

# AMERICAN INDIAN CANCER FOUNDATION'S VIRTUAL CANCER SUPPORT CIRCLE

## Join Us

Our one-hour support group will offer a space to meet others experiencing similar situations. You will be able to tell your story, share your fears, and offer support to others on their cancer journey. Activities during the group include story sharing, guest speakers, and other opportunities. These groups are open to all Native survivors, caregivers, and relatives affected by cancer.

## Contact Info

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## Schedule

### Date

Thursdays  
February 9 & 23  
March 16, 23, 30  
April 13, 20, & 27  
May 11, 18, & 25  
June 1, 15, 29

### Time

2 PM HT / 3 PM AKT / 4 PM PT / 5  
PM MT / 6 PM CT / 7 PM ET

## Registration

<https://bit.ly/AICAFSupport2023>

# MEET VIRTUAL CANCER SUPPORT CIRCLE FACILITATOR PATTY BIRD (SHE/THEY)

OJIBWE/ODAWA, BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY

“Aanii! Ziibiikwe ndizhnikaaz,  
Mishiikenh ndodem. Gnoozhekaaning  
ndoonjibaa, Chi-bawating ndidaa.”



Hello, my name is Patty Bird and I am turtle clan. I am Three Fires Anishinaabe, a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community, and I currently live in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I work as an elementary specialist for the Native American Education Program of our local school district, which provides cultural support and advocacy for Native families living in the city. I am a jingle dress dancer and I try to help my community as much as I can while remembering that I have my own healing that I need help with, too. My cancer journey began in November of 2019 when I was diagnosed with leiomyosarcoma after a routine surgery. I am incredibly grateful for the strength and connection that I have found through AICAF and I am honored to serve as the support circle facilitator.



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