Family and Friends Use Hearts and Feet to Fight Cancer

Normal.dotm 0 0 1 614 3501 Horizon MedCorp 29 7 4299 12.0 0 false 18 pt 18 pt 0 0 false false false (Raleigh, NC) -Walkers will go around the clock in the battle against cancer when the Second American Cancer Society Relay For Life® of Brier Creek/RTP gets underway with teams of residents gathering at Leesville Road High School on June 3, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Relay For Life events are held overnight as individuals and teams camp out at an athletic track, park or other gathering area, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track or pathway at all times throughout the evening. Teams do most of their fundraising prior to the event, but some teams also hold creative fundraisers at their camp sites during Relay. Relay brings together friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, faith-based groups . . . people from all walks of life – all aimed at furthering the American Cancer Society’s efforts to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping them get well, by finding cures and by fighting back. The event this year has been chosen for the Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS -3)-3! This will be available for anyone between the ages of 30-65 who have not been diagnosed with cancer, and willing to make a long-term commitment to the study. You can enroll from 6-10 pm Friday evening. Besides this study, there will also be entertainment, food, and prizes. “Relay is a unique opportunity for our community to come together to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember those we’ve lost, and fight back against the disease,” said Sol Halliburton, American Cancer Society. “Many of the participants are cancer survivors, which serves as a reminder that Brier Creek is not immune to this disease and that by participating in Relay, we are joining with the American Cancer Society’s efforts to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays,” Halliburton added. Funds raised at Relay For Life of Brier Creek are enabling the American Cancer Society to impact the lives of those touched by cancer within the community. These funds go to different areas, all to help our community. Funds will help support groups for cancer patients and their caregivers, including a support network and the Road To Recovery program, which provides rides for patients to treatments. Proceeds will also fund the early detection and cancer risk reduction programs, cancer research, and various advocacy programs for cancer patients. Relay For Life’s Luminaria Ceremony takes place after sundown, honoring the community’s cancer survivors and remembering those lost to the disease. Participants will circle a track that is surrounded with glowing luminaria that bear the name of someone who has battled cancer. Luminaria may be purchased for $10 by calling 334-5218 or by visiting briercreekrelay.org. Also a part of Brier Creek’s Relay For Life event is the “Fight Back” Ceremony, in which a community leader will inspire Relay participants with his or her own commitment and will challenge them to take a personal pledge of action (e.g., stop smoking, eat more healthily, exercise regularly, etc.) in fighting back. To locate a Relay For Life event and find out how you may get involved, please call 1-800-227-2345 or visit RelayForLife.org. The American Cancer Society combines an unyielding passion with nearly a century of experience to save lives and end suffering from cancer. As a global grassroots force of more than three million volunteers, we fight for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. We save lives by helping people stay well by preventing cancer or detecting it early; by 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. As the nation’s largest non-governmental investor in cancer research, contributing about $3.4 billion, we turn what we know about cancer into what we do. As a result, more than 11 million people in America who have had cancer and countless more who have avoided it will be celebrating birthdays this year. To learn more about us or to get help, call us anytime, day or night, at 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.   www.prsurvival.com

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