2011 Missoula County Relay For Life Kick-Off

This year, more than 5,500 men, women and children in Montana will be diagnosed with cancer, and almost 2,000 will die from the disease. That is why the planning committee for the 2011 American Cancer Society’s Missoula County Relay For Life has chosen “Cancer Knows No Boundaries,” as its theme.

“Cancer has no heart; it doesn’t care if it attacks a young child, a parent or a senior who is looking forward to a long and happy retirement,” says Nikki Kelly, Team Development Chair for the Missoula County Relay For Life. “That’s why we thought this theme would be more than appropriate.”

The American Cancer Society Missoula County Relay For Life is set for June 17-18, at the Big Sky High School track.

To build on the momentum of last year’s successful Relay For Life, the planning committee has scheduled a kick-off rally for Saturday, Jan. 22, 1-3 p.m., at the Southgate Mall Clock Tower. The kick-off rally has been designed as an informational meeting to learn what is planned for this year.
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Those new to Relay can listen and ask questions. To add to the festive, family-friendly atmosphere, refreshments, entertainment and door prizes will be offered.

Teams are comprised of friends, family members, cancer survivors, co-workers, students and active seniors. The event begins in the early evening with the opening ceremonies and traditional cancer survivors lap and runs throughout the night, culminating with the closing ceremonies the next morning. When members of each team aren’t walking the track, they can be found visiting the other campsites or enjoying the various games, entertainment or food venues.

The team registration fee this year is $150. However, for those teams registering before or during the kick-off rally, the fee has been reduced to $100. Planning committee members will be in attendance at the rally to help teams with their online registration.

To register a team or to learn more about the Missoula County Relay For Life kick-off rally, contact Nikki Kelly at (406) 880-2803 or email her at knd1122@msn.com. The Relay’s website is www.missoularelay.org.

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As you know the American Cancer Society is the largest private funder of cancer research; second only to the federal government. Last year the ACS provided $156 million in funding to projects that strive to find cures.

Closer to home the ACS provided support for patients and families with the following programs.

2010 ACS Direct Community Support

- Road to Recovery – Volunteers made 323 trips taking patients to and from treatments. Up from 244 trips in 2009
- Patient Lodging – 701 rooms were given to patients, up from 181 in 2009. Participating hotels were:
  - Best Western Grant Creek Inn
  - Courtyard by Marriott
  - Doubletree Edgewater
  - Wingate by Wyndham
- Look Good…Feel Better – Licensed cosmetologists teach beauty techniques to cancer patients to help them combat appearance related side effects of treatment. Served 61 patients, up from 50 in 2009.
- Cancer Resource Center – Located on the Community Medical Center campus. The CRC is a resource center that assists patients and their families with information concerning services and local resources. Served 149 patients during 2010.

Want to know more about relay?
Visit our website - www.missoularelay.org
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