



2021 BSNCF ANNUAL REPORT

Sending Smiles Across the Miles to Female Cancer Patients

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" I absolutely loved my smile kit! It came right before my 2nd chemo treatment! The socks are so comfy, and it was exactly what I needed with a cold snap! I'm so blessed! "

Traci from MD

" It was wonderful to partner with BSNCF to make the "Smile Kits" during the COVID-19 years. Even though I'm in college now, it's great to see that FBLA is still committed to sending smiles across the miles to those in need. "

Chris Horstkamp

" Thank you very much for the care package. Your kindness has helped me as I go through my journey. It will never be forgotten. "

Cynthia from AL

Gratitude from our Executive Director

As I reflect on the Foundation's highlights over the past year, I am filled with pride and gratitude. 2021 marked the 20th anniversary of the Barnett-Searing National Cancer Foundation. Through the years, the Foundation has made a difference in countless lives delivering projects offering emotional and physical comfort to cancer patients. In 2016, we had a vision to grow the non-profit into a charity that would serve cancer patients on a nationwide scale. I'm proud to report that the Foundation has touched lives throughout the United States in every state. This is all due to the ongoing commitment and support from the BSNCF community.

It is an honor to lead the Barnett-Searing National Cancer Foundation and to carry the torch for Jenny Searing and Mary Barnett. This legacy has grown to include other wonderful women who have lost their fight to cancer. Beautiful Natasha Powderly was our first "Smile Kit" recipient. Kind hearted Carole Harbold was our second. Courageous Erica Duran still graces the cover of our website. Her smile and vivacious desire to thrive remains forever in our hearts. We are thankful to the families of these women for allowing us to continue to keep their spirit alive and honor their memory.

While the COVID-19 pandemic could have presented a challenge for BSNCF, it brought us closer together. The annual BSNCF Run Walk was created to allow supporters to celebrate their loved ones from their corner of the world while joining virtually with the BSNCF community. Thanks to you funds raised from this event along with your donations and our corporate sponsors, we've been able to continue to fill the growing number of "Smile Kit" requests.

As part of our 20th anniversary celebration, we launched the BSNCF Smile Awards. The purpose of this program was to recognize our volunteers and supporters who have gone above and beyond to advance or emulate the BSNCF mission. Please take a moment to read more about the honorees for this inaugural program.

Endless gratitude to our volunteers and donors for making 2021 one of BSNCF's best years yet.

Yours In Service,

Taralyn

Taralyn Tharp Kohler
Executive Director



BSNCF HISTORY



Founded in 2001, The Barnett-Searing National Cancer Foundation was created by John Searing and Kevin Barnett to carry on the legacy of their loved ones, Jenny Searing and Mary Barnett. Within four months of her ovarian sarcoma diagnosis, Jenny became an angel at age 26. During this time, John connected with Kevin who's mother, Mary Barnett, lost her battle with uterine sarcoma at the age of 55. Kevin and John channeled their grief into passion and co created The Barnett Searing National Cancer Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit.. Founding BSNCF was a way for these young men to honor their loved ones while filling a vital need such as helping to keep the lights on, paying rent, or putting food on the table in what may be a cancer patient's darkest hour. It brought them great joy to implement programs that provide comfort and ease the burdens of cancer patients and their families.

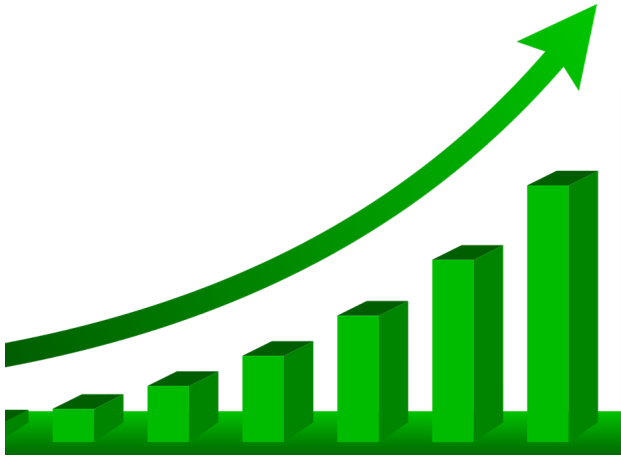
BSNCF has positively impacted the emotional, physical and financial health of cancer patients since 2001 through a variety of projects. These include contributing to advance cancer research to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Anderson Cancer Center Research to find a cure for this horrible disease. But until there is a cure for this deadly disease, the good work of BSNCF will be paramount. BSNCF provides immediate and impactful assistance to comfort cancer patients and their families.

Through the years, regional and nationwide projects have made a positive impact. These have included:

- Creating a Patient Navigator system
- Establishing "The Wish Fund"
- Providing financial support to Stella Maris Hospice
- Revitalizing a waiting room in memory of Mary Barnett
- Delivering a caregiver workshop "Walking on Eggshells"
- Establishing Team BSNCF Launching "Students for Smiles"

A key partnership for BSNCF was also forged in 2006 with Lee's Friends. Together, we have provided support for gynecological patients easing the financial burden for cancer patients in financial hardship.

PROGRESS REPORT



With the support from our loyal donors and partners, we are pleased to report that in 2021 we gifted over 600 "Smile Kits." This outreach currently serves as our primary focus. The genesis of this program started many years ago when we partnered with Greater Baltimore Medical Center to deliver 125 comfort bags to gynecological patients. These comfort bags included a cozy blanket, chair exercise book, a cookbook, awareness cancer ribbon, Biotene mouthwash, hand sanitizer, BSNCF water bottle, Tea Tree nail saver and queasy pops.

We relaunched this program in 2017 and renamed comfort bags to "Smile Kits." Since that time, we have gifted a total of 3000 "Smile Kits" and have touched the lives of patients in every state in the United States. The COVID-19 pandemic has presented a supply chain challenge, but "Smile Kits" generally include a fuzzy blanket, lip balm for dry lips, an adult coloring book and colored pencils for therapy and mindfulness. All items are branded with custom stickers with sayings designed to bring joy at a dark time.

Traditionally, the BSNCF mission has been funded by our annual in person event and donations. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we found new ways to connect with our supporters virtually. One of these was the creation of the BSNCF Virtual Run Walk. This annual event takes place Memorial Day weekend and remained popular in 2021. Participants received a medal and BSNCF swag and enjoyed connecting with other supporters for a weekend of fitness and fundraising.

In 2021, we also introduced the BSNCF "Smile Awards" to commemorate the 20th anniversary. The purpose of this program is to recognize the dedication and accomplishments of our volunteers as well as to encourage cancer patients to share their story of inspiration. In our inaugural program, we recognized seven volunteers and two cancer thrivers in a variety of categories.



Pictured here is Molly Oldham. It's easy to see why Molly was named the 2021 BSNCF Thriver of the Year.

The BSNCF 20th Anniversary "Smile Awards"



BSNCF Run Walk MVP

Valerie Tolliver is the 2021 BSNCF Run/Walk MVP! For her birthday Valerie, a cancer thriver, asked her tribe of to join her in participating in the 2021 BSNCF Run Walk. Recruiting over 35 #TeamValerie members, she helped make our fundraiser a huge success! Her supporters pledged enough funds to send over 60 "Smile Kits" and spread good vibes through social media.



BSNCF Leadership Award

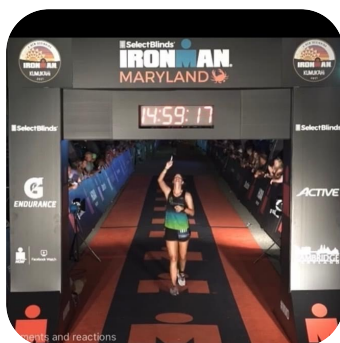
In the words of one of another BSNCF team member, "Tricia Katebini has always had such a positive and motivational personality since battling COVID, she has pushed through the post COVID reactions and still continues to asset Team BSNCF and represent the team while training for her own races as well as the BSNCF Run/Walk." Tricia also held a successful shoe drive in 2021 for BSNCF to help raise funds for our "Smile Kit" initiative and helped grow Team BSNCF.



Corporate Partner of the Year

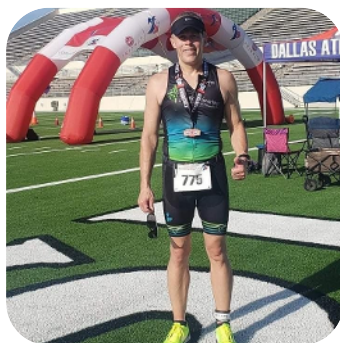
GRF CPAs & Advisors has been a valued partner since 2018 when we held our first joint "Smile Kit" making event as part of GRF's annual holiday give back program. One of GRF's rising stars, Alejandra Jensen, also stepped forward as a BSNCF Board Member and Tricia Katebini volunteered as Team BSNCF Captain. During COVID-19 GRF continued to support the Foundation through virtual "Smile Kit" events for their summer intern program.

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Fundraiser of the Year

Kallen Carlson is the 2021 Fundraiser of the Year! We are honored that Kallen included BSNCF in her journey to becoming an Ironman while making her miles count. When her goal race was canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Kallen defined what it means to thrive. After raising over \$3000, she kept the momentum going by holding additional fundraisers partnering with Wasserhund Brewing Company.



Team BSNCF Athlete Award

George did not allow COVID-19 to halt his commitment to BSNCF and to growing personally through athletics. He added several triathlon finish lines to his list of accomplishments and even crushed a full marathon with an impressive time while representing the Foundation. George is also lightning fast. He's worked hard and is the well deserved recipient of the TEAM BSNCF Athlete of the Year Award.



Team BSNCF Overcomer Award

Cory Brewbaker is the recipient of the 2021 Team BSNCF Overcomer Award. In the words of another BSNCF team member, Kallen Carlson, "A few weeks before the biggest race of her life, IMMD, her dad suddenly/quickly passed away from cancer. One can only imagine all the hardship she went through from losing her best friend and dad but continued to push forward. She trained so hard for her first full Ironman, and finished in her dad's honor!"

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Thriver of the Year

The "BSNCF Thriver of the Year Award" is designed to highlight the story of an individual who has served as an inspiration by displaying courage, resolution and tenacity in their cancer journey. The Smile Award program was created in 2021 to recognize key volunteers and groups who have made a strong impact on the Foundation. Molly embodies the word "thrive" and was nominated by her sister, Lilly.



Volunteer of the Year

Jennifer Cramer Marden is the BSNCF Volunteer of the Year! As the faculty sponsor of Loudoun County High School's FBLA/Interact, Jen supported several "Smile Kit" events in 2021 and facilitated the introduction to the Congregation Sha'are Shalom which allowed us to participate in International Good Deeds Day 2021. These events combined generated over 400 "Smile Kits" and \$750 in monetary donations.



Youth Inspire Award

Loudoun County High School FBLA/Interact is the recipient of BSNCF's "Youth Inspire Award." We were inspired by the leadership efforts of the Loudoun County High School's FBLA/Interact team. The power of collaboration and kindness brought together students and faculty from six Loudoun County Public Schools along with Daybreak Rotary to donate and assemble over 300 Smile Kits. These were worth over \$6,000 and \$500 in cash was donated to BSNCF.

" Thank you for the "Smile Kit."I started coloring therapy today and I'm excited to showcase my artsy side. "

Anonymous

" The Smile Kit definitely brought a huge smile to my face - and still is! I especially like the fuzzy leopard blankie -right up my alley! And the sweet notes will be inspiration. Thank you so much for thinking of me and for being supportive.

Molly from VA

" I would like to thank you for the "Smile Kit" and the AMAZING cards that I received! May God bless you all! "

Johanne

OUR MISSION

At BSNCF we support women of all ages impacted by cancer and the loved ones that care for them, lifting them up on the verge of quitting, inspiring them to do more than just survive, and empowering them to thrive.



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