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**GERBER MEMORIAL HEALTH SERVICES (GMHS)  
CANCER CARE CENTER  
AND THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY  
TO HOST CANCER SURVIVORS' GARDEN PARTY**

*Fremont, Michigan...* Capping a week of celebrating 30 years of caring for, and treating, cancer patients in and around Newaygo County, the GMHS Cancer Care Center is hosting a Cancer Survivors' Garden Brunch for all cancer survivors in the area. The Brunch will take place Saturday, August 22, from 9 AM – 11 AM on the patio at GMHS' Tamarac, The Center for Health and Well-Being, 1401 W. Main St. in Fremont.

"Thanks to the progress made in the fight against cancer, more than 11 million people who have heard the words 'You have cancer,' are survivors today," stated Kim Wernstrom, Community Program Manager for the Lakeshore area of the American Cancer Society. "In honor of all those who have battled this disease, we are pleased to co-host the second annual Cancer Survivors' Garden Brunch with Gerber Memorial.

The brunch and has already become a popular event for cancer survivors and their caregivers in which to build relationships and share experiences with others whose lives have been touched by the disease. Attendees will enjoy a healthy brunch, free hand massages, and a short presentation by Kristie Bulger, a fellow cancer survivor. Everyone will find strength and inspiration from her personal story and discussions with each other around the tables.

For the event, attendees are encouraged to wear a favorite hat (men also!) as there will be a hat “fashion show” during the brunch. Ultimately a Grand Prize winning hat will be announced, with the winner receiving a special prize. There will also be giveaways and prizes for those who attend.

GMHS is pleased to have the American Cancer Society co-host this event. “The American Cancer Society has been a force in the prevention and treatment of cancer and a staunch supporter of the Cancer Care Center at Gerber Memorial. We welcome this opportunity to partner with them,” stated Kathy Evans, Manager of the Cancer Care Center.

The Cancer Care Center at Gerber Memorial is currently celebrating 30 years of service to the community. The Center treats an average of 675 “active” patients who are either receiving chemotherapy or are seen at least once per year for follow-up. It is open all day, Monday through Friday and an oncologist sees patients every Monday. The Center houses private and semi-private chemotherapy rooms equipped with comfortable recliners, TVs, attractively decorated, ceiling light panels. The Center is staffed by four (4) chemotherapy certified oncology nurses.

For more information call the GMHS Cancer Care Center at 231.924.1305 or visit the GMHS web site at [www.gerberhospital.org](http://www.gerberhospital.org).

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. If you are a survivor or a caregiver, you know the hardship and the struggles the newly diagnosed face. You do not have to face this journey alone. At the moment of diagnosis, the American Cancer Society is there for you. Contact them anytime, day or not, for information, local resources, and support, by calling 1-800-227-2345 or visiting [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

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