



Cancer Network Newsletter

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Helping Others Help Themselves

MAILING INFORMATION

Each time we create a Newsletter, we try to make certain our mailing information is correct. This saves CNSC postage and saves each of you from receiving a mailed Newsletter if you do not wish to have one. You may choose to receive your Newsletter a variety of ways: 1) You may receive your Newsletter in electronic form in an e-mail (reply to pln4278@blackfoot.net); 2) You may receive your Newsletter via USPS (reply to CNSC, P.O. Box 1311, Plains, MT 59859); 3) You may read it on the web (www.cancernetworksanderscounty.org), or you can follow us on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/cancernetworksanderscounty/). Check your address on the envelope and if it has a little red dot and we don't hear from you, we will remove your name from our mailing list – you do not have to do anything!

DONORS

Since our last Newsletter (11/01/17) CNSC has hit another mile-stone with the amount of money we have distributed as gifts! As of May 1, 2018, we have given **1102 gifts** for a grand total of **\$542,650** since we started in January of 2001. What a wonderful show of generosity from all of you. Do you know that at least 90% of that total amount of money has come from Sanders County residents? WOW, ½ million dollars!

In just the last month (April), we have given \$9,900 in gifts. Now for the 'rest of the news' -- the donations we received during that same period of time totaled just over \$350! We are still counting on your continued help in this matter. In addition to donations, CNSC will host several events throughout the year to bump up the bank account.

TAX INFORMATION

There have been several suggested changes from the IRS about charitable giving. You may have heard that your gift would not be tax deductible. We have learned, from a tax accountant that **your donation to CNSC is still tax deductible**. We are a registered 501(c)(3) organization and we exist on donations. Without your help, we would not be able to offer help to our Sanders County residents.

How can you help? Well, the obvious way is to send CNSC a check whenever you have a little money to share. You can also participate whenever CNSC hosts a fund raising effort.

CNSC BOARD CHANGES

At our quarterly meeting in February, CNSC votes on officers for the Board. This year there have been some wonderful changes! Please note and welcome the following Board: President, John Clark; Vice-President, Carol Brooker, Secretary Sherry McCartney; Treasurer, Kelly Von Heeder; Vice-Treasurer, Laura Lanfear; Webmaster, Newsletter and Facebook, Candy Reynolds; Newsletter, Kathy Miller, Betty Boehler, Steve Seilhymer, Joyce Dougan, Marcia Balich. Most of the names are familiar, we just changed jobs! Many thanks to all who have previously served in a different capacity and congratulations and thanks to those who have stepped up to take on new responsibilities. Lisa Read and Jen Strine have moved from the Board to the Helper List. If you are able, you too can be on the Helper List, just let us know (pln4278@blackfoot.net).

OUR MISSION

The Cancer Network of Sanders County is a non-profit community based organization providing support to Sanders County residents currently undergoing cancer treatment.

NEW APPLICATION FORMS

CNSC has made some very slight changes in the application form you fill out to get financial assistance. It now **REQUIRES A PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE**. If the form is not completely and correctly filled out, it will seriously delay the timeliness of getting your check. We must verify all the information and if it is missing, this process will be greatly slowed. Please make sure the forms are correct before turning them in.

You can get forms at all the medical clinics, financial institutions, Rehbein Ford, Northern Energy, Plains Physical Therapy, Mary Ann's Fabric Store, Home Health Employees, St. Patrick Cancer Center, Community Hospital Cancer Center, Kalispell Regional Health Center, Johnson Hardware (Noxon). If you have a problem, call 826-4278, or e-mail pln4278@blackfoot.net.

SPECIAL GIFT

When someone receives a gift from CNSC, Flat Iron Quilting Guild is supplying CNSC with beautiful lap quilts to give to them. Many thanks to all of the hard workers and to the businesses that help us hand them out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Skunk Alley Run, Hot Springs -- Homesteader's Days, June 9
 Sanders County Yard Sailing, Plains – Proceeds from the sale donated to CNSC June 22 – 23
 Fall Extravaganza, Plains – October 4

POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE FOR CANCER DRUGS

We recently came across a potential source of aid available to folks undergoing cancer treatment. If you will look at the following contact on the internet, you will be able to run through the criteria for eligibility: www.panfoundation.org. The information we have says, "The Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit pays out-of-pocket costs for underinsured people with life-threatening, chronic or rare illnesses, including some cancers." It won't cost you a penny to look it up!

<u>DONORS SINCE NOVEMBER 2017</u>			<u>IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF DONATIONS SINCE NOVEMBER, 2017</u>	
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**Cancer Network of Sanders County
 Memorial Program – Cancer Fund Contribution Form**

We have established a memorial program for those whom you wish to memorialize or honor. Your Special Person and Your Name will be acknowledged in the next Newsletter. Funds will go toward gifts to survivors undergoing cancer treatment.

Your Name _____

Your Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

In Memory or in Honor of (Name) _____

Send Cards to (with your special note): Please include address:

Send to: **Cancer Network of Sanders County**, PO Box 1311, Plains, MT 59859

Your contribution may be Tax Deductible