



## Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society

Dear Friend of Oncology,

The Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society will be hosting the **30th annual** Camp Raising Spirits on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 7, 8, and 9, 2024 at the Laurelville Retreat Center near Mt. Pleasant, PA. This is the longest-running camp of its kind in the country, for adults with cancer.

In the three days at camp, these adults with cancer and their guest are provided the opportunity to gather to celebrate their life and put the every-day stresses of their diagnosis and treatment problems on the side. The commitment and dedication of oncology professionals provide an environment where they can laugh, lounge, and live life to the fullest.

As with everything this year, providing such an opportunity for these special people is not without a cost. We would like to be able once again, with an all-volunteer team of oncology nurses, physicians, and other committed professionals, to host 50 adults with a cancer diagnosis and their guest. The cost of this activity is about \$500 per person with cancer.

As in the past, we are asking for your support for this endeavor. We would appreciate your commitment to sponsor a campership, or any other donation you would be able to provide would be appreciated. All funds raised for this program stay specifically with Camp Raising Spirits and are not used for any other GPC chapter activities.

**We are pleased to announce that we have retained non-profit status (501(c)3) and an extra tax deduction is NEVER a bad thing! (TIN 37-1666593)**

A check for this program can be made out to **GPC-ONS Camp Raising Spirits** and sent with the attached form to the address indicated there. A receipt will be provided for your records upon request.

We are also seeking camper referrals. If you know of someone who would be interested in attending please forward their contact information so we can provide them with an invitation.

To watch a brief video that better explains why we do this go to:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_63biOtinZc&feature=email](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_63biOtinZc&feature=email)

Thank you for your continued support of this ever so appreciated endeavor.

Sincerely,

**Camp Raising Spirits Co-Chairpersons:**

*Mary Burgunder*

*Mary Jo Capozzoli*

*Eileen Milakovic*

