

June 6, 2010 is

# National Cancer Survivor's Day

## Statistics

- As of January 1, 2006, it is estimated that there are 11.4 million cancer survivors in the U.S. – representing approximately 4% of the population.
- Approximately 14% of survivors were diagnosed 20 or more years ago.
- Today, 67% of adults diagnosed with cancer will be alive in five years. Among children, over 77% of childhood cancer survivors will be alive after 10 years.
- There are approximately 435,000 cancer survivors in Michigan.

**National Cancer Survivors Day®** is an annual, worldwide Celebration of Life that is held in hundreds of communities throughout the United States, Canada, and other participating countries. Participants unite in symbolic event to show the world that life after a cancer diagnosis can be a reality.

In 2010, National Cancer Survivors Day is celebrated on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Increases in Cancer Survivorship are Due to:

- Advances in cancer detection and early diagnosis
- More aggressive and effective treatments
- Enhanced rehabilitative and support interventions
- Active screening and healthier lifestyles by survivors and those at risk

## Who is a Cancer Survivor?

The National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation defines a “survivor” as anyone living with a history of cancer – from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life.

## Resources

American Cancer Society –  
Cancer Survivors Network  
[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention – Cancer  
Survivorship  
[www.cdc.gov/cancer/survivorship](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/survivorship)

Lance Armstrong Foundation  
[www.laf.org](http://www.laf.org)

National Cancer Institute – Office  
of Cancer Survivorship  
<http://survivorship.cancer.gov>

National Cancer Survivors Day  
Foundation  
[www.ncsdf.org](http://www.ncsdf.org)

The National Coalition for Cancer  
Survivorship  
[www.canceradvocacy.org](http://www.canceradvocacy.org)

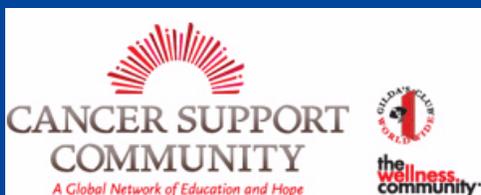
## Cancer Support Community

Backed by evidence that the best cancer care includes emotional and social support, the Cancer Support Community offers these services to all people affected by cancer.

Likely the largest professionally-led network of cancer support worldwide, the organization delivers a comprehensive menu of personalized and essential services. Because no cancer care plan is complete without emotional and social support, the Cancer Support Community has a vibrant network of community-based centers and online services run by trained and licensed professionals.

In July 2009, The Wellness Community and Gilda's Club joined forces to become the Cancer Support Community. The combined organization provides high-quality psychological and social support through a network of nearly 50 local affiliates, more than 100 satellite locations and online.

For more information, visit [www.cancersupportcommunity.org](http://www.cancersupportcommunity.org).



## American Cancer Society

The **American Cancer Society** offers a range of practical and emotional services for cancer patients, their families, their caregivers, and their communities from the time of diagnosis throughout life.

Some services provided by the American Cancer Society include:

- Cancer Survivors Network<sup>SM</sup>
- I Can Cope<sup>®</sup>
- Hope Lodge<sup>®</sup>
- "tlc" Tender Loving Care<sup>®</sup>
- Look Good...Feel Better<sup>®</sup>
- Road to Recovery<sup>SM</sup>
- Reach to Recovery<sup>®</sup>
- Man to Man<sup>®</sup>

For more information, please contact [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or 1-800-ACS-2345.

