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2019
Annual Report

Practical aid to those fighting breast cancer.

With all the anticipation of a new decade, I find myself reflecting deeper on the events that brought us here - the official closing of a decade. Sadly, our world was shaken on July 22nd when we lost our sister of strength Carrie Bacovsky to her fight with cancer. Her spirit lives on in my heart and the hearts of loved ones as one of the most fierce and brave women to trek this earth. Her brother has contributed to our report with a testimony to Carrie's strong faith.

There were so many friends and events to help raise funds and awareness for our organization! We've continued to add subscribers to our monthly newsletter, now in the second year as we mark the progress to our community neighbors. With each month, we challenged our readers to understand stress and incorporate methods to reduce its effects. Dr. Leslie Waltke, Lisa Zochert, Brandon Reed and Caroline Reese shared their insights from training and education by interviews in their specific fields. Topics ranged from the importance of exercise, aromatherapy, mindfulness, reiki and doing what we love.

By sharing, we grow. Opening ourselves to new experiences and connections has developed our effectiveness and enabled a core strength to flourish. For all these blessings and more, I am eternally grateful. As we enter our 5th year as a grassroots, volunteer-led nonprofit organization, let's seize the opportunity for growth and understanding. Together, we will find strength in synergy. Continued respect and gratefulness to our board: Mark Browning, Suzzette Metcalfe, Becky Van Der Ploeg, Erin Doren and Amanda Wisth. Volunteers, the community and a dedicated team has ensured our organization continues to make a difference in the every-day lives of those fighting breast cancer.

Much love and gratefulness, onward into 2020!

xoxo Deanna



Savage Support Corp. strives to provide a variety of services focused on aid to persons fighting breast cancer in southeastern Wisconsin.

## 2019 Events



## International Women's Series with The Pasta Tree - All Year Long

A monthly event featured local women from the arts, business, community service, hospitality and media industries who selected a

menu and explained their life's passion to a paid audience. When the 1st series concluded in March 2019, Suzzette forwarded a check for \$1300 to our general fund. IWS collaborated with Milwaukee's Mob Craft Brewing to create an IWS Rhubarb IPA. Proceeds from the event and beer benefited a number of local nonprofits including Savage Support. We are so grateful to Suzzette for the concept and to all the participants.

## Sock Hop at Best Place at the Historic Pabst Brewery - May

Our annual fundraiser
was a blast to the past
with Cream City Swing
dancing all afternoon, rain
and shine! The talented
instructors Caitlin and BJ,
the DJ Brian and nearly



20 volunteers led the crowd through swing dance steps in a fun and relaxed style. Over 40 businesses and persons donated to the auction helping raise funds through one of a kind experiences, products or services. The board members created crock pots of 50's inspired fare with Tall Guy & A Grill reliving the times with a cheesy fondue. Kate Shorr of K Vintners donated cases of liquid courage (wine!). Special thanks to Bryan Douglas of CCS and the entire team at Best Place for coordinating and contributing immensely to a successful day.

## Kathy Nackers Memorial Golf Outing -September

The 8th annual KNMGO was hosted at Songbird Hills in the town of Lisbon. A beautiful course had over 60 people playing 9 holes and a delicious, warm catered meal made the day seamless. The loved ones of Kathy came together and raised over \$7,000 through

donations, a live and silent auction, mulligans and other special giveaways. Infinite gratitude to Tom Nackers for organizing the day with the support of his wife Lynn and sons, brothers, friends and family.



## Party with a Purpose - November

Trades of Hope offered the opportunity to shower the globe with HOPE and empower women out of poverty. Noelle Braun shared beautiful, fair trade items and stories of artisans. She honored her mom CJ by donating 75% of her sales commission to Savage Support.

#### Giving Tuesday - December

Our supporters donated \$860 for our beneficiaries! Thank you so much to everyone who showed their support during this year's #GivingTuesday. The funds sponsored an event of our beneficiaries choosing for a Bucks Game, The Milwaukee Ballet's Nutcracker, or The Reps A Christmas Carol!

# Wrap, Sip, Support with The Public Table - December

Public Table offered holiday gift wrap service for two local nonprofit organizations, one being Savage Support. Volunteers wrapped gifts for \$2 each while Santa's shoppers enjoyed locally-sourced food and beverages.

## A Survivor of Stage IV Cancer

The Bible shares many stories and has such a diverse amount of followers that at times it can be easier to avoid the support that is promised within the Word.

This was not an option for Carolyn Ann Bacovsky born March 18, 1972. Better known as Carrie, this girl's life had already survived enough reason to challenge faith and through this an understanding that would eventually lead to a personal relationship with God.

Carrie's life of travesty began a long time ago. Her ancestor's were amongst a group of unwelcome people in their home land. This led to a move that was the great grandparents responsibility and really is a story in itself. To summarize this story, Carrie's family migrated during World War I and the only baggage they carried was pain and frustration. This transposed through generations leaving Carrie's childhood and young adulthood undesirable conversation. To put this movement into Carrie's words, when first diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer 8 years before her passing into the Spirit realm of life, "God had backed me into a corner." This was another move that would change generation's to come, only Carrie was a pioneer for her family to migrate to a non-secular life. As friends and relatives understood it, Carrie had become distanced from them and overzealous in her faith.

Alone and struggling with health issues that were threatening her very existence, Carrie took on yet another challenge. This challenge was to trust her life in the hands of the unseen. "God is promising me that I will be cured of this cancer" she proclaimed to those who would listen. This promise was not proving itself in a tangible way that would help Carrie promote the one thing that she loved the most. There was always such little evidence where things such as numerous chemotherapy treatments had been reduced to just several or homeopathic remedies that only seemed to dull the pain.

Carrie traveled as far as Washington and Mexico pursuing drug trials and undergoing experimental procedures. At one point she had experienced extreme radiation treatment to relieve 15 tumors in her brain. In doing so, she relied only on her faith for financial support as well as direction not to mention the people that were provoked to lend a hand along the way. New friends and what seemed to become family in the way Carrie had never experienced had come into light. This proved that she really did have a brand new life and that her Mission had become to start over and be reborn, but not without leaving behind a story.

Carrie's promise was completed on July 22, 2019 when she had finally come to rest and the concern for illness was gone forever. Surrounded by loved ones they saw a miracle, this miracle was understanding as to just how bad her condition was and knowledge that without her faith this day would have come much sooner. The pain one feels is

always indescribable, especially when emotions are involved. Having given her ailments to the One that creates "all" did not prove to be some miraculous story about a vanishing disease, but gave light to an understanding that all things can be accomplished through Christ. Not everyone that gives their life into the hand of God will experience martyrdom, but it certainly proves comfort to those in need when a certain trust is established.

Please take the time to pray for those that truly blessed Carrie along her journey. Whether they were a participant in an organization such as Savage Support or just a good Samaritan, because of them she left this world without the feeling of a crucifixion. Authoring this story as Carrie's brother, the youngest sibling of 5, it is my testimony that having a Godly life that appears to be inconvenient to most, is better than wandering aimlessly not knowing which direction is best. Thank you sister Carrie for starting a life that proves to be microscopic compared to eternity. — Aaron Bacovsky

## 2019 Financials

#### **MONEY IN**

1/1/2019 Beginning Balance: \$22,234

Fundraising 2019: \$11,04

TOTAL INCOME: \$33,277

#### MONEY OUT

Beneficiaries \$6.0614

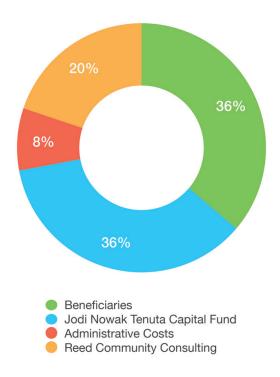
Jodi Nowak Tenuta Capital Fund: \$6,000

Administrative Costs: \$1,352

Reed Community Consulting: \$3,324

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$16.737

**END BALANCE 2019 = \$16,540** 



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