



Rockin' in Ruby



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Welcome to the 13th Annual Luncheon & Fashion Show!

Thank you for being part of our Rockin' in Ruby event today. All of us at The Victory Center are incredibly grateful for everyone's support in making this one of the premier fashion shows in the area!

For thousands of years, Ruby was considered the stone of love, energy, passion, power, and a zest for life. Ruby is said to restore vital life forces and increase energy and vigor. Ruby is also known as the stone of courage. I can't think of a better way to honor our cancer survivors today than with the "stone of courage"!

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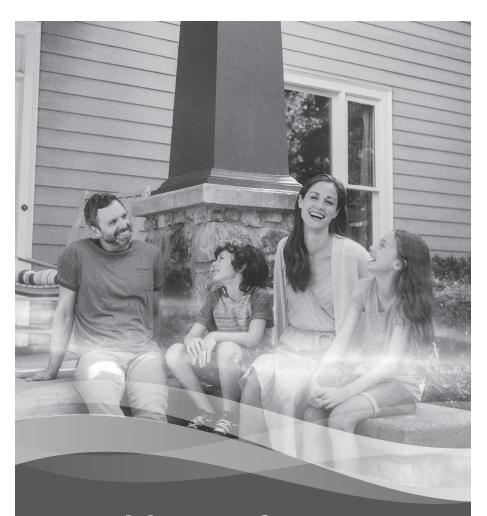
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- Raffle Basket Tickets: \$2 each or six for \$10
 BIG TICKET raffle tickets: \$20 each
- Look for our handsome Raffle Ticket Salesmen in Red Ties, selling both Raffle Basket Tickets and BIG TICKET Raffle Tickets

Each Special SURVIVOR Guest:

- · Receives a free ticket for a chance to win a beautiful prize graciously donated by Katina's Collection
- Will be recognized with a beautiful embellished ribbon, compliments of Laura Dosch - Luncheon and Fashion Show Committee member

GOURMET LUNCH served at noon

PROGRAM

Welcome: Lori Mandery,
 Oncology Outreach Coordinator, Mercy Health

· Program Introduction: Dianne Barndt, Executive Director, The Victory Center

- · Featured Speaker: Amy Remer, Myxofibrosarcoma Cancer Survivor
- · Master of Ceremonies: Chrys Peterson, Cancer Awareness Advocate
- · Rockin' in Ruby Runway Show
 - Fashion Show Choreographer: Katie Maskey
 - Featured Vocalist: Max Boyle, singer/songwriter 2019 contestant on The Voice
- Raffle & Silent Auction Winners Announced:
 - Themed Raffle Baskets
 - Survivor Raffle Prize
 - Kate Spade/Michael Kors Accessory Basket
 - Big Ticket Raffle

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Thank you

Mager Designs for the gorgeous stage decor and ceiling ornamentation at this year's event!

Survivor Model Biographies

Denise Bennett Denise was diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer in February 2019, which makes her a one-year survivor! She has embraced The Victory Center fully, taking advantage of individual therapies such as reflexology, Reiki, healing touch and counseling, as well as group activities such as support groups, aromatherapy classes, art therapy and exercise. She says, "Having access to these programs has had a positive effect on me physically, emotionally and spiritually. The services have had a calming effect on me and it's also helpful being able to connect with other people."

Denise is the proud mother of 3 children and 3 grandchildren. She enjoys going to the theater to see musicals and going to concerts—specially to see her favorite band, The Avett Brothers. She's also an avid Cleveland sports fan and enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Victoria Dugger Victoria is an ovarian cancer survivor who is celebrating her one-year anniversary today of meeting with her oncologist for the first time. While she was going through chemotherapy, she loved coming to The Victory Center and meeting other people who knew just what she was going through. Victoria also enjoyed massage, yoga, learning about essential oils, as well as receiving a new wig from TVC's wig bank. In her words, "Just coming to The Victory Center after a long day of work was a relief. Walking in and being greeted so warmly and being encouraged to just relax and take time for myself was a gift of caring that you just can't get anywhere else."

Only about 15 percent of ovarian cancers are caught at Stage 1 and Victoria was one of those fortunate ones. It is now her mission to be a survivor advocate and tell her story in the hopes that every woman will know what signs to look for when it comes to the symptoms of ovarian cancer. She has also become active with the group Survivors Teaching Students and was selected to give survivor testimony at the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance's Ovarian Cancer National Conference in Washington, D.C. in July.



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Robyn Gandy Robyn is an amazing 10-year survivor of Stage 4 carcinoid cancer. She credits a friend who utilized The Victory Center for introducing her to the center and staff last year. Since then, she says that each new challenge she has encountered in the past year was made easier because of all the support she received from The Victory Center. Robyn enjoys taking part in reflexology, healing touch, Reiki, nutrition classes, meditation and art therapy. She says, "Meeting and talking to others who are, or have experienced, the ups and downs of the diagnosis of cancer has helped get me through the challenges that I faced."

Robyn was an educator and administrator in higher education who loved working with health and medical students who were struggling academically or had a disability. For fun, she enjoys knitting, needlepoint, photography, reading, attending football and basketball games, traveling and taking walks at the Metro Parks.

Douglas Hampton, Jr. Douglas is a one-year survivor of prostate cancer who has participated in almost every single service and program The Victory Center has to offer (except for belly dancing!) He has especially enjoyed yoga, the weekly cancer support group and art classes. He has tried everything from aromatherapy to meditation and lymphedema education classes. Douglas says, "TVC was a place to go and talk, a place to be myself, and to be real with my cancer treatment. The classes enabled me to carry on my daily activities with hope and efficiency."

Douglas had a 32-year career with the State of Ohio in the departments of Mental Health, Youth Services and Rehabilitations and Corrections. He has also volunteered at Cornerstone Church as a preschool teacher for the past 20 years. In his "spare" time, Douglas has taken mission trips to Ghana where he helped build a school and provide fresh drinking water, as well as to the Bahamas where he assisted families in restoring their homes after Hurricane Dorian.

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Matt McCloskey Just over a year ago, Matt was diagnosed with an aggressive form of prostate cancer. After surgery to remove his prostate, he is currently considered in remission. Matt had several massages at The Victory Center after surgery and says, "Each one really helped put me in a peaceful place during a very chaotic period of my life."

Prior to his diagnosis, Matt served as the "chief" grill master at TVC's National Cancer Survivor Day picnic for many years. He is married to TVC's Program Director, Penny, and together they have 2 adult sons. Matt enjoys all things having to do with ham radio, gardening, monarch butterfly preservation and their cats. In fact, his wife often refers to him as "the cat whisperer."

Rose Murphy Rose's journey began with a self-exam where she found a lump in her right breast. This is one of the reasons she is a strong proponent of knowing your own body! Her biopsy then confirmed Stage 4 breast cancer, even though she had no family history. This year marks Rose's 11th year as a survivor! She has taken part in everything at The Victory Center from massage and Reiki to belly dancing. Rose says, "The Victory Center is a welcoming place...it's just a warm and inviting and relaxing environment where you get your mind in a good place and others are going through what you are."

Rose has one daughter, Michelle Rose, as well as grandchildren. She loves taking art classes at TVC, watching eagles at Magee March, laughing and having a good time! Rose's mantra is "Life...let's live it!"

Thank you

Katie Maskey for the Rockin'

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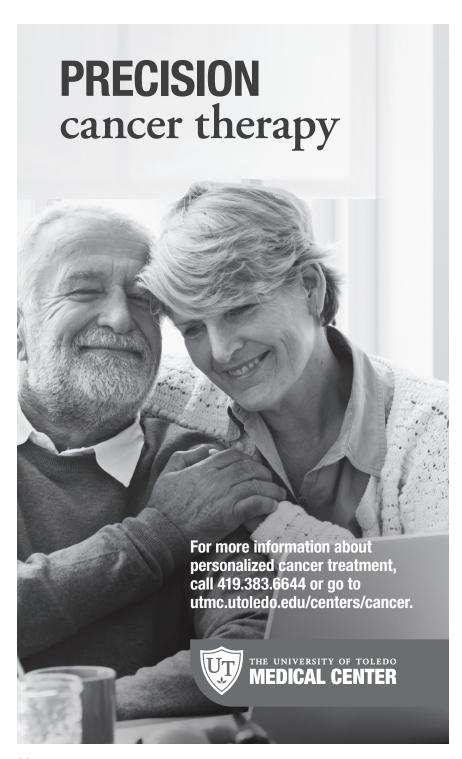
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Kellie Niedermier Kellie is a 10-year breast cancer survivor who has used everything from reflexology and healing touch to art therapy and guided meditation at The Victory Center. She believes all of these services have helped her to feel cared for and "more than just a patient." In fact, the guided meditation actually helped Kellie lower her blood pressure. She especially appreciates the fact that TVC offers programs for survivors so that they don't feel alone or forgotten. She says, "While at times the outside world seems to think we should somehow be done with this because we are no longer 'in treatment', TVC seems to get that our worlds have been forever changed and our journey continues."

Kellie's only child, a daughter, will graduate from high school this year. When she's not spending time with her daughter, Kellie is an Aflac Independent Agent. In fact, she first interviewed with Aflac when she was still wearing a wig after having lost her hair from chemotherapy. When she landed the job she says it felt like a "Kellie 1, Cancer 0" moment!

Amy Remer Today's featured speaker, Amy, was diagnosed with a soft tissue sarcoma in her left arm in March 2017, followed by a recurrence in May 2019. After 3 surgeries, 12 weeks of chemo and 63 radiation treatments—she is now cancer free! Amy has enjoyed many individual treatments at The Victory Center, including healing touch, energy tune-up, massage, reflexology and facials. She says, "When you are living with a cancer diagnosis and going through treatment, life can be stressful and sometimes you feel like nothing is in your control. The individual therapies at TVC helped to reset my body and my mind, and allowed me to take some time for myself that I normally wouldn't have done."

Amy is a Speech-Language Pathologist and Lecturer at The University of Toledo. She is married to her high school sweetheart and Valentine's Day happens to be the day when they went on their first date 21 years ago. Amy and her husband have 4 kids at home, ages 9, 7, 5, and 3 which keeps them very busy. They love to travel together—especially to the beach.



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Tammy Wisnofske In February 2017, Tammy was diagnosed with Stage 1 invasive ductal carcinoma breast cancer. February 13th marked her 3rd year as a cancer survivor! Tammy has endured a double mastectomy, expanders to implant, a hysterectomy, and lymphedema, among other complications. She says she loves The Victory Center because "it has helped keep my mind, spirit, and body strong." Besides the individual therapies, Tammy has taken part in the Pink Ribbon program, art therapy and zentangle classes. She enjoys being around others who understand how you are feeling.

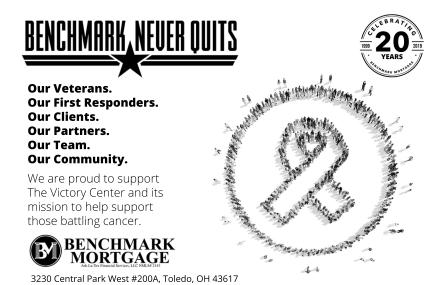
Tammy really likes being a patient advocate for breast cancer patients. She is married with two boys, who she loves watching grow up. She enjoys swimming, walking her dog, meditation, martial arts, pilates, yoga and hanging out with friends and family. She loves to travel and would love to go to Hawaii someday. Her cancer journey has taught her to "feel grateful and blessed each day that I wake up and to embrace all the good things in life."

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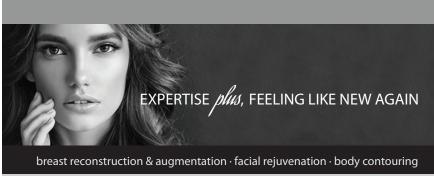


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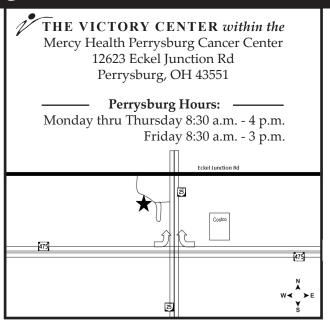
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