

The Barnett-Searing National Cancer Foundation

2022

The 2022 Barnett Searing National Cancer Foundation Annual Report highlights the impactful strides made in providing patient support services, celebrating cancer patients in the BSNCF Run/Walk, and raising awareness about BSNCF. Thanks to the generosity of donors and sponsors, the Foundation is making a lasting difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families.



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From the Executive Director

As I reflect on the past year, my heart overflows with pride and gratitude for the incredible volunteers and supporters of the Barnett-Searing National Cancer Foundation who have played a vital role in our success. Their unwavering dedication has allowed our Foundation to thrive, providing solace, support, and a glimmer of hope during the most challenging moments of cancer patients' journeys. It is a true honor to be a part of this extraordinary community.

Guided by the spirits of Jenny Searing, Mary Barnett, and other remarkable women who have faced the battle against cancer, BSNCF has expanded its reach, leaving a positive impact on countless lives. This past year, we achieved a significant milestone by gifting 1000 Smile Kits in one calendar year, creating precious moments of joy and respite for those in need.

The enduring smiles and unwavering courage of these brave individuals continue to inspire us, driving our unwavering commitment to honor their memory and uplift other patients and their families.

With deep gratitude, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to all of our exceptional volunteers and generous donors. Their unwavering support and dedication have made 2022 an extraordinary year for BSNCF. Through their contributions, we have been able to transform the lives of countless individuals, offering them strength, hope, and a reason to smile. Together, we forge ahead, united in our mission to conquer cancer and bring comfort to those who need it most.

In Service,

Tara

Taralyn Tharp Kohler
Executive Director



HISTORY

Inspiring Hope and Spreading Joy

Established in 2001, the Barnett Searing National Cancer Foundation (BSNCF) was born out of the shared experiences of John Searing and Kevin Barnett, who tragically lost their loved ones, Jenny Searing and Mary Barnett, to cancer. Jenny, diagnosed with ovarian sarcoma, passed away at the young age of 26, while Mary battled uterine sarcoma until her passing at 55. Driven by their passionate desire to honor their memory and help other families, John and Kevin joined forces to create the Barnett-Searing National Cancer Foundation as a beacon of hope and support for cancer patients and their families.

BSNCF has a rich history of initiatives that have made a meaningful impact in the lives of those affected by cancer. Our current “Smile Kit” program aims to bring comfort and uplift the spirits of cancer patients.

Throughout the years, BSNCF has expanded its reach and impact through collaborations with renowned cancer research institutions such as the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Anderson Cancer Center Research.



The Foundation has also implemented various programs and projects, including financial assistance, caregiver workshops, patient navigator systems, and partnerships with organizations like Lee's Friends. BSNCF's unwavering dedication to supporting cancer patients and their families continues to drive their mission, creating a positive difference in the lives of individuals facing the challenges of cancer.

*When life gives you LIMES,
rearrange the letters to say SMILE.*

PROGRESS REPORT

In 2022, the Barnett-Searing National Cancer Foundation (BSNCF) achieved a significant milestone by gifting over 1000 "Smile Kits" to cancer patients in a single calendar year bringing our total number of "Smile Kits" delivered to over 3,800. These thoughtfully curated kits contain a selection of comforting items, such as cozy blankets, soothing lip balm, adult coloring books, and handmade inspirational cards. The purpose of these "Smile Kits" is to provide a moment of respite, promoting self-care, relaxation, and emotional well-being during the challenging journey of cancer treatment. Through the distribution of each "Smile Kit," BSNCF aims to bring a smile to the faces of cancer patients and remind them that they are supported and loved throughout their battle.

A big shout out goes to Walmart, who was honored as the BSNCF Partner of the Year. We are incredibly grateful for their generous support, as they have stepped up to provide four grants totaling \$4000. Their dedication to our cause made a significant impact in helping us further our mission. Thank you, Walmart, for being an valued partner in our journey.

Sending Smiles Across the Miles

This goal was made possible by the donations from the community, the Daybreak Rotary Club and members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Leesburg, Virginia. The clubs were able to assemble 758 Smile Kits for the Barnett - Searing National Cancer Foundation at Loudoun County High School on December 10, 2022. The accomplishment was recognized in a commendation resolution which will go into the journal of the Virginia General Assembly presented by Delegate Reid. 758 "Smile Kits" created really means that 3000 lives minimally were touched. Each recipient likely has a partner or spouse and perhaps children. This multiples the ripple effect of one simple random act of kindness.



2022 BSNCF Smile Awards

The BSNCF Smile Awards were created in 2021 as a means to recognize supporters, volunteers and partners of the Foundation. We are pleased to honor the 2022 recipients for their outstanding contributions.

BSNCF Smile Award Recipients

Athena Scalise Waitt
Thriver of the Year

Carl Adams
Volunteer of the Year

Kallen Carlson
Fundraiser of the Year

Loudoun County FBLA/Interact
Youth Inspire Award

Walmart
Corporate Partner Award



We have all been touched by cancer and the opportunity to support women with cancer through BSNCF in any way that we can is an important part of serving our community. Through the preparation of Smile Kits, participation in the BSNCF Virtual Run/Walk and supporting our family and friends impacted by cancer, we hope our actions will bring more smiles into the world.

- Carl Adams, Volunteer of the Year



Team BSNCF

Inspiring Hope and Spreading Joy One Mile at a Time

In 2023, Team BSNCF drew inspiration from John Searing, Co-founder of BSNCF. John played football at Rutgers and James Madison University. Following the passing of his sister, Jenny, John turned to running and fitness as a means to clear his mind and alleviate stress. In 2005, he ran his first marathon and discovered that combining his passion for running with fundraising for the Foundation in Jenny's memory provided the extra motivation he needed to cross the finish line.



On October 6, 2022, John achieved a lifelong dream as he qualified for and proudly represented BSNCF at the renowned IRONMAN World Championship in Kona, HI. Throughout the race, he carried the spirit of his sister, Jenny, in his heart and dedicated each mile to honor the brave cancer warriors supported by BSNCF.

His remarkable achievement serves as an inspiration to the entire BSNCF community, highlighting the transformative power of dedication and perseverance in the fight against cancer. Additionally, John's remarkable journey raised over \$10,000 for the Foundation, further fueling its vital work and impact.



Challenge Accepted

Board Member Mike Cummings and Co-founder John Searing embarked on an extraordinary mission aboard the "Challenge Accepted" in a boating competition that would take them from Newport, Rhode Island to Bermuda. The boat, adorned with the BSNCF logo, served as a symbol of hope, resilience, and the strength of community.

As they set sail, Mike and John encountered challenging and unpredictable conditions, with rough seas testing their skills and resilience. The race presented numerous challenges, but the determination and the unwavering support of their dedicated crew propelled them forward.

Amidst the rolling waves and gusty winds, they navigated the course with a spirit of perseverance and solidarity.



Each passing mile was a testament to their dedication and their commitment to honoring the brave individuals battling cancer and those who support them.

Finally, after overcoming the demanding race, Mike, John, and their tenacious crew triumphantly crossed the finish line. With their sails filled by the winds of hope and the support of countless individuals, Mike, John, and their remarkable crew proved that even in the face of adversity, challenges can be overcome, and new horizons can be reached.



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National Cancer Foundation
Supporting women with cancer for 20 years

OUR MISSION

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



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