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## Douglas County Cancer Services Newsletter

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# Spring

### WHAT'S UP...

Board Meetings:

March 21, 2017

April 18, 2017

May 16, 2017

Volunteer Quarterly Meeting

April 18, 2017

### ABOUT US...

Douglas County Cancer Services (DCCS) is a volunteer driven, non-profit organization dedicated to providing support and services for Douglas County residents who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis and treatment.

DCCS has been serving Douglas County since 1989 and is a sole entity governed only by its volunteer Board of Directors. DCCS is funded solely through donations, grants and several fundraisers conducted throughout the year. All of the services offered are free to cancer patients, dependent upon available funding. All funds raised stay in Douglas County to provide financial aid, travel costs, food cards and nutrition associated with the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Volunteer opportunities are available. Contact 541-440-9409 for more information.

### ***4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Get Tee'd Off At Cancer Benefit Golf Tournament***

May 13, 2017 Douglas County Cancer Services (DCCS) will host the 4<sup>th</sup> "Get Tee'd Off At Cancer" Benefit Golf Tournament at the Roseburg Country Club. This event will host 120 (+ or -) golfers who through their registration and sponsorships help to fund the programs and services Douglas County Cancer Services provides to Douglas County Cancer patients.

DCCS has enjoyed great success with this tournament both with the participation by the community and the increased funding this event provides. If you or anyone you know is a golfer, please go to the DCCS website for online registration and/or payment at [dccancer-services.com](http://dccancer-services.com) or stop by the office at 2880 NW Stewart Parkway, #202 (Community Cancer Center), to pick up a registration form. Thank you for your support!



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### **OUR FEATURED VOLUNTEER...Karen Prowell**

Karen started volunteering with Douglas County Cancer Services (DCCS) November 2015. Karen shares her thoughts about volunteering at DCCS. “It brings me great joy! I am constantly inspired and in awe of our amazing clients who walk through our door. So many are in pain and going through a very difficult time yet they walk in with smiles on their faces and with a positive attitude. They encourage me to want to be a better person. Our group of volunteers are the best as well! We truly care about each person who we meet. I also want to add that we live in a very generous community in which through their donations we can assist many people. I am fortunate to be a part of DCCS.”

Karen also shared her interesting journey. When she was young she loved to read “Archie” comic books and in the back of the comics there was a list of names and addresses of kids you could write to from other countries. Jamaica was a place she thought sounded fun so she chose a pen pal from there. This was in 1962.

“I was excited to receive my first letter from a girl named Maureen. We began what has become a 54-year journey of writing to one another. We have never met but I feel as if I know “Mo” and her family quite well.” Maureen moved to London, England to attend University to become a nurse. While there she met Horst Roller who was from Germany and studying to become a lawyer. After they received their degrees they married and moved to Germany from England to begin working and raising their family. They have 3 children, including a set of twins.

Karen’s biggest dream in life was to meet Maureen in person. This past Christmas she found her dream was about to come true. Her son Dustin, who is in the Air Force and stationed in Turkey presented her with the gift of a trip to meet Maureen. The bonus is that both Dustin and her Daughter Jessie will be going with her.

Karen says “I find myself in a state of disbelief that this is really going to happen. I contacted my pen pal and she is as excited as I am. I am humbled and blessed for this adventure and cannot wait to give her a long-awaited hug!”



Karen Then



And Now



Mo Then



And Now

Thank you, Karen, for all you do for DCCS. You and all our volunteers are vital to our success in helping the cancer patients of Douglas County.



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### **WHAT WE DO...**

#### **Where the Money Goes.....**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2017 (Year to Date)**

**Nutrition provided to cancer patients**

**\$ 10**

**Gas cards to patients for transportation**

**\$ 6,100**

**Food Cards to patients for groceries**

**\$ 4,900**

**Financial aid to patients (rent, utilities, misc.)**

**\$21,175**

**Total**

**\$32,185**

Douglas County Cancer Services (DCCS) is experiencing a tremendous increase in requests for support and services from Douglas County residents who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis and treatment.

The Board of Directors has been providing leadership to ensure the funding is available to support the programs that are so very important to cancer patients. In the year ending May 2016, total program dollars spent was \$26,890. As shown above, the program dollars provided is \$32,185 for nine (9) months ending fiscal year 2017. With three (3) months to go in this fiscal year, DCCS will far exceed any of the 28 years in existence.

We are very proud of the progress we have made in assisting more cancer patients in Douglas County. DCCS assists in easing the financial burden of a cancer diagnosis and treatment and hopefully aid these patients in their healing by relieving their financial stress. If you or anyone you know is in need of the support and services DCCS provides, please contact us or go to our website at [dccancerservices.com](http://dccancerservices.com)

As shown by the increase, the need for continued funding is evident. Please support our fundraising events or donate to DCCS in memory of a loved one or friend. We thank you for your support!



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### HOW YOU CAN HELP...

#### Fred Meyer Community Rewards

DCCS is enrolled in the **Fred Meyer Community Rewards program**. This is a new way for local non-profits to receive donations from Fred Meyer Stores. This program puts control of our community's donations into the hands of Fred Meyer customers. The Fred Meyer Community Rewards will donate up to \$625,000 per quarter to non-profit organizations throughout Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Fred Meyer customers can help earn money for their favorite non-profit simply by shopping at Fred Meyer with their Rewards Card. Here's how it works: DCCS supporters will be able to go online at [FredMeyer.com](http://FredMeyer.com) > [Company Information](#) > [Community Programs](#) > **Community Rewards** and link their Rewards Card to our organization.

You will continue receiving the Rewards Points, Rebates and Fuel Points but in addition, your shopping will also help earn donations from Fred Meyer for Douglas County Cancer Services when linked to your rewards card. At the end of each quarter, Fred Meyer Stores will make contributions based on your shopping. Thank you all for your support and please pass this along to your friends and family.

#### AmazonSmile

**AmazonSmile** is a simple and automatic way for you to support Douglas County Cancer Services (DCCS) every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to DCCS. To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). On your first visit to AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), you need to select Douglas County Cancer Services to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Your selection will be remembered, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation. Thank you for participating in AmazonSmile and for supporting Douglas County Cancer Services.

#### Douglas County Cancer Services

Douglas County Cancer Services gratefully accepts community donations and donations made in the memory of loved ones. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please go to <http://www.dccancerservices.com/giving.html> or you may mail in a donation to: Douglas County Cancer Services, 2880 NW Stewart Parkway #202, Roseburg, OR 97471. Thank you for your support.



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