



CNSC NEWSLETTER

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MAILING UPDATE: Many of our newsletters have been returned to us as “non deliverable.” Some addresses have a physical address, but not the P.O. Box (the actual mailing address). If you wish to have your newsletter mailed to you through the US mail, please confirm your mailing address by calling our office. In order to save postage, all returned mail will be removed from our mailing list. If you would rather have the newsletter emailed to you, email us and let us know. We will update our mailing list to reflect your preference. In addition, you can always read our newsletter on our website and/or on Facebook @ Cancer Network of Sanders County. Currently, newsletters are mailed out each May. Thank you!

OUR MISSION: The Cancer Network of Sanders County is a nonprofit community-based organization (EIN 20-2261211) providing support to Sanders County residents who are currently undergoing cancer treatment.

BOARD UPDATES: CNSC's new officers are: Nick Ferrara, President; Sherryl Wachob, Vice President; Kathi Skelly, Treasurer; Shelley Bertrand, Assistant Treasurer; Sue Johnson, Secretary. Other Board members include Dacy Holland and Chris Mill.

CHANGE IN GIFT RENEWAL DATE: The Board voted to change the yearly renewal date based on each individual's original month of application instead of January 1st of each year.

RECAP OF 2024 FUNDRAISERS:

Peony Sale: Huge thank you to **Della at Lynch Creek Nursery** for donating all proceeds of the peony bouquets to CNSC! The peonies were absolutely gorgeous, and we look forward to this year's sale.

Plains Day: CNSC had a booth at Plains Day promoting CNSC's mission and events.

Farmers Market in Plains: CNSC sold raspberries and peonies and promoted our events.

Yard Sale-ing: Thank you very much to the **Lutheran Church in Plains** who participated in the June Yard Sale-ing event and donated ALL proceeds to CNSC! It takes many individuals, many hours, and much labor to put on this event. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Heron Siding General Store hosted their second fundraising event for CNSC on July 4th at the store. Thank you so very much for your ongoing support for Sanders County residents who are going through cancer treatment. It's wonderful that our small county towns host these fundraising events. Is there a hidden challenge out there to other small towns to show support for their community members fighting cancer by hosting an event?

Thompson Falls High School Volleyball Team also held a fundraiser for CNSC! Many thanks to all who participated.

The Avista Golf Scramble, our largest fundraiser in 2024, was held on August 17th. This event also included a silent auction and a raffle. Thank you Avista for your support and all you did to make this event an outstanding fundraiser. \$18,000 was raised! Our sponsors included: **Tim Brooker, Clark Fork Title, Johnson's Hardware, Farmers Union Insurance, The Log Cabin, MT West Dental, Valley Bank, Soundview Financial Group, Moore Oil, Buck's Grocery, Thompson River Ready Mix, Plains Physical Therapy, River Town Dental, McGowans Grocery, Jill Hermes Massage, Clark Fork Valley Hospital, Penn Oreille Shores Resort, Daily Premium Meats, Coeur D'Alene Resort, Elk Contracting, Inc., Bear Muscle Fitness, Mountain Meadow Youth Ranch, Cole Ventures, Inc., The Bean Bug, Sanders County Ledger, Thompson River Lumber Co, Mountain Plains LLC, Elliott Realty nc., Big Sky Environmental Engineering, Cody Carr's Hunting Adventure, Project Ascent, Joyce Dougan, Karen Urion, Kathleen Miller, J.M. Clark, Plains Drug, Sophia Springs, First Security Bank, Cabinet Ridge Riders, Bennett Realty GFWC Thompson Falls Women's Club, Triple Play Family Fun Park, Robert & Janice Butte, Jan Thompson, Stutzke Stone, Arthur Potts, Ann Wooden, Gary's Glass & Auto Body, Avista Corp., Clarkfork Valley Press, Rehbein Ford, Energy Partners, David Garr, Quinn's Hot Springs Resort, Tavio & Lisa Reyes, Kevin Hathaway, Barb Mosher, John Mosher, RT Brown, Logan Wood, Todd Kiesbury, Keven Kirby, Ryan Oviitt, The Clubhouse Lounge, Christine Kelly, World Wide Roof Systems, Shawn Glick, Big Sky Water Park-Columbia Falls, Gambles Hardware, Studs Hardware, Sun Mountain Sports, Crager's Firearms, Mangy Moose, Napa Auto Parks-Plains, Wild Horse Nursery, Shawna Klesbuy, and Avista Golf.** Your support was amazing!

Thank you to **Johnson's Hardware in Noxon** for organizing the **Noxon Luminaria Display** in September. This event honored all past and present cancer survivors as well as caregivers. Luminarias were available for \$5 each. Refreshments were provided, and a short program was held. Thank you Noxon, your ongoing support is appreciated!

The annual **LANTERN LAUNCH** was held the Saturday after Thanksgiving following the light parade. Approximately 45 lanterns were launched. In addition to the light parade and lantern launch, the Lions Club provided baked potatoes, ornaments for the kids to decorate, and even Santa and his sleigh were available for pictures!

The Countywide Mailing was sent out in November and generated additional support for our county residents. Thank you all for your much-needed donations!

The Winter Stroll was held on December 6th from 4 to 7 p.m. Many businesses were open, and CNSC held a raffle for a Christmas wreath and a swag. Special thanks to Sue Johnson (one of our board members) for creating the beautiful wreath and swag!

Later in December, the CNSC Board members baked homemade cookies for the ladies of the **Flat Iron Quilting Guild**, thanking them for providing the lap quilts to the recipients of CNSC's \$1,000 gifts to those residents fighting cancer.



FLAT IRON QUILTING GUILD

CNSC joined with **Plains Schools** in December providing hot cider during the carole sing, and also assisted in school programs as needed.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2025:

PEONY SALE: MAY/JUNE Follow us on Facebook for details!



PLAINS DAY, SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025 A booth is planned, so stop by for Afghan raffle tickets and more.

FARMERS MARKET AT FRED YOUNG PARK—peonies, raspberries, and more!

4TH OF JULY AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. CNSC booth including Afghan raffle drawing! The Afghan was made and donated by Mary K. Browning, and is on display at Garden Gift in Plains. Raffle tickets are \$10 each; or \$25 for three, and are available for purchase at Garden Gift in Plains.

CASINO NIGHT, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025 AT PLAINS VFW. See Facebook for info!



LANTERN LAUNCH SATURDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING. Hope to see you there!

OTHER EVENTS AS ANNOUNCED. If you would like CNSC to be at one of your town events not listed, please call us. We would like to set up at other locations in our county to spread CNSC information and help our community members.

APPLICATION FORMS: Forms are available at all Medical Clinics, Financial Institutions, Rehbein Ford, St. Patrick Cancer Center, Community Hospital Cancer Center, Kalispell Regional Health Center, the Health Department in Thompson Falls, and Johnson's Hardware in Noxon. If you need assistance in getting a form, call us at 406.907.6242.

CNSC \$1,000 gifts require a medical signature, and are available to Sanders County residents undergoing cancer treatment. If the form is not complete or inaccurate, it will delay receiving the check. We must verify all the information. Please double-check your application before submitting it.

When someone receives a gift from CNSC, the **Flat Iron Quilting Guild** supplies CNSC with a beautiful lap quilt. Many thanks to all the hard workers who do an amazing job of quilting and to the businesses that help us hand them out. (Limit one quilt per applicant.)

DONATIONS: In 2024, a total of 96 gifts were given, for a total of \$96,100. As of March 31, 2025, a Grand total of all gifts since 2001 equals over **\$1,096,600!** *Thanks to all of YOU for making this possible.*

CNSC depends on donations to continue our nonprofit. There are several ways to donate, including mailing donations directly to CNSC, P.O. Box 1311, Plains, MT 59859; or through PayPal on our website. We will accept one-time gifts, monthly gifts, or yearly gifts. You may also contact Montana Community Foundation at www.mtcf.org or Cathy Cooney at 1.406.441.4954 or by email ccooney@mtcf.org for information on a tax deduction AND a tax credit. Of course, estate donations are also welcome and appreciated.

LIST OF DONORS from 5/2024-3/2025: Whitefish Credit Union, American Legion TF Post 52, Ameriprise, Anonymous donors, Avista Corp., Barbara Ridgway, Bill & Marty Burrell, Tom & Sherryl Wachob, Clearwater Montana Properties, Curtis & Janette Rosman, David Tallant, Debbie Buchanan, Donald & Judith Stamm, First Lutheran Church, Gerald & Pat Ingraham, Helena Education Foundation, Helena Public Schools Administrators, Heron Siding General Store, Impact Assets, Inc., Jack & Deanna Anthony, James Kiely Steffek, Jill Hermes Massage Therapy LLC, John & Diane Breuer, Johnson's Hardware, Joy Nelson, Karen Dwyer, Lee & Roberta Kinser, Leslie & Beverly Wood, Leuflems Charitable Fund, Linda A. Storm, Lori M. Volberg-Santos, Lynette Hart, Mark & Tori Heppel, Melva Welty, Michael & Mary Jane Siegford, Pat Janson, Pauline J. LaPointe & Family, Plains Women's Club, R.O. & J.S. Sinclair, Raymond E. McKinnon, Rhonda Knudsvig, Ronald & Kathryn McDonald, Sharon & Ronald Johnson, Shirley & Debbie Buchanan, Thomas Carlton, Thompson Falls High School Volleyball Team, Thompson River Lumber

IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF DONATIONS from 4/2024-3/2025: Peggy "Pinkie" Nelson, Ron Rude, Nita Dyches, Audrey Kolbeck, Rex Weltz & Family, Buddy & Judy Leufkens, Joyce Longpre, Lacey Kinser, John E. Kuntz, Christine Michaels, Scott Walker, Greg Welty, Dan Anderson, Kathy Krueger, Lisa Welster, Ruth Calton, Curtis Janson

If your or the name of your special person was inadvertently left off this list, please call our office. Thank you!