

St. Louis Area Families and Friends Fight Back Against Cancer in Overnight Event

Walkers (and joggers) will go around the clock in the battle against cancer during the American Cancer Society's area Relay For Life events. There are 11 events in St. Louis County, and those who care about cancer are encouraged to find an event in their area that works for family and friends to join together for the cause.

Teams of area residents will gather at each of the local Relay For Life events this summer for an overnight relay against cancer. Relay For Life is a family-oriented team event where participants can walk relay-style around the track and take part in fun activities off the track. Teams can include coworkers, club members, family and friends who have gathered donations prior to the event.

"The American Cancer Society Relay For Life offers an opportunity for survivors, current cancer patients, friends, family, anyone really, to come together in the fight against cancer," said Krista Lucy, development director for the American Cancer Society in eastern Missouri. "Many of the participants are cancer survivors who serve as reminders that our community is not immune to this disease and we can actually help our friends, families and neighbors who have been touched by cancer."

All are invited to attend the luminaria ceremony, which takes place after sundown. To honor the community's cancer survivors and caregivers while remembering those lost to the disease, participants circle the track lined with glowing luminaria (candle lanterns) while the names of survivors and those lost to the disease are read aloud. Luminaria may be purchased for a minimum \$5 donation by calling (314)286-8167.

Funds raised at Relay For Life will enable the American Cancer Society to support local services and resources for cancer patients and their families. Funds also support critical cancer research and community education programs designed to teach people how to reduce their risk of developing cancer.

Relay For Life events take place in more than 38 communities throughout Eastern Missouri, with a goal of raising

nearly \$2.7 million for the fight against cancer this year.

To locate all area Relay For Life events and find out how you can get involved visit RelayForLife.org, call (800)227-2345, available 24-hours a day, seven days a week, or call our

local office at (314)286-8167.

The American Cancer Society combines an unyielding passion with nearly a century of experience to save lives and end suffering from cancer. We save lives by helping people stay well by preventing cancer or detecting it

early; helping people get well by being there for them during and after a cancer diagnosis; by finding cures through investment in groundbreaking discovery; and by fighting back by rallying lawmakers to pass laws to defeat cancer and by rallying communities worldwide to join the fight.

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The St. Louis Women's Journal is proud to support the following Relay For Life events:

RFL of St. Louis City

April 30-May 1 Bishop DuBourg High School

RFL of Northwest County

April 30-May 1 Ritenour High School

RFL of West County

June 4-5 Parkway Central High School

RFL of South County

June 11-12 Lutheran High School South

RFL of Southwest County

June 25-26 Moss Field in Webster Groves

RFL of North County

August 6-7 Hazelwood Central High School



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