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National Cancer Survivors Day® 2018

Coping® magazine is proud to be an ongoing national sponsor of National Cancer Survivors Day® (NCSD). This 31st annual Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, June 3, in hundreds of communities throughout the world. In cooperation with the National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation, Coping is pleased to provide you with exclusive coverage of NCSD 2018 on the pages that follow. Due to space limitations, photo submissions most representative of NCSD events have been chosen to appear in the magazine. Event photos can also be found online at copingmag.com.

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ON THE COVER: Stony Brook, NY – Cancer survivor and keynote speaker Ethan Zohn leads the “Parade of Survivors” during Stony Brook University Cancer Center’s National Cancer Survivors Day celebration (above). Radiation oncologist Craig Grossman, MD, PhD, MSc, channels his inner child as he noshes on fluffy pink cotton candy and dons a plastic fireman’s hat (below).

ON THE COVER: Chicago, IL – A five-year cancer survivor joins in the applause as a crowd of nearly 4,000 cancer survivors and supporters gathers in Grant Park to celebrate life at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University’s 25th Annual Cancer Survivors’ Celebration Walk & 5K (above). Donning big smiles and purple tutus, these participants enjoy connecting with each other and celebrating milestones after crossing the Celebration finish line (below).

ON THE COVER: Liverpool, NY – Dr. Santo DiFino, a cancer survivor and Hematology Oncology Associates physician, receives his survivor pin from his wife at the Hematology Oncology Associates of Central New York’s celebration of life (above). Along with enjoying giveaways, live music, speakers, raffle prizes, and food, guests also take part in complementary therapy and exercise (below).

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Philadelphia, PA – Infusion nurses show what heroes are made of as they sport their best superhero costumes at the Celebrate Life! event hosted by the Abramson Cancer Center at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Columbus, OH – Aloha! Violy Hughes, a breast cancer survivor, twirls on the runway at Cancer Support Community Central Ohio’s Survivors Day Luau fashion show.

Syracuse, NY – Survivors, supporters, and life-sized animatronic dinosaurs alike invade the Rosamond Gifford Zoo to enjoy NCSD festivities, including dinner and animal demonstrations, hosted by Upstate Cancer Center.

Boca Raton, FL – To help their “Hope Soar,” cancer survivors and families adorn origami trees with origami swans bearing handwritten messages at the Boca Raton Regional Hospital National Cancer Survivors Day event.

Bloomington, IN – Curtis Cantwell Jackson soothes the crowd with relaxing melodies at the Survivors Day celebration hosted by the Olcott Center at Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital.

New Brunswick, NJ – A 16-year multiple myeloma survivor, Paul Sachkowsky shares a touching moment with his wife, Nancy, during the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey National Cancer Survivors Day celebration.

Columbus, OH – A benevolent volunteer holds his hands up in surrender after taking countless pies in the face at the Survivors Day “Speed Pie” fund-raising event hosted by the American Pie Party at Walnut Hill United Methodist Church.

Georgetown, Guyana – Cancer survivors gather at Bistro’s Café & Bar to enjoy a National Cancer Survivors Day celebration branch hosted by the Guyana Cancer Foundation of Guyana, South America.

Niles, OH – Cancer survivor Rose Marie Lowry and her daughter, Shelley, strike a home-run pose at Mercy Health – Youngstown’s “Grand Slam Celebration” picnic held at Eastwood Field.
Oklahoma City, OK – Bailey, a Bernese mountain therapy dog, greets Jayden Drake at the 31st Annual Cancer Survivors Day event hosted by INTEGRIS Cancer Institute.

Los Angeles, CA – National Cancer Survivors Day attendees Felix and Rubi Aquino share a joyous moment at the Cancer Support Community Los Angeles event as they pen messages of celebration.

York, ME – Volunteer Linda Wagner and staff member Pat McKay serve up slices of National Cancer Survivors Day cake to survivors including Rosey Swan at the York Hospital event.

Los Angeles, CA – Joined by husband Leo Wolinsky and friend Sandy Carpenter, breast cancer survivor Lee Wolinsky (center) shares a message with those attending Cedars-Sinai’s 32nd annual Survivors Day luncheon.

Lakewood Ranch, FL – Oncology nurse navigator Alice Hicks greets a survivor with a warm hug at the Sarasota-Manatee Cancer Resource Network’s “Celebrating the Music of Life” event at the Pier 22 Ballroom.

Sheboygan, WI – An enthusiastic group of survivors and supporters takes a fireside break during the Sheboygan County Cancer Care Fund’s unique NCSD hike.

Taneytown, MD – Cancer survivors and their families commemorate National Cancer Survivors Day with fun photos snapped in the photo booth at Carroll Hospital’s “Joining Hands in the Fight Against Cancer” event.

Los Angeles, CA – Two-year cancer survivor Lee Roy Simpson shares his cancer survivor story with other survivors and supporters at the Charach Cancer Treatment Center’s NCSD event.

Henderson, KY – At Methodist Hospital Hematology and Oncology’s “Wipe Out Cancer” luau, cancer survivor Clara Woodard and infusion nurse Terry Buckman join in “The Chicken Dance.”

Parker, CO – Cancer survivors, healthcare professionals, families, and friends gather outside for a ladybug release at Parker Adventist Hospital’s National Cancer Survivors Day event.

Sugar Land, TX – These boisterous Survivors Day participants share a fun, celebratory moment at Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital’s globally-inspired luncheon.

Toledo, OH – Nothing but smiles and merriment show on the faces of Chloe Baker and Erika Contreras at The Victory Center’s “Make Every Day Magical” NCSD event.

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia – Survivors and supporters gather for a spiritual night in the garden at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center, Jeddah branch, to celebrate Cancer Survivors Day.
Throop, NY – A cancer survivor receives an angel pin from Missy McCormick, RN, at the National Cancer Survivors Day event hosted by Hematology-Oncology Associates of Central New York.

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Marinette, WI — A large group gathers for a Cancer Survivor Picnic at Bay Area Medical Center’s National Cancer Survivors Day celebration, the first public event in their new facility.

San Juan, Puerto Rico — Cancer survivor and attorney Hector Ferrer speaks to the crowd in the lobby of the San Juan VA Hospital during their annual National Cancer Survivors Day celebration.

Lexington, KY — Medical oncologist Dr. Jessica Croley speaks to survivors and supporters at the “Savor the Sweet Life” NCSD event hosted by KentuckyOne/Saint Joseph Cancer Center.

Orange Park, FL — Attendees enjoy a beautiful day celebrating life at the Fourth Annual Pink Ribbon Symposium Survivorship Celebration Butterfly 5K Fun Run and Fun Walk.

Mumbai, India — Survivors and their caregivers attend a Cancer Survivors Day musical event, with a special celebrity appearance by actress Sakshi Tanwar, hosted by V Care Foundation at Tata Memorial Hospital.

Sacramento, CA — Cancer survivor Teresita shares a hug with her daughter, Olivia, as UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center celebrates life during the Sacramento Republic FC soccer match against Orange County SC.

Worland, WY — Celebrities enjoy ice cream sundaes after a meet and greet with therapy horses Emmy and Coco at the National Cancer Survivors Day celebration hosted by Rainhorse — Horses for the Human Spirit.

Sheboygan, WI — Team members show off their memorial pinwheels ahead of the Mindful Tri, a holistic walking event, at the Cancer Survivors Picnic hosted by Aurora Health Care and Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic.

West Los Angeles, CA — Three-time cancer survivor Vartkes Samuel Cholakian stirs the audience with an inspiring speech at Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles’ National Cancer Survivors Day celebration.
White Plains, NY – Cancer survivors, caregivers, and staff members from White Plains Hospital enjoy a brunch honoring the strength of cancer survivors as they listen to the Cancer Survivors Day keynote address given by former White Plains Hospital President and CEO Jon B. Schandler.

Scottsdale, AZ – Attendees of the National Cancer Survivors Day celebration hosted by the HonorHealth Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center gather at The OdySea Aquarium to show there is life after cancer – and it’s something to celebrate!

Munster, IN – NCSD participants take part in a chair yoga demonstration during the Cancer Survivors Day breakfast hosted by Cancer Resource Centre and St. Catherine Hospital. The event also included music, testimonials, and a guided imagery presentation.

Rochester, NY – Homer, the Home Depot mascot, gathers together childhood cancer survivors from their laughing and playing for a group photo at the annual Survivors Day Picnic at Genesee Valley Park, hosted by CURE Childhood Cancer Association.

Houston, TX – Cancer survivors Kimberley Nelson and Bridgette Farris share a friendly embrace at The Fountain of Praise Health and Wellness Ministry’s “Celebrating Life!” NCSD event.

Arcata, CA – Celebrants form a human ribbon at St. Joseph Health Humboldt Cancer Program’s Survivors Day barbecue on Arcata Ball Park’s opening weekend.

New Bern, NC – The oldest and youngest cancer survivors in attendance, Irma Tingle and AJ Turnage, receive prizes after walking the red carpet at the Journey of Hope Cancer Support Center’s NCSD event.

Queens, NY – Participants in the We Run for Hope Lorna Plummer Memorial Race, held at Flushing Meadows Corona Park on National Cancer Survivors Day, show off their race-day moves.

Kansas City, KS – University of Kansas Cancer Center team members take a break from greeting survivors to pose for a photo at the KUCC Cancer Survivor Celebration.

Fairmont, WV – The MoTown Strutters tap dance to “Ain’t She Sweet” at the “Sharing the Journey” NCSD Celebration of Life hosted by the Sharing and Caring Cancer Support Group, where centenarian and three-time survivor Melva Hess was the keynote speaker.