



Hopeful Happenings



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Updates on Relay for Life

Luminarias

Relay For Life participants, survivors and caregivers remember loved ones lost to cancer and honor those battling the disease through luminaria bags.

Simple white luminaria bags are transformed and illuminated after dark at every local Relay For Life event. Each one is personalized with the name, photo, message or drawing in memory or honor of a friend or



loved one who has been affected by cancer. Each luminaria candle represents a person. They are our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, friends, coworkers and so much more!

As the sun sets at a Relay For Life event, luminaria lining the track illuminate the night and a hush falls over the event that had been filled with the sounds of celebration. Relay For Life participants, survivors and caregivers then gather together for the Luminaria Ceremony to remember loved ones lost to cancer and to honor those who have battled the disease.

As participants walk the track lined with luminaria bags in reflection, a caregiver who has lost a loved one may find comfort from a fellow caregiver who has faced a similar loss. Meanwhile, a survivor gains hope and strength from others who have followed the same journey and survived. All resolve to keep fighting to save more lives so no more luminaria bear the names of those lost to the disease.

About

Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

At Relay, teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events up to 24 hours in length. Relayers do not have to walk all night, but each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event.

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Fundraising Do's and Dont's

One of the most treasured assets of the American Cancer Society is the non-profit status that is granted by the IRS. The Society follows IRS rules, which states we may not sell products for profit. Sales of products, other than IRS approved American Cancer Society Daffodil Days and Holiday Cards, could result in the loss of our non-profit status.

We've provided the guidelines below to assist you. If you have any questions, please contact your Team Development Chair or Staff Partner.

We Cannot Sell...

- Anything with American Cancer Society or Relay For Life logo and/or name on it (example: items purchased from Relay Gear catalog)
- Items that can be purchased from or returned to a store, vendor, or the internet

But we Can Sell...

- Homemade cookbooks (with Team Name only)
- Homemade holiday crafts
- Baked goods
- In Honor, In Memory, and In Support of Sun and Moon Donation Cards (see your Team Development Chair or Staff Partner)
- Services (car washes, yard work, house cleaning, etc.)
- Activities (bowling, skate parties, trivia nights, etc.)
- Garage/Yard Sales

Relay Around the World

CANSA Relay For Life is part of an international movement that unites cancer survivors and the communities that care about them. It offers everyone in a community, both young and old, the opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer and to honor those who have been touched by cancer. It is an opportunity for SURVIVORS and their loved ones to fight against cancer together.

This weekend CANSA hosted their 9th annual Shavathon. Participates in the Shavathon were asked the shave or spray your head for a donation.

This year Maria Scholtz, the General Manager for Relay For Life South Africa, decided she would take a brave step for all the cancer survivors she has met and worked with.

Congratulations Maria!!





Upcoming Events



2012 Relay For Life of Collinsville IL - Collinsville, IL
May 18, 2012 | Dorris Intermediate School

2012 Relay For Life of Troy IL - Troy, IL
June 01, 2012 | Tri-Township Park

2012 Relay For Life of SIUE IL - Edwardsville, IL
April 13, 2012 | Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

2012 Relay For Life of Edwardsville Glen Carbon IL - Edwardsville, IL
May 18, 2012 | Edwardsville High School

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