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Portneuf Celebrates Cancer Survivors Day June 6th
Annual Program Recognizes Area's "Passion for Life"

Pocatello, ID (June 3, 2009) From the moment of diagnosis, every cancer patient is a survivor. Portneuf Medical Center will celebrate Cancer Survivors Day, on Saturday, June 6th. This annual event honors the strength and courage of those who are living with and beyond cancer. It is also a time to recognize the family members, friends and medical professionals who help cancer survivors win their battle with cancer. Pocatello will join hundreds of communities throughout North America and the world in celebrating the 21st annual National Cancer Survivor's Day.

Cancer survivors are invited to bring a guest to the Cancer Survivors Social on June 6th. This year, the event will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 300 North Johnson, Pocatello. The theme is "A Passion for Life," and the celebration will be from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm with a lunch buffet. Survivors are encouraged to bring an example of their talent, hobby or passion. This may include photo albums/pictures of family or animals, scrapbooks, woodworking, paintings/artwork they create, jewelry they design, greeting cards, photography, needlepoint, sewing projects such as quilts, etc.

Bill McCready, cancer survivor and pastor of First Baptist Church, will be the keynote speaker. Pastor McCready is known for his comic approach to life and will bring laughter and levity to a serious topic. National Cancer Survivors' Day is a time to recognize, honor and celebrate those who are surviving the battle against cancer, but it is also a time for cancer patients to recognize their strength and to honor themselves. "This event is so powerful. It's a great opportunity for us to reconnect cancer patients and their families and celebrate survivorship," says Scott Pierson, MD Medical Oncologist at the Portneuf Cancer Center. "These people provide hope for those dealing with a new diagnosis of cancer."

For more information on this event, please contact Mary Maberry at 239-2119.