“Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly” – Proverb

Joan’s Monarch Wishes – Sending Cards of Hope, Strength and Courage to Those LIVING with Cancer

“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” - Maya Angelou

On August 2, 2010, Joan A. Smith passed away after a long and brave battle with Lung Cancer. Joan was a woman who loved life, loved her family and touched and inspired all that she met. In her memory, the group "Joan's Monarch Wishes" was formed to make a difference to do something to help support those living with Cancer. The mission of the group is to “adopt” Cancer patients each month and recruit people to send them cards of hope, strength and encouragement. For those who are living with Cancer, receiving a card in the mail helps to lift their spirits, lets them know someone is thinking of them and gives them the strength to continue their fight. It’s an inexpensive thing that we can do that will make a HUGE impact! The monarch butterfly is a symbolic creature that reminds us of new life and the journey that must take place in order to get to bigger and better things. Just like the butterfly, the journey of a person living with Cancer is the same- you have to get through the challenging times to get to the good.

How you can help/get involved
Each month a list of those we are supporting will be emailed to the volunteer base. Each volunteer will then write out and mail a card to those on the list with a personalized message, an inspirational quote or words of encouragement. The intent of writing the card is not to focus on the cancer but rather to send comfort to the recipient to help them in their journey. If you’d like to receive the monthly list, please sign up by sending an email to joansmonarchwishes@yahoo.com
Please spread the word and encourage your friends and family to join in our efforts!

How to nominate someone living with cancer to receive cards
Do you know someone who has cancer and would welcome cards from those who care? To be added to the list, please email the person’s name and mailing address to joansmonarchwishes@yahoo.com

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