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30th Annual Walk-A-Thon

This year MCCSN celebrated its 30th Walk-a-Thon and what a remarkable night it was to celebrate! As the walk-a-thon began, it was if we were in the "Emerald City" as we watched the survivors make the first lap adorned in green survivor shirts. There is always such emotion when Mr. Chris Staples begins singing "Amazing Grace". Great emotion wells up in me anytime I hear the song, but it is so much more when we watch our brave neighbors take the first lap.

We were so blessed with gorgeous weather and good fellowship. There were those neighbors who were not able to join us this year, but their lives were commemorated during the candlelight ceremony. It is always a solemn event when the lights are turned out and you see the luminaries glowing to memorialize our neighbors who have lost their battle with cancer and honor our neighbors who are still fighting their battle.

We took a few moments to recognize a group of caring neighbors who saw a need some 30 years ago to help other neighbors in the community who were fighting cancer. We honored these neighbors as well as shared some history. The group, co-founded by Larry Shelnut and Janet Torstenson, met to provide emotional support to cancer patients, but realized later those same patients could also use financial assistance. MCCSN was born! Larry came up with the idea to sponsor the first walk-a-thon and it has been going strong ever since. How appropriate was it that this year's theme was "Neighbors Helping Neighbors". We pay tribute to them and say Thank You!

The crowd enjoyed great entertainment. First, Huntland High School students sang a beautiful rendition of "The National Anthem". The Sims Family graced us with their bluegrass gospel.

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Our talented Emcee, Josh Ogle, shared songs he wrote with us as he played guitar. More entertainment was provided by Mrs. Lisa Hale, Mr. Chris Smith and the Winchester Civic Choir, and Mr. Austin Burgin. Little Elvis (Hunter and Fischer Hill) stole the show with their rendition of some famous Elvis classics and their Elvis moves. Brother Tom Harrison, Lynchburg Church of Christ, delivered an inspirational devotion. Mrs. Debbie Turner provided encouragement through her songs and testimony.

The MCCSN Board of Directors would like to thank every individual, business, and sponsor for supporting this year's WAT. We also say THANKS to the many volunteers, who worked booths, donated silent auction items, filled and lit luminaries, and helped with set up and clean up. Because of your efforts, MCCSN can continue to provide assistance to cancer patients and their families. "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

. . . Terry Tucker, President

Walk-A-Thon Plaques - 2023

!! Congratulations !!

First Team to Sign Up & Pay in Full:

Little Hurricane Baptist Church

Most Contributions - Church:

Winchester First United Methodist

Most Contributions - Friend/Family:

Carol & Friends

Most contributions - School:

Clark Memorial Elementary

Most contributions - Corporate:

Lifecare Center (Tullahoma)

Most fund-raising at Walk-A-Thon:

Riva Lake Baptist Church

Best decorated tent:

Estill Springs Baptist Church

Irish "Chain of Love" Quilt winner:

Cristy Tankersley

Event Sponsors

Action Graphics
 American Legion Post #44
 Bounds of Fun Parties & Event Rentals
 Concert Production
 Reyes Coca-Cola
 Food City - Winchester
 Franklin County Sheriff's Resources
 H R & R Portable Restrooms LLC
 Herald Chronicle
 Huntland High School Interact Club
 Huntland Middle School Interact Club
 Ice Machines Unlimited
 Interlocal Solid Waste Authority
 Material Girls Quilt Guild
 North Middle School Beta Club
 Josh Ogle
 PepsiCo
 Scharber's Golf Cart Sales & Service
 Solid Rock Computers & More

Walk-A-Thon Sponsors

Platinum Plus Plus Neighbors
 Concert Production
 Southern Tennessee Regional Health Services
 Tennessee Oncology

Platinum Neighbor
 Henley Supply Millwork

Silver Neighbors
 Citizens Community Bank
 Compassus Hospice & Palliative Care
 Duck River Electric Membership Corporation
 Elk River Health & Nursing Center (Winchester)
 Harmony Cumberland Presbyterian Church
 Tullahoma Imaging

MCCSN Prayer list = Please pray for each person listed and their families. Names are in bold print when first added. If you have asked to be on the prayer list and your name does not appear below, or you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please email mccsn501@att.net with your request or call MCCSN office (931/967-0904).

Bedford	Franklin	Grundy	Lincoln	Moore
Jacqueline Cantrell	Anonymous	Johnny Bray	Steven Bailey	Jeffery Burton
Karina Flores	Herman Acklen	Ethelene Burnette	Jane Bradley	Vickie Farrar
Mary Floyd	Melisa Ballard	Kathy Campbell	Sherry Cagle	
Charlotte Garrett	Susan Elliott	Russell Fountain	Anthony Carter	Warren
Carolyn F. McCroskey	Kristina Farris	D. Jane Hampton	Connie Carter	Jeffery Borren
Kiana Pendergrass	Brenda Hall	Tammy Hargis	Chris Counts	Sunshine Clem
Earl Pressley	Dickie Hollis	Brenda Layne	Roxane Halburg	Kurtis Grubbs
James Price	Mark Hughes	Norman Meeks	Kimberly Johnson	Emily Knowles
Diana Prince	James Ingle	Jennifer Parmley	Joey McNeal	Pam Minton
	Bill Keller	Doris Patrick	Shirlie Mearse	Russell Montandon
Coffee	Rickey Lukehart	Charles Schrum		Gwendolyn Robles
Suzanne Boals	Dwayne Miller	Bessie D. Totherow	Marion	Tony Terrell
David Bolt	Tina K. Robinson	Stephen Turner	Deborah Christian	Kellie Thaxton
Deborah Clayton	Edith Scott	Jeffery Vanderploeg	Alicia Elmore	Stephen Weeter
Larry Davis	Marylyn Short		Brittney Griffith	
Larry Elkins	Ellen Steadman		Natasha Johnson	Out of State
Beatrice Embair	Earl Stoutzenberger		Gary Kimber	Bobby Clark (Indiana)
Perry Godfrey	Jim Tipps		Lasenia Ladd	
Gary Mahaffey	Pepply Zeman		Marty Webster	
Danielle Phillips				
Joyce Thompson				
Karen Tyler				

Memorials

Darren Baggett
by Dwight & Sandy Schultz

Tammy Click
by Barbara Ann Lucas

Janis Earle
by Keith Springs Baptist Church
Ladies Ministry

David Luttrell
by Laura Henley

Patti Manthe
by Christine Deadman

Larry V. Matlock
by Terry & Dottie Darnell
Dan & Terry Tucker

Joe P. Morris
by Cheryl Morris

R B Ray
by Family & Friends

Jonathan Smith
by Ricky & Barbara Smith

Rita Lappin Smith
by Friends

Ray Torstenson
by William F. & Linda Ayers
Kim Land's Friends/Co-workers
Ricky & Barbara Smith

Ray & Janet Torstenson
by Pat Blair & Dana Perkins

IN HONOR

Pam Peck
by Melissa & Finney Weaver



Sunday, November 5, 2023

Deepest Sympathy

To the families who have lost loved ones including the families of:

Darren Baggett
Joe Blackwell
June B. Bliss
Jeffery Louis Henshaw
Bobby Horton
Teresa Johnson
Larry V. Matlock
Zach Murray
Greg Prince
R B Ray
Deborah Talent
Ray Torstenson



*"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."
- Revelation 21:4*

REGULAR DONATIONS

Thomas & Jean Arnold
Blackbaud Giving Fund
Betty Campbell
Cindy Campbell
FCHS Class of 1962
Mr. & Mrs. Zeno Early, Jr
Charlene Jones
Kroger

Lincoln County Girls Volleyball 2023
Carroll & Sharon Marlow
James Leon Parker, Sr. (Estate)
Susan Diane & James Sain

WAT DONATIONS

Estill Springs United Methodist Church
Keith Springs Baptist Ladies Club
Steven & Deborah Woodward

Thank you for caring and your generosity

Help people, even when you know they can't help you back

2023 WAT Teams

30/30 Team
Carol & Friends
Center Grove Baptist Church
Clark Memorial Elementary
Compassus Hospice/Palliative Care
Crossroads Baptist Church
Decherd First Baptist Church
Dr. Myers & Nurse Practitioners
Elk River Baptist Church
Gerry with a "G"
Greenhaw Baptist Church
Harris Chapel United Methodist
Hickory Grove Baptist Church
Hillsboro First United Methodist
Holy Walkamolies
Homelanders
Huntland Middle & High School Interact
Jordan Turner Team
Lifecare Center
Little Hurricane Baptist Church
Macedonia Primitive Baptist
More than Conquerors
Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
Oaklawn Baptist Church
Owens Chapel Cumberland Presby.
Pam's Prayer Warriors
Riva Lake Baptist Church
STEM (TN Episcopal Ministries)
Team Walmart
Walking Warriors
Walnut Grove Community Church
White Oak Grove Church of God
Wilder Chapel Congregation Methodist
Winchester First United Methodist
Winchester Noon Rotary

Card of Thanks

To Multi-County Cancer Support Network & Dottie Darnell -

I want to express my deepest gratitude for the financial support you gave me during one of my lowest times in my life. The help with my gas and electric bills helped so much.

To date, my last chemo was May 4, 2023 and, on August 9th, 2023, I was given the news that I am "Cancer Free"!! Thanks to all who helped.

May God return to you the kindness you have shown to me.

Thank you, Brenda Layne

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Ray Torstenson, A Hidden Treasure

On August 27, 2023, MCCSN lost not only a former director, but one of the few remaining founding members of our organization. And what a great director and supporter Ray was! He was one of Multi County's hidden treasures.

When I first became active as a board member with MCCSN in the early 2000s, Ray and his wife Janet were on the Board, and they quickly assisted in sharing the history of our organization and why and who we assist with monies we make through donations. Ray was not only supportive of MCCSN, but the love and devotion to his wife was his number ONE priority. You see, Janet had battled cancer at a time when treatments were not as good as they are today, and, in fact, they traveled out West for Janet to undergo one of the first bone marrow transplants. Ray was by her side the entire time. His devotion to his wife is just a hint of his devotion to MCCSN. Whether attendance at Board meetings, planning and preparation for our annual Walk-A-Thon, and anything else that arose that needed director attention, Ray was willing, able, and ready.



Ray was not only a director I worked alongside with, but he was a man I came to call Friend. Ray would often stop by my husband's and my place of business to chit chat. He was a friend that always had a smile and encouraging/positive comments and stories to tell. He loved sharing his unbelievable art work he would be working on at the time, or talk about his and Janet's many previous trips to Mexico. All in all, he was a very intelligent, fun, and multi-talented guy! And I am thankful for MCCSN, and the opportunity to have met and called Ray's friend.

So when I say MCCSN has lost a hidden treasure, the treasure we have lost is Ray Torstenson. While it has been a couple of years since he was able to attend our Walk-A-Thon, MCCSN was still one of his top priorities, and we are forever grateful to Ray for his dedication and service through the years to Multi-County Cancer Support Network.

... Cile Alexander