

Cherokee Nation Cancer Programs

June 2008

Sequoyah High School Shows Support to Local Cancer Survivor Group

In February, during a Sequoyah girls' home basketball game, faculty and students participated in a nation-wide "Think Pink" breast cancer awareness event by wearing pink shirts and holding several fundraisers in an effort to raise money to support their local cancer survivor group. Students sold pink t-shirts and asked each fan to donate \$1.



On April 17th, during their monthly cancer support meeting, The Native American Circle of Hope cancer survivors support group received a check totaling \$950.75 from Coach Bill Nobles. The money, which was raised during Sequoyah Schools "Think Pink" national fundraiser event, was very much appreciated by the group. Survivors accepting the check include Caroline Points and Lura Whiteshirt.

Lets Play Trivia! Please answer the question below by sending us your response.

What month is National Cancer Survivors Month?

Please e-mail your response along with your name and address to www.cancer.cherokee.org or log on to our web site at: <http://cancer.cherokee.org>. You can also contact Chris at 918-453-5453.

Rules: Each month one winner will be drawn from those who send in the correct answer. A prize will be sent to the winner. Winners names will go into the Grand Prize drawing being held June 30, 2008 for a chance to win the grand prize, - so don't forget to play.

Congratulations to Last Months Winner: Larry Nichols from Locust Grove

Cherokee Nation Cancer Programs Relay for Life Team Needs Your Help

It's time to break open your wallets for a worthy cause. The Cherokee Nation Cancer Programs will be having several fund raisers to help support the American Cancer Societies Cancer Support Efforts. During the month of June cancer programs staff will be selling tickets for a 50/50 pot and will also be having a Chocolate Affair in the Financial Resources building on June, Friday 13th, at the Cherokee Nation Complex. We will also be picking the winner of the 50/50 pot from the ticket sales at that time.

The Relay for Life walk will be held on June 27th. We will also be having fundraisers at that time so please come join in on the fun and help support the Cherokee Nation Cancer Programs Relay for Life Team. For more information, or to request tickets and/or to donate money please call Barbara Neal at 918-453-5138. **The Cancer Programs Staff would like to thank you for all your support!**

Free Cancer Education Workshops

CancerCare is a national nonprofit organization that provides free, professional support services for anyone affected by cancer; people with cancer, caregivers, children, loved ones, and the bereaved. CancerCare programs – including counseling, education, financial assistance, and practical help – are provided by trained oncology social workers and are completely free of charge. **All calls are free of charge.** For more information on these programs please call 1-800-813-4673, or email info@cancer.org.

June Workshops

- June 4 – Medical Update on Triple Negative Breast Cancer
- June 11 – Coping with Nausea and Vomiting from Chemotherapy
- June 19 – Medical Update on Ovarian Cancer from the 2008 American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting
- June 24 – The Sixth Annual Cancer survivorship Series: Living With, Through and Beyond Cancer, Part III: Survivors Too: Family, Friends and Loved Ones
- June 25 – Medical Update on Head and Neck Cancer from the American Society of clinical Oncology (ASCO) 2008 Annual Meeting

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June is National Cancer Survivors Month and it's time to show support to cancer survivors across the nation. The number of survivors is growing – and thanks to research, early detection, and treatment it will continue to grow. There are many ways to show your support, such as donating to your local cancer support group or national cancer organizations, or maybe taking the place of a caregiver for the day. Below is how one company shows their support.



APAC's Arkhola division, located in Fort Smith, Arkansas, has found a very visible and unique way to support local non-profit organizations. The Company has covered this concrete truck with advertisements for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. This raises awareness and increases support for vital cancer services in the community. The "ARKHOLA SUPPLIES HOPE" campaign was spearheaded by Park Estes, Vice President of Sales, with the help and pride of all of the Arkhola Concrete Company employees. – HATS OFF TO YOU ARKHOLA for making such a difference and thank you Tim Caldwell for making us aware of your company's support.

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For More information on our programs please call: The Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program at 918-453-5755, Cancer Registry at 918-453-5443, or Comprehensive Cancer Control Program at 918-453-5453., or log on to our website at <http://cancer.cherokee.org> and/or e-mail us at cancer@cherokee.org

Cancer Programs Spotlight

Meet Johnita Thomason-Stonecipher, the newest member of the cancer programs staff. She has worked as a registered nurse for the past eleven years and graduated in 1996 from Baptist School of Nursing in Springdale, Arkansas. When asked what her goals were, Johnita replied, "I am working on my BSN, which will be complete in August." Johnita chose nursing after many members of her family battled with cancer, and she wants to give the compassion back that was given to them while going through their cancer battle.

Before coming to Cherokee Nation Johnita was employed at W.W. Hastings for 8 years and enjoys being able to participate in keeping our Native American Community healthy. She grew up in West Siloam Springs and has lived in Kansas, Oklahoma for the past 10 years with her husband Johnny, and her daughter Jazmyn, aged 11. Her hobbies include dirt track car races, watching Nascar on television and being outside doing yard work.



Native American Cancer Support Group

The Native American Circle of Hope will be hosting their monthly meeting on June 19, 2008 at 7:00 in the Hastings Indian Hospital Cafeteria. This month's survivors, families, and friends will learn how to bead work with Debra Johnson. All Cancer Survivors and supporters are welcome. For more information please contact Lura Whiteshirt at 918-458-3170, extension 5129.

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