

## **Gavers Community Cancer Foundation**

- Since 2000, the Gavers Community Cancer Foundation has raised more than \$3.6 million for cancer screenings, treatment and research.
- The all-volunteer foundation donates 100 percent of its proceeds to cancer programs to raise cancer awareness, improve treatments and to advance research for cancer cures.
- McHenry County resident Steve Gavers was diagnosed with testicular cancer in 1994. He endured surgery, chemotherapy and the removal of lymph nodes before he was declared cancer free. However, Gavers fared better than several other people he knew who were diagnosed with cancer while he was undergoing treatment. Their deaths spurred him to create the Foundation in 1999.
- Today, Gavers, the Foundation board and their hundreds of volunteers are dedicated to educating the public about the importance of being screened for cancer.
- Every year, the Gavers Community Cancer Foundation raises funds through community events. The greater McHenry County region supports a 5K Walk/Run, a Kid's Dash and a motorcycle ride called "Get Ridin," as well as the Get Checked! screening program with Centegra Sage Cancer Center. The Foundation's premier event is the annual Barndance held in July.

For more information, visit [gavers.org](http://gavers.org) or call the following:

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