hook, Tinkerbell, Peter Pan, Tiger Lily, Wendy, and Mr. Smee.



Rochester, NY — Childhood cancer survivors and their families delight in a carefree day at Genesee Valley Park during CURE Childhood Cancer Association's National Cancer Survivors Day® Picnic.



Juneau, AK — Despite the rainy weather, the City of Juneau Pipe Band energizes the procession of cancer survivors and supporters along the final stretch of Cancer Connection's Celebration of Life walk.



Springfield, IL — Donning their signature color, guests of Lavenderlife Cancer and Lupus Foundation's 4th annual Survivors Day event gather in celebration, support, and strength.



El Paso, TX — Survivors and community members are captivated by a country-western dance duo two-stepping across the floor during the “Give Cancer the Boot” NCSD celebration hosted by Rio Grande Cancer Foundation at Cielo Vista Mall.



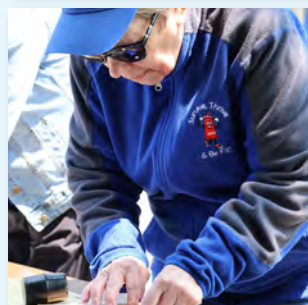
Spokane, WA — Carol Dellinger, a 15-year breast cancer survivor, commemorates NCSD by hiking to the Quartz Mountain Lookout wearing her official National Cancer Survivors Day® 2025 t-shirt.



Waimea, HI — Cancer survivor Tom Hulsey takes on the scenic yet grueling Ironman 70.3 Hawaii triathlon, proudly representing National Cancer Survivors Day®, embodying his motto — “Life is not a spectator sport” — and inspiring others along the course.



West Palm Beach, FL — A cancer survivor lights up the runway with strength and style while being cheered on by a member of her care team at Good Samaritan Medical Center's dazzling NCSD fashion show.



Sheboygan, WI — Cancer survivor Barb Bogenschutz creates floral-inspired art during the “Nature's Healing Ways” Cancer Survivors Day celebration hosted by the Sheboygan County Cancer Care Fund at the Christopher Farm & Gardens.



Middletown, CT — Proving he's “nacho average cancer warrior,” this survivor is cheered on by one of his biggest supporters as they take part in Middlesex Health Cancer Center's Walk of Hope to celebrate NCSD.



Sugar Land, TX — Celebrate good times! Cancer survivors fill the room with music, laughter, and movement during Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital's “Music, Dance, and Hope in Perfect Harmony” Survivors Day event at the Houston Marriott.



Photos by Syracuse Mets

Syracuse, NY – Upstate Cancer Center kicks off its 28th Annual National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration with a joyful Survivor Parade around NBT Bank Stadium, where the Syracuse Mets are set to take on the Buffalo Bisons. Survivors and supporters, including Upstate mascot Hero the Wolf and Syracuse Mets mascot Scooch, soak up the cheers during this moving pre-game tribute.



North Charleston, SC – Cancer survivor Zee Glover sets sail for a sunny Cruise Against Cancer, celebrating Survivors Day with laughter, music, and camaraderie aboard the Miss Cancer Warrior Organization's "SurvivorSHIP!"



New Bern, NC – There's no place like hope! Dr. Cho, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Carroll, and Dr. Gorman from the SECU Comprehensive Cancer Care Center invite cancer survivors to the Journey of Hope Cancer Support Fund's weeklong Wizard of Oz-themed NCSD celebration.



Photo by Jeremy Garner

Rapid City, SD – Survivors, families, and caregivers gather to Celebrate Life and embrace resilience as part of Monument Health's heart-felt and educational Cancer Survivors Day event.



Chicago, IL – Two-time cancer survivor Anna Hedden celebrates NCSD with Conquer Cancer and a cuddly therapy dog at the 2025 American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting, proudly representing the gynecological cancer community as both an advocate and a survivor.



Durham, NC – Lung cancer survivor Meredith Lundy and her husband, Clyde, delight in the beautiful bouquets, thoughtful gifts, and sweet moments shared at the Survivors Day Garden Party hosted by the Lung Cancer Initiative.



Indianapolis, IN – Pam Horton and Ashley Denton, RDN, LD, CLS, from Marion County Nutrition Services share nutrition tips and simple recipes to support survivor wellness as part of IU Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center's NCSD celebration.



North Las Vegas, NV – Theresa Weller, a multiple myeloma survivor, and her husband, Bobby, wear their NCSD shirts on Survivors Day to spark conversations and encourage bone marrow donor registration in their community.



Paris, ME – Local trio Just Because fills the King's Hill Barn with music as guests enjoy scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and delicious mocktails during the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine's NCSD celebration.



Houma, LA – At Terrebonne General Health System and Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center's "Adapting to Life as Cancer Survivor" NCSD luncheon, attendees take part in guided chair exercises led by certified athletic trainer Amelia Castell.



Dayton, OH – Just days before his 57th birthday, two-time non-Hodgkin lymphoma and bone marrow transplant survivor Michael Patterson lifts his bike high while completing a triathlon at Buck Creek State Park.



Fort Wayne, IN – Team Hope Hustlers beams with pride after completing Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana's annual Ribbon Walk to honor survivors and Celebrate Life on National Cancer Survivors Day®.



New Orleans, LA – Members of Touro Hospital's Oncology Supportive Care Team remind survivors that we are "Stronger Together" at Touro's Cancer Survivors Celebration sponsored by the Touro Foundation.



Photo by Dr. Romeo Mandanas

Oklahoma City, OK – Three-time cancer survivor Sheila May triumphantly rings the survivor recognition bell alongside her granddaughter Cressandra, commemorating her 38-year survivorship, during INTEGRIS Health Cancer Institute's Celebration of Life.



Stony Brook, NY — Stony Brook Cancer Center staff celebrate NCSD by greeting cancer survivors with fun giveaways, such as popcorn and pinwheels, and offering important educational information, including a spin-the-wheel activity with facts about survivorship, nutrition, and cancer screenings.

Stony Brook Cancer Center displays a pinwheel garden with inspirational messages to honor and celebrate the Center's cancer survivors.



Cambridge, MA — Keynote speaker Carly Fauth (right) and her student intern, Lucey Flanagan, are delighted to take part in the Survivorship Celebration Luncheon hosted by the Cambridge Health Alliance Breast Center.

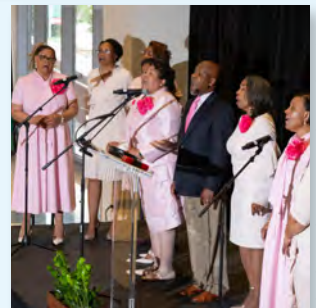


Alameda, CA — An exuberant trio enjoy the scenic trail at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline during the "Walking to Live, Celebrating Life" Survivors Day event hosted by the Healing Institute Global Network.



Oak Brook, IL — Cancer survivor and keynote speaker Norb, along with his wife, Nina, dress to impress for the "Blast From the Past" decades-themed National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration hosted by Advocate Bhorade Cancer Center at Oak Brook Manor.

Jacki, a Pfizer representative, and Cancer Center manager Nina Poulaki, "like, totally love the 80s" and honoring cancer survivors on NCSD.



Baltimore, MD — A Huber Memorial Church choir, directed by breast cancer survivor Janet Parrish, wows the audience with their soaring voices at Mercy Medical Center's celebration of National Cancer Survivors Day.



Mwanza, Tanzania — This young daughter of a cancer survivor joins other family members, cancer survivors, and friends at Sky Park Hotel for the "Resilience and Hope" event hosted by Nyota Colorectal Cancer Foundation.



Toledo, OH — Cancer survivors Julie Gunderson and Michelle Martin strike a pose at The Victory Center's arcade-themed "Level-Up at NCSD" celebration and picnic.



Eureka, CA — Survivors, caregivers, and community members savor an afternoon of baseball and barbecue at Arcata Ball Park during the Humboldt Crabs' opening weekend as part of the Cancer Program at Providence St. Joseph Hospital Eureka's NCSD celebration.



Lakewood Ranch, FL — Survivors and caregivers "Celebrate the Music of Life" in the beautiful ballroom at GROVE during Cancer Resource Network's 28th annual NCSD celebration and banquet.



Ottawa, Ontario, Canada — Members of the Canadian Cancer Survivor Network meet with Mayor Mark Sutcliffe as he makes an official proclamation recognizing National Cancer Survivors Day® in Ottawa.



Roswell, GA — At Wellstar North Fulton Medical Center's "Strike Out Cancer" NCSD celebration, Dr. Laura Pearson, Tiffany Phillips, RN, and Bridget Davis, RN, show off their team spirit.

Cancer survivor David Butler reconnects with his surgeon, Dr. Fiyin Sokoya.



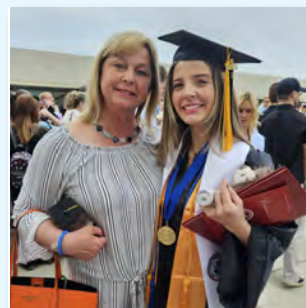
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Calgary, Alberta, Canada — Cancer survivors gather for a powerful evening of resilience, storytelling, and recognition at the NCSG Gala hosted by the Oladele Foundation and African Cancer Support Group, where Mayor Jyoti Gondek presents an official proclamation recognizing National Cancer Survivors Day®.



Paterson, NJ — Guests gather for St. Joseph's University Medical Center's "Speakeasy About Surviving Cancer," a 1920s-style NCSG event filled with roaring resources and ritzy fun.



Harriman, TN — Oligodendroglioma survivor Cayden Marie Grigsby and her mother, Chrysty Grigsby, celebrate her graduation from Roane State Community College, marking a powerful milestone in her journey through survivorship.



Dar es Salaam, Tanzania — Shujaa Cancer Foundation showcases the strength of women in cancer advocacy during its NCSG celebration, where volunteers donated food and toiletries to a childhood cancer center and the Foundation hosted a Celebration of Life charity walk.



San Diego, CA — At Rise Above the Cancer's NCSG celebration, event host and featured speaker Carolyn Gross (right), a 21-year survivor, joins Louisa Magoon, owner of The Grand Tea Room, as they invite survivors to afternoon tea with a side of hope and healing.



Crown Point, IN — During Powers Health Rehabilitation Center's NCSG event, Melissa Santosteffano and Marnan Branch decorate rocks as part of a survivorship project to add lasting beauty to the Center's Valori Kolarczyk Healing Garden.



Lincoln, NE — At the SE Nebraska Chapter of Oncology Nursing Society's 33rd annual NCSG event, survivors enjoy a light dinner, an educational presentation from Dr. Brett Grieb, and uplifting speeches by breast cancer survivors.



Georgetown, Guyana — The Guyana Cancer Foundation celebrates National Cancer Survivors Day® with vibrant energy, unity, and hope, honoring survivors and those who support them.



Chicago, IL — Inspired by the legacy of Betty White to live with laughter, creativity, and courage, stage IV cancer survivor Val DePaul takes part in Lurie Cancer Center and Northwestern Medicine's Cancer Survivors' Celebration Walk.



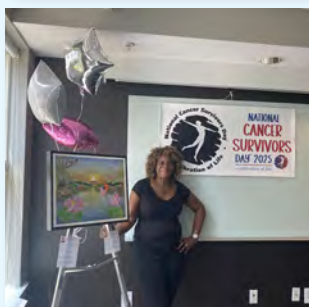
Norwood, NC — During worship at Norwood First United Methodist Church, survivors light candles representing their cancer types as part of a heartfelt NCSG tribute organized by Faith Community Health nurse Sarah Lee, RN, culminating in an anointing service.



Bowie, MD — Diagnosed with prostate cancer in March, Raymond Nix celebrates his first National Cancer Survivors Day® as a survivor, alongside his wife of nearly 24 years, Melanie Nix, herself a 16-year triple-negative breast cancer survivor.



Portsmouth, OH — Kristi Collins, RN, and Miss Ohio River's Teen Lexy Gullett welcome a cancer survivor with smiles during the drive-thru event held outside Dr. Inoshita's Office and hosted by the UK King's Daughters Oncology Clinic.



Salisbury, MD — Breast cancer survivor Doretha "Dee" Burrell returns to her hometown to host "Survivors / Strength / Sisterhood," a free NCSG workshop, urging her survivor sisters to "Believe in yourself!"



Ridgeway, SC — Faith Fighters of South Carolina honors, supports, and uplifts cancer survivors in the local community during a beautiful Celebration of Life held at The Farm at Ridgeway.



Photo by Artistic Binge

Oakdale, CA — Enthusiastic survivors and supporters hold their daubers at the ready during Chemo Crew's lively NCSB Bingo Games at Dying Breed Brewing.

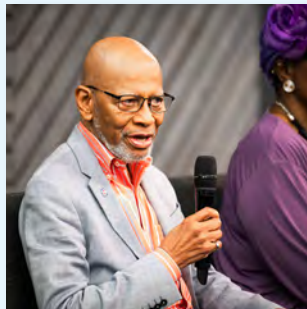


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Chantilly, VA — Prostate cancer survivor Lonnell Johnson shares a heartening message at Grace Covenant Church's Survivors Day celebration, reminding all that "cancer is not a death sentence."



Kansas City, MO —The KC Pink Warriors dragon boat team brings enthusiasm and energy to Gilda's Club Kansas City's vibrant NCSB celebration.

Gilda's Club KC event attendees dance exuberantly and Celebrate Life, capturing the triumphant spirit of National Cancer Survivors Day®.



Chicago, IL — Peer Plus Education and Training Advocates hosts its 8th Annual NCSB "Chat & Chew," featuring Alfred Lacks Carter Jr. (left), grandson of Henrietta Lacks, whose moving keynote honored her legacy and lasting impact on medical research.



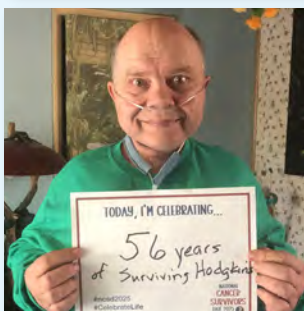
White Mountains, NH — Camp Casco's "Hikes for Hope" trekkers Marissa Fletcher, Amy Schade, and Sage McClure enjoy a scenic waterfall view while hiking the White Mountains to commemorate National Cancer Survivors Day®.



Yuma, AZ — Three-year breast cancer survivor Claudia Taylor and her husband, David, dress to impress at Relay for Life Yuma County's Survivor & Caregiver Gala, celebrating courage and resilience in the fight against cancer.



East Syracuse, NY — Hematology-Oncology Associates of CNY marks National Cancer Survivors Day® with celebrations across all three of its Central New York locations, recognizing survivors with smiles, gifts, and gratitude.



Eureka, CA — Hodgkin lymphoma survivor Barry Mendenhall celebrates 56 years of cancer survivorship on National Cancer Survivors Day®.



Memphis, TN — Cancer survivor and Gospel artist Sharonda Kay Mitchell shares her healing journey through music at "Melodies for Miracles," an NCSB concert supporting the West Cancer Foundation.



Bellmawr, NJ — Diagnosed at age 24 and having faced ovarian cancer twice, Ashley Steinberg celebrates 13 years of survivorship on National Cancer Survivors Day®.



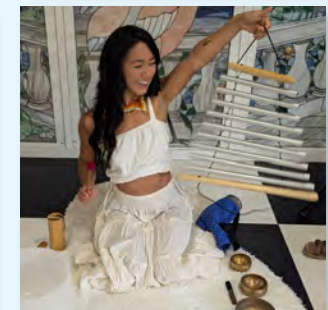
Appleton, WI — At Ascension NE Wisconsin - St. Elizabeth Hospital's NCSB presentation, keynote speaker and 28-year, two-time survivor Rick Czaplewski shares personal stories and practical advice with those navigating the challenges of survivorship.



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Greenville, SC — A woman enjoys a relaxing stroll with her furry companion during the National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration at Cancer Survivors Park.

With jubilation and affinity, survivors, families, and community members gather in Cancer Survivors Park as part of the Celebration of Life hosted by the Cancer Survivors Park Alliance and the Upstate Cancer Network.



Palm Springs, CA — Meditative sound facilitator Breeanna Torres leads participants in a healing sound bath, promoting relaxation and renewal, during Rise Above the Cancer's NCSB celebration at Shadow Mountain Golf Club.



Portsmouth, Dominica — The Dominica Cancer Society's Northern Cancer Support Group hosts a joyful seaside walk to celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day® in the Caribbean, aiming to be a beacon of hope, help, and support for cancer survivors.



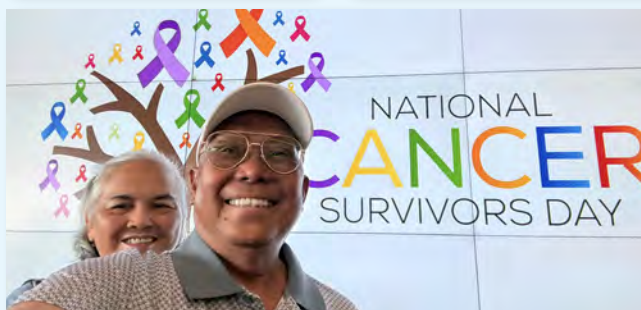
Rochester, NY — Cancer survivors and community members sweat for a cause at the 13thirty Cancer Connect x Burn Boot Camp Webster charity bootcamp in celebration of National Cancer Survivors Day®.



Brantford, Ontario, Canada — Attendees listen intently as two-time testicular cancer survivor and advocate Peter Laneas shares his story during the NCSD celebration and wellness expo organized by RonniesWellness4Life.



Detroit, MI — The H.U.G.S. Cancer Support Ministry at New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church gathers for its annual Survivor's Luncheon Celebration, heralding their theme of "Overcoming Cancer One Act of Faith At a Time."



San Diego, CA — Dixon Llanderal, an 8-year Stage IV prostate cancer and 2-year Stage IV lung cancer survivor, — along with his wife, Gene — celebrates healing and embodies joy at Sharp HealthCare's National Cancer Survivors Day® event.



Uyo, Nigeria — Only Believe Care Foundation hosts a two-day Celebration of Life, complete with a cancer walk honoring survivors, a "Community Care: Eliminating Cancer, Strengthening Survivors" symposium, and a powerful gathering of cancer survivors, dignitaries, volunteers, and community leaders.



Santa Maria, CA — Children enjoy the hands-on unity sand station during Mission Hope Cancer Center's first-ever National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration.

Event participants take to the dance floor during the celebration, which featured live music, food, cultural performances, face painting, and more.



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