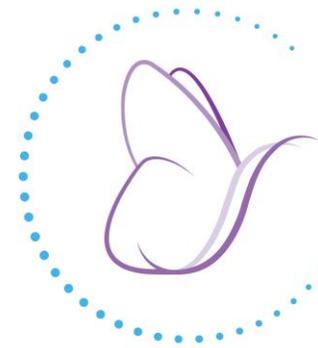


STEWART'S CARING PLACE



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CANCER WELLNESS CENTERS

ABOUT US



Stewart's Caring Place, Aunt Susie's Cancer Wellness Center announce merger

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By Staff Writer



AKRON — Stewart's Caring Place announced its merger Aug. 29 with Aunt Susie's Cancer Wellness Center in Canton. Operating under the Stewart's Caring Place brand, this union marks a significant step forward in its teams' shared mission to provide holistic, compassionate care to individuals and families navigating the challenges of a cancer diagnosis.

Aunt Susie's Cancer Wellness Center was founded in Stark County in 2012 by Marlene Mason, in memory of Sue Nixon Darling, who died from ovarian cancer in 2011. To pay homage to its founder and history, its new name will be Stewart's Caring Place: Aunt Susie's Cancer Wellness Center, and operations will continue seamlessly at its Canton location.

Similarly, Stewart's Caring Place was born out of a deeply personal experience with cancer by Mimi Surloff in honor of her husband Dr. Stewart Surloff, a podiatrist from Akron who was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2001. Their vision led to the establishment of Stewart's Caring Place in 2003.

"With the full support of both boards of directors, we're honored to have Aunt Susie's Cancer Wellness Center part of the strong Stewart's Caring Place community," said Sarah Vojtek, president and CEO of Stewart's Caring Place. "By leveraging our collective expertise and resources, we are better positioned to meet the evolving needs of the cancer community in the counties we serve. Together, we can extend our reach and impact, serving more counties across Ohio and offering enhanced support



STARK COUNTY

'Helping us get bigger and better.' Aunt Susie's merges with Stewart's Caring Place

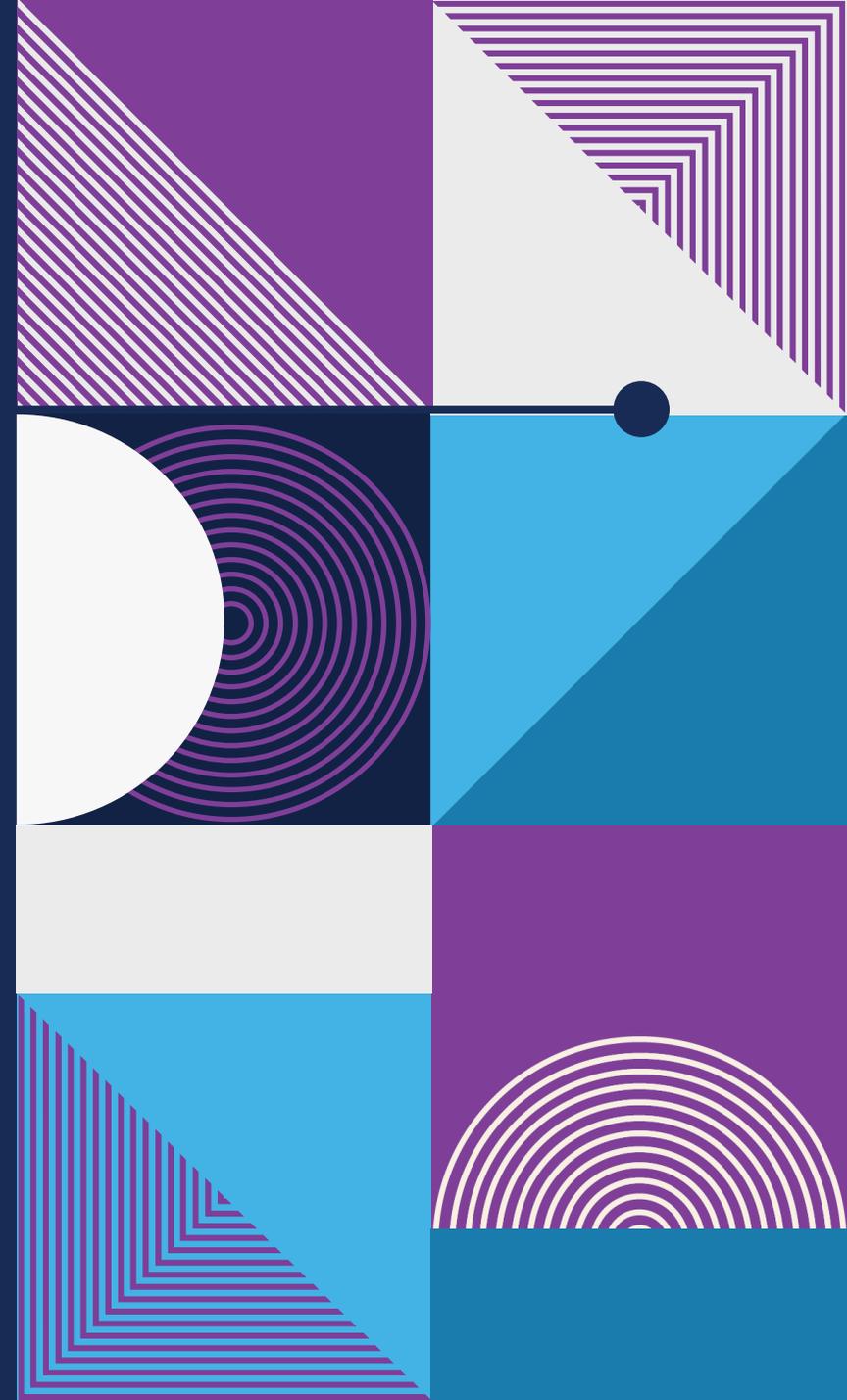


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Dr. Dina Rooney, executive director of Aunt Susie's Cancer Wellness Center in Jackson Township, left, and Sarah Vojtek, president and CEO of Stewart's Caring Place. Aunt Susie's has merged with Stewart's Caring Place, a Copley Township-based cancer wellness center, with the goal of expanding its reach and offering more services. Kevin Whitlock / Massillon Independent



WHO WE ARE

- Stewart's Caring Place offers supportive programs and services at no cost to anyone impacted by a cancer diagnosis
- All programs and services are offered at no cost to individuals and families
- Rely on the generosity of the community
 - Non-medical - we do not bill insurance
 - Do not receive government funding
- We support all cancers, at any stage of the journey
- There is no expiration date on our services
- Open to those diagnosed, the caregivers, spouses, children, extended family and friends

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

SUPPORT GROUPS

Ann Amer Brennan **Caregiver** Support Group
Coping with **Cancer** Support Group
Elana's Blessings **Breast Cancer** Support Group
Grief Support Group
Lung Cancer Support Group
Prostate Cancer Support Group
Spirituality & Cancer Support Group
Canton Cancer Connect Support Group

HOLISTIC CARE

Crystal Singing Bowls
Essential Oils
Guided Meditation
Reiki
One on one mediation
Guided imagery
Massage
Aroma touch



GROUP FITNESS

Chair Yoga
Strength Building
Yoga for Balance and Mobility
All Levels Yoga
Rest & Restore



BEAUTY

Color Street Nails
Elana's Blessings Pamper Night
Love Your Look

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FAMILY PROGRAMS

- Spring Holiday Party
- Summer Camps
- Halloween Party
- Soup & Go
- Winter Holiday Party
- Family Fun Nights

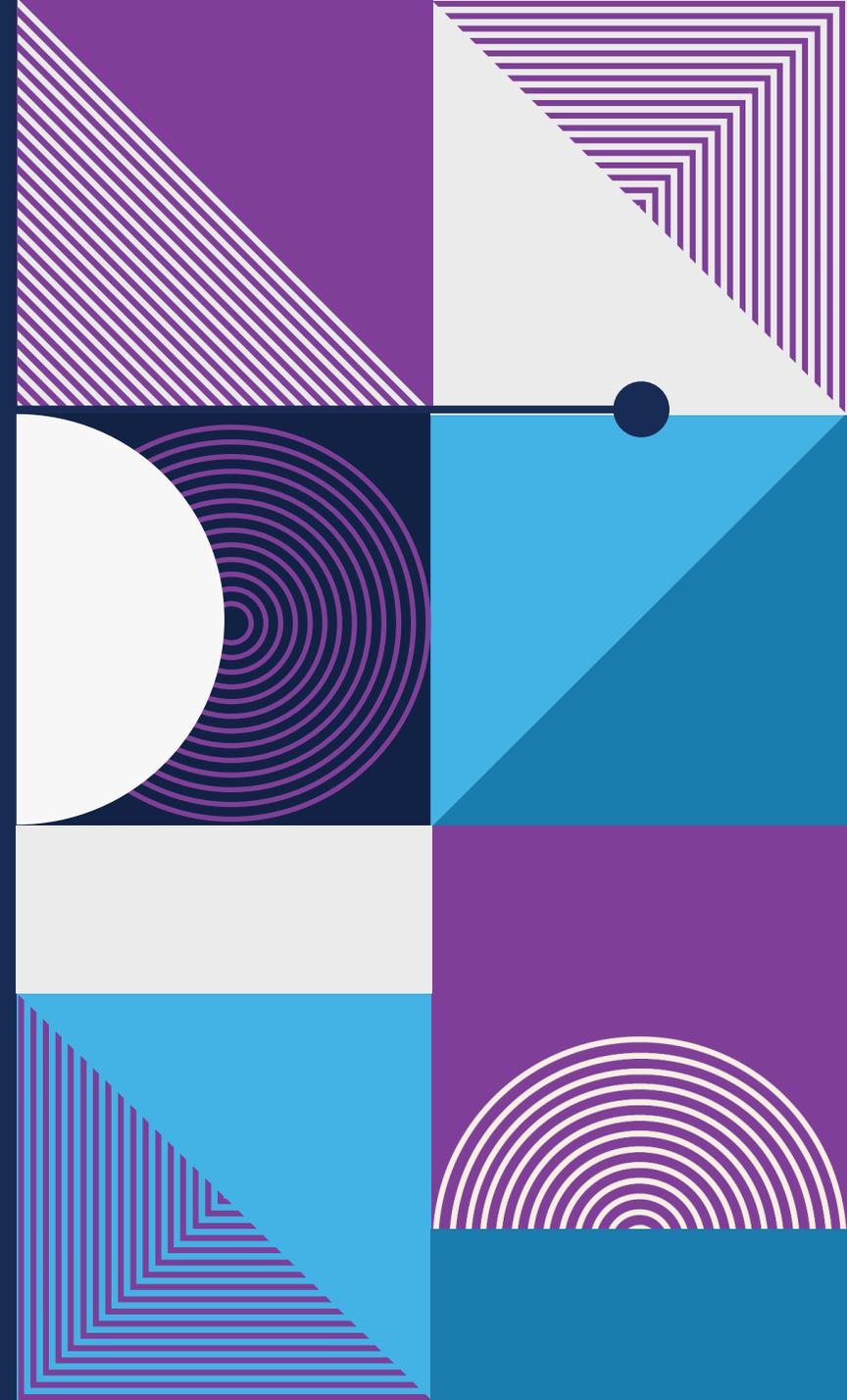
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Fly Fishing
- Guided Nature Walks



CONNECTIVITY AND FRIENDSHIP

- Poetry is Life Restorative Writing Group
- Book Club for Adults
- Cooking Classes



INDIVIDUALIZED SERVICES

Art Room

Child Life Specialist Consultations

Individual and Family **Counseling**

Library

Private Yoga Therapy

Stephen A. Comunale Jr. Family Cancer Foundation **Food Pantry**

Financial Consultations

Bankruptcy Consultations

Debt Management Consultations

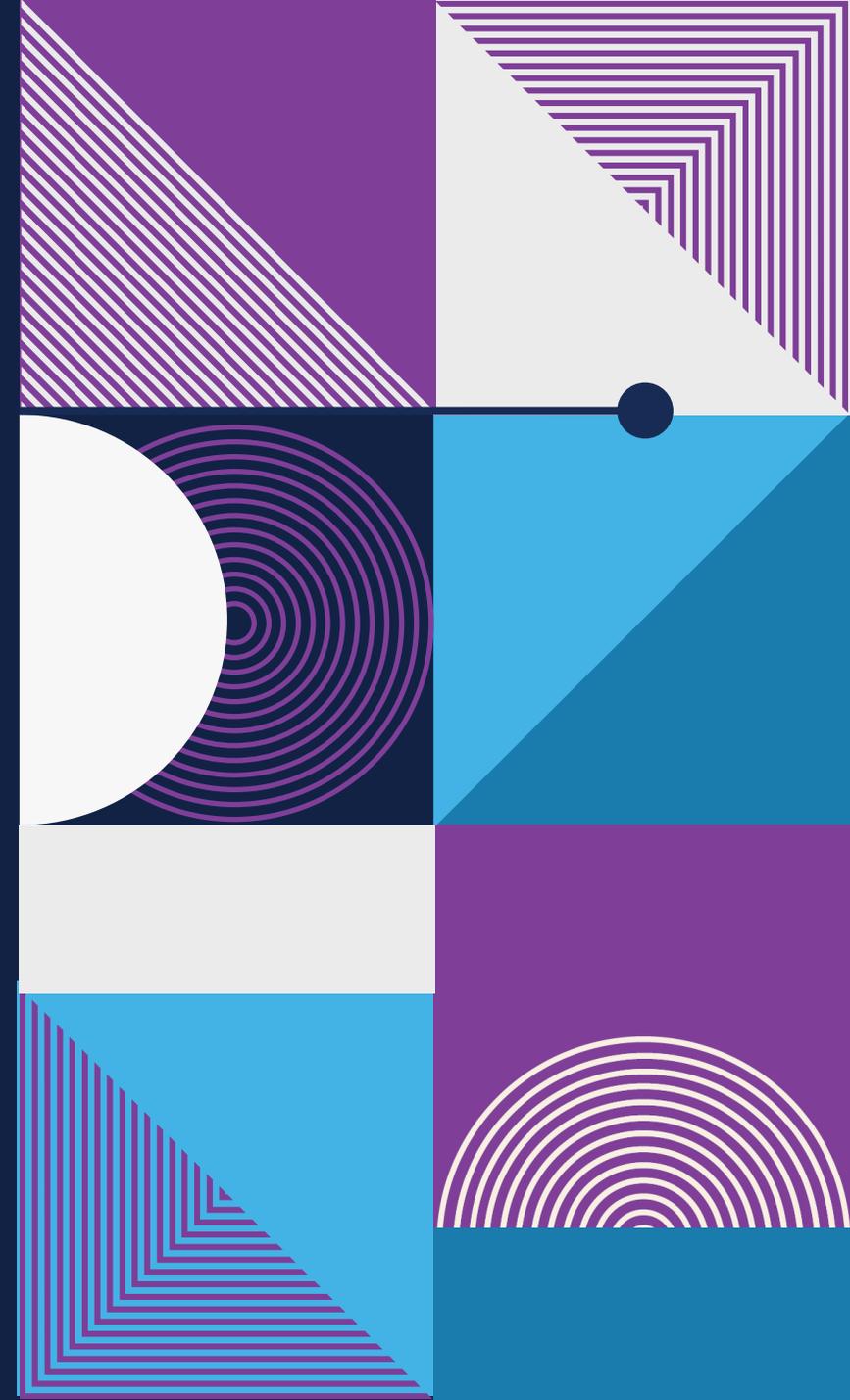
Financial Planning Consultations

Legal Consultations

Insurance Consultations

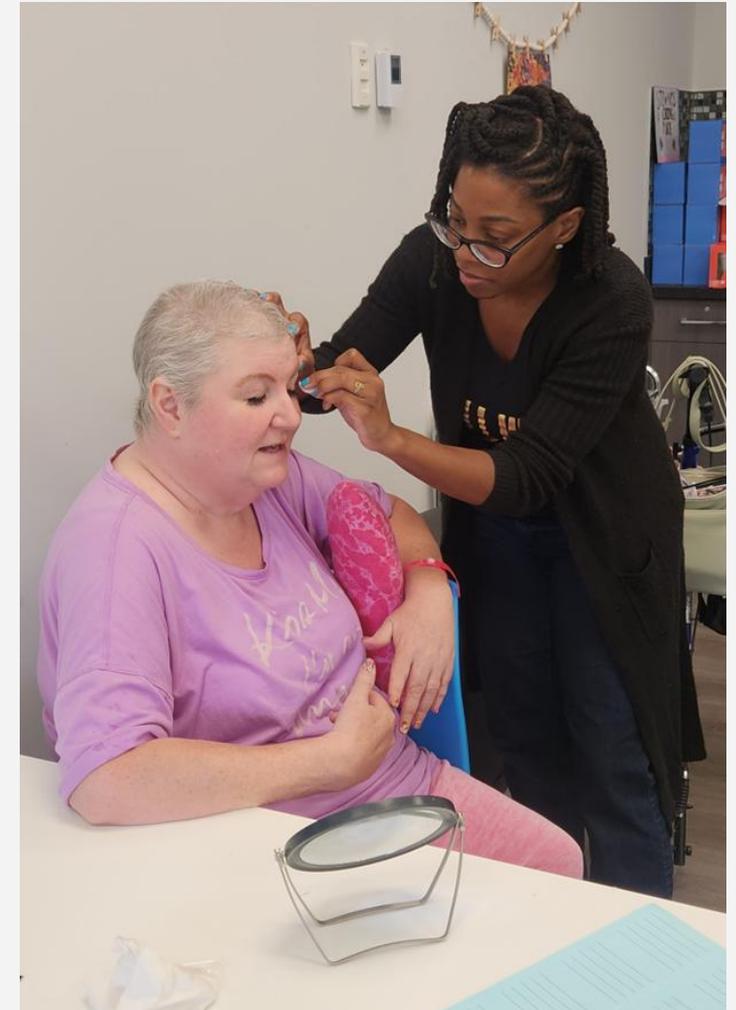
Social Security & Disability Consultations

Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Consultations



STEWART'S CARING PLACE 2025 BY THE NUMBERS

- **871 NEW** participants through our doors
- **Over 3,600** individuals and families impacted
- **989 Food Shares Distributed**
- **300 Individual Counseling Sessions**
- **279 wigs distributed**
- **866 Holistic Services**
- **Physical Fitness Class Attendance = over 2,000**



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

AWARENESS

Awareness is powerful. When you share our mission and connect others to our services, you help ensure no one faces cancer alone.

TALENT

Our programs thrive because experts from our community step forward.



TIME

We depend on generous volunteers. Whether it's helping day-to-day, supporting events, or organizing a food drive, your time truly matters.



TREASURE

Treasure comes in many forms:

- Event attendance or sponsorship at a Signature Event

Hope Walk - May 2

Butterfly Gala - August 29

Pasta for a Purpose - November 7

- Host a community fundraiser or dinner
- Donation - Individual, Corporate Match, Grant Support

Each one helps ensure our services remain free for those who need them.





Stewart's CARING PLACE

CANCER WELLNESS CENTERS

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