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## Join Us for the 18th Annual Cancer Survivors Celebration

**N**ortheastern Pennsylvania residents who have been touched by cancer are invited to attend the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute 18th Annual *Cancer Survivors Celebration* on Sunday, June 13th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs in Wilkes-Barre. This regional event is free of charge and open to the Family of Survivors – which includes anyone who is dealing with or has dealt with cancer, their family, friends, and caregivers.

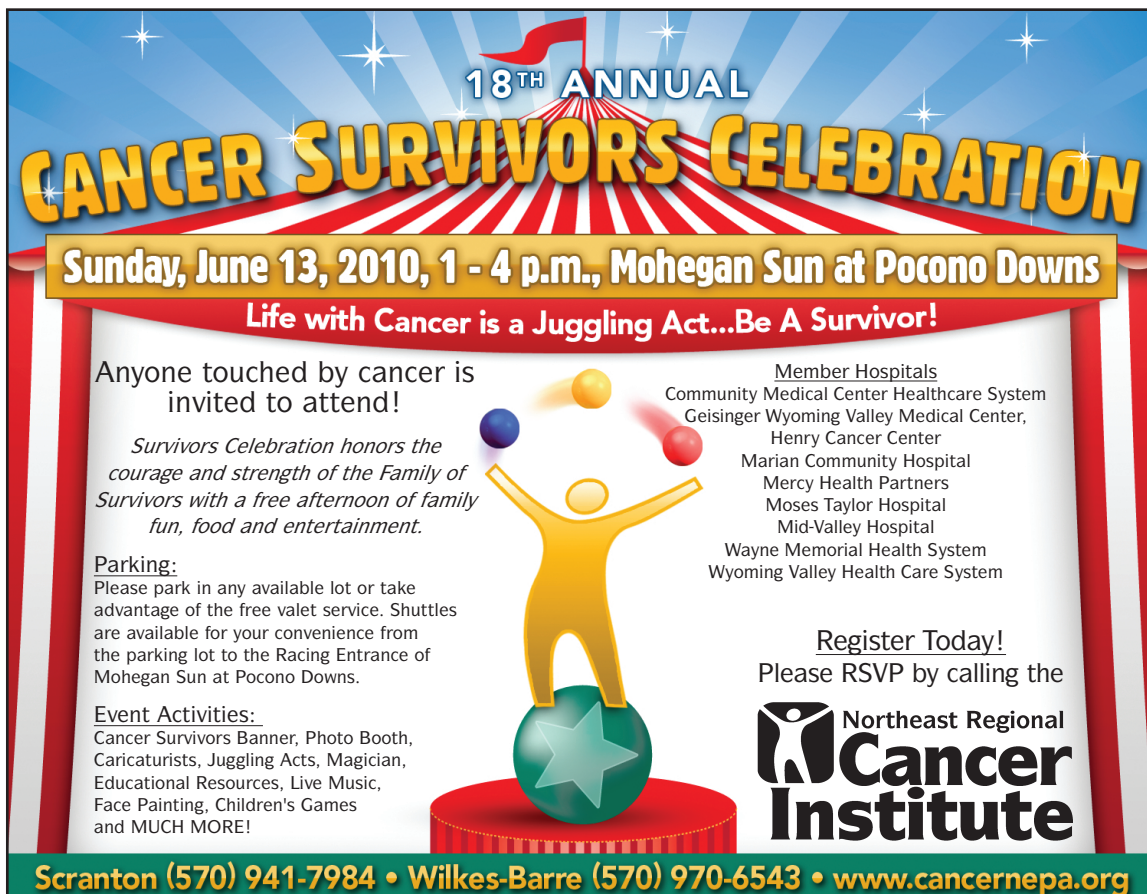
Natalie Gelb Solfanelli and Bob Lamson, Cancer

Survivors Celebration Committee Co-Chairs, are pleased to announce the event theme, *Life with Cancer is a Juggling Act...Be A Survivor!* The circus theme event will feature activities for cancer survivors which include the Survivors Banner, photo booth, caricaturists, juggling acts, a magician, educational resources, live music, face painting, children's games, and refreshments.

Free event parking is available. Additionally, shuttle buses will be available from the parking lot to the event registration area.

To register for the event, or for more information, please call the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute at (570) 970-6543 in Wilkes-Barre or (570) 941-7984 in Scranton or visit [www.cancernepa.org](http://www.cancernepa.org).

*In the United States, approximately 12 million individuals are living with cancer.*



**18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
CANCER SURVIVORS CELEBRATION**

**Sunday, June 13, 2010, 1 - 4 p.m., Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs**

**Life with Cancer is a Juggling Act...Be A Survivor!**

Anyone touched by cancer is invited to attend!


*Survivors Celebration honors the courage and strength of the Family of Survivors with a free afternoon of family fun, food and entertainment.*

**Parking:**  
Please park in any available lot or take advantage of the free valet service. Shuttles are available for your convenience from the parking lot to the Racing Entrance of Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs.

**Event Activities:**  
Cancer Survivors Banner, Photo Booth, Caricaturists, Juggling Acts, Magician, Educational Resources, Live Music, Face Painting, Children's Games and MUCH MORE!

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**Register Today!**  
Please RSVP by calling the

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## Judie Brier – Story of Survivorship

Just to be able to say I am a 36 year survivor of Ovarian cancer fills me with gratitude and hope for others.

I noticed a lump in my abdomen. It continued to grow very rapidly and I quickly scheduled an appointment with my doctor. Concerned about the growth, my doctor immediately scheduled surgery to remove the cyst after my examination. Twenty doctors were in the operating room for the surgery, where they found that my cyst was the size of a volleyball. They were able to remove the cyst but they also found a teratoma containing hair, teeth and a brain on my ovary. I learned that teratomas are extremely rare and my case was recorded as medical history at Philadelphia Hospital. Doctors had to perform a total hysterectomy. Following surgery my prognosis was very poor.

My mom sent my name to St. Jude (my namesake) and I thankfully beat the odds. I appreciate each day that is given to me as a special gift from God.

I also feel very blessed to have a beautiful family. Melissa, my daughter, was young at the time of the surgery. I also have two granddaughters who



*Pictured are (left to right): Judie Brier, Mel Baer, Theresa Brier, Madaline Baer, and Julia Raven Baer.*

are my pride and joy!

Each year my family and I celebrate my survivorship by attending the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute *Cancer Survivors Celebration* in June.

I consider myself a very fortunate and thankful person to be allowed to live and be able to share my story of hope.

## Breast Cancer Program Targeted to Women over 60

Across the nation and the Commonwealth women are being screened for breast cancer in ever decreasing numbers. In northeastern Pennsylvania, not only is the prevalence of screening decreasing over time, but the percentage of women screened has been lower than the state average for some time.

Free *Breast Cancer: What I Need to Know* programs are being offered by the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute to encourage women over 60 to follow recommended breast cancer screening standards. The program will address risk

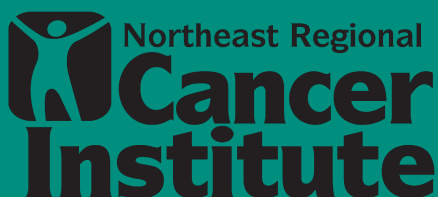
factors of breast cancer, the importance of routine screening/early detection in successful treatment, and individualized information on screening sites, payment assistance, and access to transportation.

The Blue Ribbon Foundation of Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania partnered with the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute to fund this breast health initiative.

For more information or for a listing of scheduled programs, please contact the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute at (800) 424-6724 or visit [www.cancernepa.org](http://www.cancernepa.org).

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