CARE & SHARE NEWSLETTER

October 2023

Local Services • Local Support



Cindy Feist Executive Director

October Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October, this is the month that Women Supporting Women looks forward to the most every year. As you will see from this edition of our Care & Share Newsletter, we are extremely busy. This is the time of year when everything goes "Pink" for breast cancer awareness month; from sports teams wearing pink socks, jerseys, and hats to employees at businesses for "Pink Out" Fridays.

Pink Ribbons seen around town during October is recognized by most people as the breast cancer symbol. It is also a time to fundraise for someone that you know, family member, spouse, friend/friends that have been diagnosed with this disease.

For Women Supporting Women, it is **OUR** time. Yes, to raise those much-needed dollars, to help us with our mission, but to also bring awareness, education, and understanding of breast cancer to our LOCAL community. Did you know, the American Cancer Society states 30% (or 1 in 3) of all new female cancers each year are breast cancers. In 2023 approximately 5,760 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in Maryland, a statistic that WSW would like to see eliminated. Until that time, our office doors are open to anyone diagnosed, with breast cancer, men or women, and offer mentoring services to help you through your breast cancer journey, support groups, loaner recliner chairs for after double mastectomy surgery, wigs, hats, scarves, and lots of support or hugs given freely.

October, and beyond, Women Supporting Women will be here for you or someone you love. During this time, please consider donating to help Women Supporting Women in fulfilling our mission. Should the time come that you or someone you know needs us, please remember Women Supporting Women; for Local Services and Local Support.

JOIN US

22nd Annual Walk for Awareness Saturday, October 21st Christian Community Center on Gordy Road in Salisbury

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Nutritional Information

Easy Potato Soup!

This potato soup is simple to make. The flavor and texture can help when you have taste changes or an upset stomach but can also be enjoyed when you're feeling great. Bone broth is as mild as chicken or vegetable broth but with more protein, for those days when you need

Ingredients:

- 1 baking potato
- 2 cups bone broth

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Bake potato for 30 minutes, or until flesh gives slightly when squeezed. Let the potato cool, then remove skin.

- 2. Bring broth to a boil.
- 3. Carefully combine the potato and bone broth in a blender and puree until smooth. Serve warm.

Nutritional Information:

Calories: 91calories Carbohydrates: 13g Cholesterol: 0mg Fat: Og Fiber: 1g Protein: 10g Saturated Fat: Og Sodium: 83mg

October Support Groups







WSW Upcoming Events

"Your Healthiest You" Integrative Health and Wellness Conference

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH 2023 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.



OAK RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH 347 TILGHMAN RD - SALISBURY, MD 21804

\$10.00 PER PERSON

Learn about alternative health and exercising made fun with Olympia Fitness. All topics on breakout sessions are available on the Eastern Shore!

Wear Athletic Clothing to Enjoy Sample Fitness Classes

Keynote Speaker, Marcy Brenner is a polished performing songwriter, recording artist & author. Marcy will be speaking on the "Unexpected Gifts"

REGISTER ONLINE OR CALL: WOMENSUPPORTINGWOMEN.ORG / 410-548-7880

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Staff Update





Women Supporting Women welcomes Raven Cook, who will be interning at the WSW office! Raven is a Marylander attending Salisbury University, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Communications and a minor in English. Raven enjoys thrifting clothes, cooking, and listening to classic rock in her free time.



Fun 3 facts about Raven:

- 1. Has complete heterochromia.
- 2. Obsessed with all things vintage.
- 3. Loves documentaries and video essays.

Community Support

Thank You to Our "Boom Boom 4 Boobies" Sponsors



<u>Community Support—Continued</u>

Congratulations to Boom Boom 4 Boobies Winners!



1st Place Women : Jamie Tonge

1st Place Man: Rodney Nelson

Boobie Prize: Debbie Bender

Thank you to everyone who participated in this first Annual "Boom Boom 4 Boobies" Clay Shooting Event on Saturday, September 16th at Delmarva Sporting Clays. All funding raised from this event will help WSW provide those survivors who have been diagnosed with free programs and services to help them through their journey.

If you see any of our WINNERS from this event, please give them a huge shout out! Those individuals who participated seemed to have a great time and showed WSW their skills in clay shooting. We Look forward to seeing you all again next year!



1st Place Team: Justin Firth, Jeff Chery, Rodney Nelson, Matt Ozman

WSW Upcoming Events



IN MEMORY OF / IN HONOR OF SIGN PURCHASE

PURCHASE A 12" x 18" SIGN Sign are a great way to support or remember a friend or loved one.

Donor Name:

Address:

City/ State/ Zip:

Phone:

Email:

In Honor of:

From:

Number of Signs: _____ (one name per sign) Cost per sign : \$30.00

Amount enclosed: \$

COMPLETED FORM FOR SIGNS MUST BE

RETURNED TO WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN BY <u>SEPTEMBER 14, 2023</u>

TROPHIES AWARDED TO:

- 1ST, Place Individual Fundraisers
- 1st, Place Team Fundraisers
- ♦ Largest Team

Gift card for oldest WSW walk T-shirt

Gift Card for best decorated T-shirt

Pick up a team packet to get started on fundraising today!

REGISTRATION FORM

Team Name: ______ Team Captain: ______ Name: ______ Address: ______ City/State/Zip: ______ Phone: ______ Email: ______ (Check one): Supporter Survivor PRIZE FOR OLD- EST WSW WALK T-SHIRT PRIZE FOR BEST DECORATED T-SHIRT Registered walkers will receive a drawstring bag ______\$20.00 Walker ______\$5.00 Canine Companion Registration ______Additional Contribution

WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED

RELEASE: In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I myself, my personal perspectives and assigns do hereby release and discharge Women Supporting Women, and other sponsors, of all liability, claims, damages, demands, actions and cause of actions whatsoever in any manner arising out of my participation in said athletic event. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risk involved in this event, that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event. I understand that by signing this release I am giving up substantial legal rights, including injuries or damages which I may incur during or as a result of this event. I grant full permission for organizers to use photographs of me and quotations from me in legitimate accounts and promotions of this event.

Signature/Parent or Guardian

Date

(Parent's signature required for anyone under 18 years of age)

Please mail form or drop off with payment to; Women supporting Women 1320 Belmont Avenue, Suite 402 Salisbury, MD, 21804 410-548-7880 Or fax to; 410-548-7535 Registration can also be completed online at:

Www.womensupportingwomen.org

Upcoming 3rd Party Events



Peninsula Dressage presents:

The Fifteenth Annual Dressage Schooling Show To Benefit Women Supporting Women

- C Saturday October 7, 2023
- C WinAway Farm, Willards, MD
- ⊂ All Riders & Horses Welcome: Any age/Any Breed/Any Level!
- Riders & Horses are Encouraged to Wear Pink; Formal Show Attire not Required!

Sponsor the show & get your business name out to the community!

Get Your Name/Business Name in:

- C Peninsula Dressage Newsletter
- C Women Supporting Women Newsletter

Sponsorship Levels

- ⊂ Prix St. Georges \$25
- Intermediare \$26 to \$100
- Grand Prix \$100 + includes a business card ad (monetary donations only) in Peninsula Dressage Club Newsletter!

Prize for individual raising the most money!

Bring your horse and join us in the show to ride and support this important cause!

For more information about donations contact: Amy Schine, <u>amys@geried.com</u> 410-430-8267

For show information contact: Jenny Mlyniec, <u>odeon_tamuro@yahoo.com</u> (443) 880-8439

Mentoring Minute

Supporting a Friend or Family member who has Cancer

When a friend or a family member is diagnosed with cancer. The first thing we ask is what can I do to help? Most of the time the response is I don't know. Or there is already a mind set of "I don't want to burden you or anyone else with this". It is overwhelming for those who are diagnosed with cancer. It can be overwhelming when friends and family members ask nonstop of what can I do to help? So, what is the best way to support a friend or a family member during this unwanted journey? First, as a friend or family member, consider taking a step back to process your own feelings. You may be feeling a lot of different emotions once you hear the news. Taking the time to acknowledge and cope with your own emotions before seeing or talking to them. Then you can regroup and focus on your friend/loved one during this difficult time.

It's important to remember that there are no set rules, and every relationship is different. Be sure to think about your unique dynamic and let that guide you as you try to support your friend or loved one. Keep it simple. Remember that it is often the little things that mean the most.

- Ask permission. Before visiting, giving advice, and asking questions, ask if it is welcome. Be sure to make it clear that saying no is perfectly okay.
- **Make plans.** Do not be afraid to make plans for the future. This gives your friend something to look forward to, especially important because cancer treatment can be long and tiring.
- **Be flexible.** Make flexible plans that are easy to change in case your friend needs to cancel or reschedule. The effects of cancer can be unpredictable.
- Laugh together. Be humorous and fun when appropriate and when needed. A light conversation, a funny story, or a silly video or meme can make a friend's day.
- Allow for sadness. Do not ignore uncomfortable topics or feelings if they come up. You may not be able to fix it, but you can provide comfort by just being with them. This may be called "holding space."
- **Check in.** Make time for a check-in phone call or text message. Your friend can respond to your outreach when they feel up to it.
- Offer to help. Many people find it hard to ask for or accept help, but your friend will likely appreciate the offer. Offer specific things you can help with, such as childcare, pet care, a ride to an appointment, or preparing a meal. If your friend declines the offer, do not take it personally. (They are trying to navigate through this to the best of their ability).
- Follow through. If you commit to helping them, it is important that you follow through on your promise.
- **Treat them the same.** Try not to let your friend's cancer get in the way of your friendship. As much as possible, treat them the same as you always have.
- **Talk about topics other than cancer.** Ask about their interests, hobbies, and other topics not related to cancer. Come ready to talk to them about something unrelated to cancer. People going through treatment often need a break from talking about the disease.
- Read their blog, web page, or group emails. Some people living with cancer choose a main avenue of communication to keep their support network updated. This can be writing a blog or social media page about their experience in detail that they can share with friends and family. Or a family member will post updates to a personal web page or send a group email or text. Stay current with these updates so that your friend does not have to repeat experiences or information multiple times. These updates are also a great way to start a conversation and show that you care about what they are experiencing.

Resource provided by Cancer.Net: https://www.cancer.net/supporting-friend-who-has-cancer

Save The Date!



Tickets Available Starting October 1st!

Joke of the Month

So if a cow doesn't produce milk, is it a Milk Dud Or an Udder Failure?



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Emma Dixon

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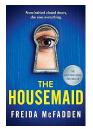
<u>\$1,500 +</u> Airport Self Storage Pepsi Bottling Ventures



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The Housemaid by Freida McFadden



Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid



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