

## Fall Colours Light Up Cancer Clinic

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The beautiful entrance of our Cancer Clinic. Thank you to Jeanne Bucci and Charlie!

If you walk by our Cancer Clinic entrance, your eyes will light up. Colourful pots of mums, friendly scarecrows, tall corn stalks and pumpkins in all shapes and sizes resting on haystacks now grace the entrance and it's all thanks to Burlington resident, Jeanne Bucci.

On September 21, her birthday, Jeanne passed by the Clinic and felt compelled to bring some joy to the entrance.

She explained, "I just wanted to make it nice for people currently in treatment. I wanted to shine a light where there may be some darkness. If you have cancer, you need to live and enjoy each moment."

Jeanne truly knows what it means to support a loved one living with cancer. Her youngest son, Daniel was diagnosed with leukemia at age three, and went through two years of chemo at McMaster Children's Hospital. He is now 19 and cancer-free.

"Daniel is a great person. He has participated in the Relay for Life and built the team, "Daniel in the Lion's Den" with our friends and family. The team has raised thousands of dollars for cancer research. He was also a ribbon cutter in the Terry Fox Run at McMaster."

"When he was three he had cranial radiation and the doctors said he would most likely not do well in math and we are proud to say that he is majoring in Commerce at the University of Guelph – currently in his second year."

When Jeanne decided to decorate the Cancer Clinic entrance, she didn't do it alone.

"I went to a general store on Highway 5 and I told the owner Charlie, (who I had never met before) I was going to buy a lot of stuff and would be making trips back and forth. I explained what I was doing and he said he could help deliver the items with his truck. I said, 'Wow – great!' and started buying more and he helped me every step of the way. He also shared the cost of the items and when I tried to pay for his parking, he wouldn't accept!"

"Charlie and I did it in the name of Daniel, my survivor. It felt so wonderful to be able to put a smile on people's faces."

"We are very happy to say all three of our babies were born at Jo Brant and of course we love the staff at McMaster. We are so blessed and our entire family has so much to be thankful for."

Thank you to Jeanne and Charlie for bringing some joy into the lives of the people who need it the most!

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