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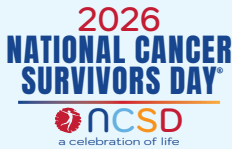
Celebrating 2026 National Cancer Survivors Day[®]



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National Cancer Survivors Day® 2026

On Sunday, June 7, 2026, cancer survivors and their supporters gathered in communities around the world to commemorate the 39th 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 NCSF. In cooperation with the National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation, Coping is pleased to provide you with exclusive coverage of NCSF 2026. Due to space limitations, photo submissions most representative of NCSF have been chosen.

National Cancer Survivors Day® 2027 will be held on June 6. Visit ncsf.org for more information.

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El Paso, TX – Sporting matching t-shirts, a lively group of survivors and their supporters “Twist and Shout” at the annual “Give Cancer the Boot” Cancer Survivors Day event hosted by Rio Grande Cancer Foundation.

Poodle skirts and a nifty-fifties vibe bring cancer survivors, staff, and supporters together for an afternoon of fun and friendship. A “Pink Lady” celebrates strength and survivorship during the celebrations.

Syracuse, NY – Syracuse Mets mascot Scooch and General Manager Jason Smorol congratulate cancer survivor Jack Webb (middle) after his ceremonial first pitch as part of Upstate Cancer Center’s 29th annual National Cancer Survivors Day® event.

A five-year breast cancer survivor enjoys an evening of baseball, along with a pregame survivors parade and postgame fireworks, at NBT Bank Stadium while cheering on the Syracuse Mets.

Photos by Susan Kahn

ON THE COVER



Dar es Salaam, Tanzania — Cancer survivors, caregivers, and staff celebrate life at Kijiji Beach Resort during an all-day survivors retreat hosted by Shujaa Cancer Foundation, where they took part in sporting activities, attended empowering sessions, and were inspired by heartwarming testimonials.



Brookfield, WI — Survivor Linda (right) and an event sponsor share a special moment of cancer education and support during Ascension Wisconsin Cancer Survivorship Program's "The Survivorship Village: Where Healing Continues" NCSO event.



Bethany Beach, DE — Abracadabra! Cancer survivors and their families experience a free National Cancer Survivors Day® magic show hosted by Dickens Arts Foundation at the charming Dickens Parlor Theatre.



Chauvin, LA — It's all-hands-on-deck at Coco Marina as cancer survivors, families, and friends gather for Terrebonne General Health System and Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center's Survivors Day boat parade.



Sarasota, FL — During Cancer Resource Network's "Celebrate the Music of Life" 29th annual National Cancer Survivors Day® event at the Grove Ballroom, participants enjoy a luncheon, photo booth, and a music performance by the band Encore.



Roswell, GA — Giddy Up! Oncology nurse navigators Kristina Nix-Gresham and Sarah Bentley celebrate survivors during the "Saddle Up for Survivorship" NCSO event hosted by Wellstar North Fulton Medical Center.



Oklahoma City, OK — In Scissortail Park, a friendly therapy dog offers up support to cancer survivors during INTEGRIS Health Cancer Institute's Cancer Survivors Day carnival.



Sheboygan, WI — Granddaughter Isabella excitedly awaits a ride on the Dairyland Express with her grandmother Sue, a cancer survivor, during the "Survive, Thrive & Be Fit" Survivors Day event hosted by Sheboygan County Cancer Care Fund at the Christopher Farm & Gardens.



Carroll, IA — Guests of honor Colin and Denny of Epic Experience join St. Anthony social worker Sheri and oncology nurse navigator Jessica for a photo-op during the NCSO event hosted by St. Anthony Hospital Cancer Center at the Swan Lake Conservation Center. The event included a waterfront opening ceremony, guided survivorship walk, campfire conversations, and a ceremonial bell-ringing celebration.

Survivor Dan Clayton rings the bell to cap off the event, one of the most powerful moments of the day.



Sugar Land, TX — Two breast cancer survivors share a joyful moment as part of the "One Team. One Goal, Kick Cancer" National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration hosted by Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital at the Houston Marriott.

Survivor LeAnn Alfrey and caregiver Robert Gillman make a powerful team as they kick cancer together, year after year.

Victory! Two-time survivor Yadira Pena and her caregiver husband, Roga Pena, are all smiles during this Celebration of Life.





Greenville, SC — 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 Upstate Cancer Network.

A young girl gets a fly-fishing lesson from Casting for Recovery Carolinas along Reedy River.



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A couple of event attendees cool off with refreshing frozen treats during the National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration at Cancer Survivors Park.



Arcata, CA — Cancer survivor and oncology RN Betty Cortes Garcia throws out the ceremonial first pitch during the 9th annual NCSD event held at the Humboldt Crabs Ballpark and hosted by the Cancer Program at Providence St. Joseph Hospital Eureka.



Mountain Home, AR — Cancer survivors Donna and John Urhammer joyously embrace life together during the "In Mountain Home One Fights Alone" Survivors Day celebration hosted by the Peitz Cancer Support House of Baxter Health.



Frederick, MD — Frederick Health brings its community together with powerful stories, heartfelt connections, therapy pets, and mindfulness exercises during its "Growing a Garden of Survivorship" NCSD event.



Chicago, IL — Peer Plus Education and Training Advocates founder Phyllis L. Rodgers celebrates 17 years of survivorship at the "Thriving and Surviving" Cancer Survivors Day event at Columbus Park Refectory hosted in partnership with Night Out in the Parks.



Fort Wayne, IN — Volunteer Willie Taylor (right) helps a Ribbon Walk attendee select a pin-on cancer awareness ribbon during Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana's Cancer Survivors Day event.



Ann Arbor, MI — A Cancer Support Community member and her grandson share a special moment during a Laughter Yoga session led by Bobak Bakhtiari during Cancer Support Community of Greater Ann Arbor's "Seasons of Survivorship" NCSD event.



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.



Oakland, CA — Survivors and supporters get out and move it at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline during the "Walking to Live, Celebrating Life" community walk and awareness event hosted by The Healing Institute Global Network.



West Haven, CT — Ahoy! VA Connecticut Cancer Survivors Day Committee members honor veterans and survivors during their "Cruising Through Survivorship Together" NCSD event.



Abuja, Nigeria — Staff from Gloria Cancer Foundation spend Cancer Survivors Day conducting important hospital outreach, visiting the local oncology department, and providing resources to the community.



Midland, TX — Both survivors, Sylvia Hernandez and event speaker Cathy Rodelo share a special moment during the "Hope Grows Here" NCSO event hosted by Permian Basin Gifts of Hope in their new space, The Honeycomb.

Survivor Debbie Gann and her husband, George, soak up the joy at this Celebration of Life.



Dayton, OH — Aloha! Dayton VA Medical Center staff warmly welcome cancer survivors to the "Healing in Paradise" National Cancer Survivors Day® event, which featured keynote speakers, a BBQ lunch, and educational resources.



San Diego, CA — At Rise Above the Cancer's NCSO lecture and tea, event host and featured speaker Carolyn Gross (standing), a 23-year cancer survivor, welcomes a cancer-surviving grandmother and her three-generation family at the Grand Tea Room.



Middletown, CT — A survivor celebrates one year of being cancer-free as she takes part in the 2nd annual Walk of Hope hosted by Middlesex Health Cancer Center at Beman Middle School.

A married couple, both survivors, lead the way during the Walk of Hope.



Leesburg, FL — Board Vice President Tanya (right) grabs a memorable snapshot with an event vendor during The Booby Trap Foundation's National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration at the Pennbrooke Fairways Community Grand Hall.



Chicago, IL — A therapy dog visits the cancer center lobby during the Endeavor Health, Edward-Elmhurst Healthcare "Hope Grows Here" NCSO celebrations, which included informational displays, giveaways, ribbon trees, rock painting, and a survivorship sticky wall.



Rapid City, SD — Event attendees enjoy a selection of healthy, festive drinks and snacks during the NCSO event hosted by Monument Health Cancer Care Institute, which included chair yoga, deep breathing exercises, a keynote speaker, healthcare panels, and a photo booth.



North Charleston, SC — Cancer survivors Zebrenda, Karmen, and Candance proudly show off their "True Cancer Warrior" plaques they received during the Miss Cancer Warrior Organization's "Night of Hope & Inspiration" Survivors Day celebration.



Plainfield, IL — A Cancer Survivors Day cake adds a sweet touch to this neighborhood party honoring cancer survivors who spent the day creating chalk art and celebrating life.



Stony Brook, NY — Stony Brook Cancer Center staff celebrate Survivors Day 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.



Crown Point, IN — Event staff and volunteers gather for a group shot during the National Cancer Survivors Day® event hosted by the Powers Health Cancer Resource Center at their new Cancer Care Center.



New Bern, NC — Staff and volunteers from Journey of Hope Cancer Support Fund and the CarolinaEast Foundation hit all the right notes during their weeklong Cancer Survivors Day celebration honoring survivors at the SECU Comprehensive Cancer Center.



Cambridge, MA — Cambridge Health Alliance staff celebrate NCSD by greeting survivors with fun giveaways, such as cookies, pins, and bracelets. Survivors were invited to fill out "Today, I'm celebrating..." cards, leading to an afternoon of love, laughter, and some tears.



Laurel, MD — Cherry View Park celebrates cancer survivors during its Celebration of Life, where attendees enjoyed guest speakers, a bake-off, games, and fellowship.



Kansas City, MO — Gilda's Club Annual Community Impact Award recipients Kara and Jordan Brown, of Mind Over Cancer Foundation, take a moment to celebrate during the 41st annual NCSD event hosted by Gilda's Club Kansas City.

A survivor strikes a victorious pose as survivors and caregivers come together for connection, support, and a Celebration of Life.



Uyo, Nigeria — Abidemi Omonisi, president of the Nigerian Cancer Society, joins volunteers in stretching before a cancer walk as part of the four-day National Cancer Survivors Day® Summit organized by Only Believe Care Foundation and NCS.



Atlanta, GA — Cancer survivors, caregivers, community supporters, and partners share a joyful moment at the inaugural Now We Thrive Open House for National Cancer Survivors Day® held at Global Media Studios.



Durham, NC — Cheryl, Claribel, and Greg share a vibrant moment of connection, encouragement, and community during the "Bee Happy!" Survivors Day event hosted by Lung Cancer Initiative at Mez Contemporary Mexican Restaurant.

Judy, Cheryl, Sharon, and Marie engage in a heartfelt conversation, reflecting the friendship, support, and lasting bonds formed through the survivor community.



Toledo, OH — Survivor Power! Candi Graciani celebrates 13 years of being cancer-free at The Victory Center's "Peace, Love & Healing" 1970s-themed NCSD celebration and picnic.

Survivor Pam Hoadley commemorates two years of survivorship in groovy '70s style at this Survivors Day event.



Annapolis, MD — Event staff and volunteers honor and celebrate survivors and bring awareness to the challenges they face at Maryland Oncology Hematology's 5th annual National Cancer Survivors Day® Celebration of Life.



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Abuja, Nigeria – A four-year-old survivor is overjoyed to be selected for an award at the Survivors Day celebration hosted by the Nest of Hope Advocacy and Support Community and Okapi Children Cancer Foundation.



Castries, St. Lucia – Survivors and loved ones hold a candlelight vigil at Serenity Park as part of the Faces of Cancer St. Lucia "Lighting the Path" Cancer Survivors Day celebration.



Stafford, VA – Event attendees take a break from line dancing to pose for a group photo during the National Cancer Survivors Day® celebration hosted by Pink Carpet Event at the Rowser Building.



Cooperstown, NY – Bassett Cancer Institute welcomes survivors and their guests to its annual NCSD Luncheon, which featured uplifting guest speakers, at Fenimore Farm and Country Village.

Acute myeloid leukemia survivor and former Bassett Cancer Institute employee Dwayne Durand speaks at the luncheon, combining his professional insights and personal experiences to offer passionate outreach to the community.



West Palm Beach, FL – A survivor shares a joyful moment with dedicated medical staff at the Good Samaritan Medical Center's NCSD fashion show.

Cancer survivors strut down the runway during the Celebration of Life.



Roswell, GA – Zion CanCare hosts a special National Cancer Survivors Day® luncheon honoring survivors and caregivers at Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

Luncheon guests share laughter, joy, and camaraderie during this Survivors Day celebration.



Nairobi, Kenya – These survivors are all smiles as they take part in the National Cancer Survivors Day® Walk hosted by the Kenyan Network of Cancer Organizations at Kenyatta National Hospital.

Just bust a move! A spirited dance break adds joy to this Celebration of Life.



Mexico City, Mexico – The Integrative Oncology Unit at the National Cancer Institute of Mexico honors, supports, and uplifts cancer survivors with informational sessions and wellness activities, including yoga and tai chi, at its Celebration of Life.



Yosemite National Park, CA — Tracy Rothrock, a cholangiocarcinoma survivor, marks National Cancer Survivors Day® with a hike in Yosemite National Park.



Syracuse, NY — Kelly Coffey and her daughter, both cancer survivors, stop for a photo with SUNY Upstate Medical University mascot Hero the Wolf during Upstate Cancer Center's NCSD celebration.



Newport News, VA — Joyce Davis, a non-Hodgkin lymphoma and Hodgkin lymphoma survivor, commemorates 33 years of survivorship on Cancer Survivors Day.



Winston Salem, NC — Breast cancer survivor Joan Lowder proudly celebrates five years of survivorship on National Cancer Survivor Day®.



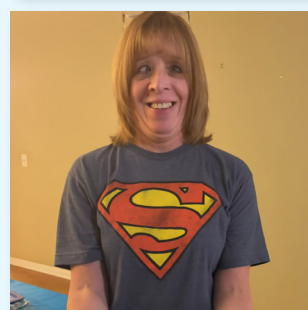
Vincennes, IN — Prostate cancer survivor, two-time non-Hodgkin lymphoma survivor, and bone marrow transplant recipient Michael Patterson doubles up the celebration by running a triathlon for both his birthday and Survivors Day.



Tampa, FL — Breast cancer and melanoma survivor Anita C. Arredondo, CNC, BCS, CHC, CMC, shows off her strength during the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Corporate Break-fast.



Orange County, CA — After shaving her head in solidarity with her fellow cancer warriors for the 20th time, stage III ovarian cancer survivor Brittany Barba strikes a pose under a colorful balloon arch for Cancer Survivors Day.



Clifton Park, NY — Cheryl Hutchinson marks National Cancer Survivors Day® with a message that literally takes the cake: "I kicked cancer's butt!"



Spokane, WA — Breast cancer survivor Carol Dellinger and malignant melanoma survivor Sheryl Storro celebrate 16 and 10 years of survivorship, respectively, by hiking along the Spokane River Gorge to commemorate NCSD.



San Diego, CA — Viktor Pantelejev, a five-year survivor of colorectal cancer, celebrates Survivors Day and his 80th birthday by trekking through the Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve and enjoying the views of the nearby gliderport and scenic coastline.



Chapin, SC — Cheers! Breast cancer survivors Deb Smith (left) and Toni Marden (middle) celebrate NCSD with a wine tasting and toast to survivorship alongside Deb's daughter, sommelier Jennifer Baysigner.



Providence, RI — Ten years strong, stage III+ ovarian cancer survivor Laurie Miner enjoys a "Cup of Healing" in style on National Cancer Survivors Day.



San Diego, CA — Lung cancer survivor Dixon Llanderal (left) shares a sentimental moment with radiology technicians Molly and Rachel, who cared for him during his treatment, at Sharp Healthcare's Cancer Survivors Day event.



Mwanza, Tanzania — To mark National Cancer Survivors Day®, this close-knit group of friends gather for a special evening out to share a meal and celebrate their enduring connection.

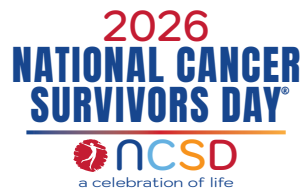
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Chicago, IL — A three-month survivor (middle), alongside her supporters, pauses to relish the moment during Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University and Northwestern Medicine's 33rd Annual Cancer Survivors Celebration Walk & 5K at Grant Park.

Two young event attendees show off their balloon hats during the Celebration of Life.



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