



APRIL IS CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

CANCER: DAFFODILS AND MYTHS

April is cancer month, and thousands of volunteers will unite during Daffodil Month for one cause - to support the work of the Canadian Cancer Society. This symbolic flower reminds us that spring is around the corner, bringing hope of warmer days, but also bringing hope of a cure for cancer. Volunteers go door to door, or set up kiosks, and invite us to join their cause by purchasing a daffodil or two.

Each flower sold provides much needed funding for the work of the Canadian Cancer Society. The organization focuses on five key areas throughout the year: lobbying for legislation for healthier environments, providing support for those affected by cancer, funding research for cures for many types of cancers, providing information about cancer and letting people know how they can help prevent cancer.

This is a disease that inspires dread and fear in many, since it often appears to choose its victims at random. Many myths have grown as people try to identify causes, and protect themselves from cancer. With the Internet and our global village, these myths spread rapidly, and soon become accepted as fact by numerous readers. However, these "facts" may be misleading or completely incorrect.



Contrary to popular belief, using anti-perspirant or wearing bras will NOT cause cancer.

The Canadian Cancer Society is one of the most reputable institutions to count on for accurate information about cancer, as well as its known causes and preventative measures. The organization has responded to several urban legends related to cancer. For example, how many people believe that anti-perspirant, or bras, cause breast cancer? Who has heard that using plastic containers in microwaves, or certain sweeteners, can induce the disease? These myths are demystified on the Canadian Cancer Society's Web site at www.cancer.ca. Get informed, and get ready to support this important organization!

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