

Stress in Uncertain Times

As if breast cancer survivors don't have enough to worry about, here comes COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Breast cancer brought many difficult decisions into your life. Now the coronavirus brings with it many changes and uncertainty along with altered daily routines, additional financial burdens and social isolation. All of us who live in Maryland have been under our Governor's Stay at Home Directive since the end of March along with many other states. Sometimes, it feels even longer and the anxiety begins.

During a normal year, many of us experience stress and anxiety. During this unprecedented time, stress, anxiety, fear, sadness and loneliness become even more heightened. Know that WSW's staff is still here for you. Not in our physical building, but in our homes just like you and are thinking about how we can help you now, creating new programs and services to put in place. Waiting for the time that we'll be able to see each other again, with or without face masks.

In the meantime, here are some self-care strategies to help you through:

- 1. **Take care of your body** get enough sleep, participate in some type of regular physical activity (see page 4 for our **Virtual** Walk), eat healthy (See WSW's new grant below) and limit electronic devices especially before bed.
- 2. **Take care of your mind** keep a regular routine, limit the amount of news media, stay busy (try a new hobby), focus on positive thoughts, or start a gratitude journal.
- 3. Connect with others (Responsibly) email, text, phone or FaceTime people you are missing. Share your coping skills with them. Elderly family members and neighbors will appreciate this connection as well.

Remember, we are all in this together and we will make it through to the other side to a new normal. Until then, stay home, stay safe and be well.

Cindy Feist, Executive Director

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Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore Awards WSW Meal Prep & Delivery Service Grant

To alleviate stress for a few of our survivors currently going through breast cancer treatment, WSW has received a grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. The grant will allow WSW to provide two meals a day for three days a week to be prepared and delivered directly to the survivor's home for two weeks, so they are able to focus on Recovery. Staying home and staying safe. Families of the survivors will also receive a \$30 gift card to a local grocery store to help with other food expenses.

With support from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Women Supporting Women will be providing prepared meals to a total of 12 survivors over an eight-week period. WSW is thankful for the Community Foundation's support during this difficult time.

If you are a breast cancer survivor, currently going through breast cancer treatment and are in need of food assistance, please contact WSW at 410-548-7880 or email Wicomico@womensupportingwomen.org



Welcome WSW New Employees!



John Rankin has joined Women Supporting Women as the new Grant Manager, where he will develop grant applications and identify new grant sources to increase annual grant income. Rankin is a professional writer with 35 years of experience writing for businesses and magazines. He has written business publications, grant applications, proposals, reports, requests-for-proposals (RFPs), marketing materials and website content. His career accomplishments include 52 stories published in upscale magazines, and being selected twice to serve as a National Judge for an annual nationwide communications contest. His letters to the editor have been published in the Washington Post (twice) and Money magazine.

Rachel Manning has recently joined the staff of Women Supporting Women as the PR & Marketing Director. She will be working with us on a part-time basis to promote WSW within the community and assist with fundraising efforts. Rachel comes to us with more than 10 years of sales and marketing experience and is a graduate of Salisbury University. She is excited to be part of the WSW team.





Upcoming events:





Look for this event May 2021!!!

The Art League of Ocean City 502 94th St. Ocean City, MD 21842

Themes: "All Things Maryland" or Breast Cancer Message

Take the 2 Million Steps Challenge!



JOIN THE MOVEMENT AS WSW SURVIVORS, FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS WALK TO REACH 2 MILLION STEPS IN JUNE!

Use fitness tracker app MapMyWalk and post your progress to #WSW2Mil2020 on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram by June 30th

REGISTER AT WWW.WOMENSUPPORTINGWOMEN.ORG

Show your support by wearing a custom WSW clothing item when posting your progress! Purchase at www.bonfire.com/2020-wsw-walk-for-awareness

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Exercise during COVID-19

Here's How to Safely Exercise Outside During the Coronavirus Pandemic

Whether you're aching to run for miles or simply want to walk around the neighborhood, getting outside is still likely to do you more good than harm, even during the COVID-19 outbreak.

- Go ahead and venture outside.
 - -Yes, it's still perfectly safe to step outside and get moving in most places, provided that you're healthy and aren't part of a high-risk population.
- Keep six feet away from others.
 - -Going outside isn't a free-for-all, though—the CDC warns that you should maintain at least six feet of distance between you and others
- Skip the mask.
 - -Healthy exercise requires plenty of access to oxygen, and wearing a surgical mask or N95 respirator makes it much harder to breathe.



https://www.prevention.com/fitness/fitness-tips/a31741154/can-you-exercise-outside-during-coronavirus/

Nutritional Information

Patriotic Yogurt Bites

Here is what you will need:

- Vanilla Greek yogurt (or really, any kind of yogurt you love!)
- Strawberries

Blueberries

The recipe is pretty simple: dice your strawberries and halve your blueberries. Place them in a silicone mold and cover with yogurt. Make sure to put the blueberries round side down. As for the strawberries, dice them in very tiny pieces.

Leave them in the freezer for about 2 hours and they are ready to eat! You can place them in a bowl sitting on ice, so they will not melt, but they won't last for long sitting outside of the fridge and freezer, so keep that in mind.

https://loveandmarriageblog.com/healthy-4th-july-yogurt-bites/



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Joke of the month:

Q: What is brown, hairy and wears sunglasses?

A: A coconut on its summer holiday!



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What is Paget Disease of the Breast?

Paget disease of the breast is a rare type of breast cancer involving the skin of the nipple and the darker skin around the nipple called the areola. Many who are diagnosed with Paget disease of the breast will also have a tumor inside the same breast which are either ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) or invasive breast cancer.

Paget disease of the breast is not related to Paget disease of the bone.

Possible signs and symptoms of Paget disease include the following:

- Flakey or scaly skin around the nipple
- Crusty, oozing or hardened skin resembling eczema on the nipple and or areola
- Itching
- Redness
- Straw colored discharge or bloody nipple discharge
- A lump in the breast
- Thickening of the skin on the breast

This type of breast cancer usually occurs in only one breast and may appear as though it is healing when topical treatments are applied which often delays proper diagnosis and treatment.

Be aware of ANY changes in your breast and please reach out to your Primary Provider should you have concerns or questions about your breast health.

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