

# 18 hour event to raise Cancer awareness

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Jesse Pertee was born on January 28, 1979, at Barberton hospital. Usually as he was growing up he was a good baby. With his friends he enjoyed playing with his friends in the neighborhood and playing night games, such as tag. Growing up he didn't have the technology as we do now, he thinks that the technology is wonderful, it makes him able to multi task and accomplish more things at once. Jesse noticed as the generations have changed very much that there is a lot more safety now. When he was growing up you could just ride in the back of the car, and now we have to worry about kids possibly being kidnapped or anything related to that.

Pertee described high school for him as hard to fit in and there was a lot of cliques, it was difficult to fit in. He was the only child as well. The school work was not as hard for him, and there was no bullying unlike now. There are some things that haven't changed, still in 2015 it's still hard to fit in, and you cant turn a corner without seeing some type of bullying. Jesse did not end up going to college, instead he went into the army for 9 years.

Which is what he saw himself doing while he was in high school, he had no clue what job he would want to do. So he joined the army as his friends did as well. I asked him if he saw himself doing growing up and he answered "yes, such as charity work."

Jesse is involved in an amazing organization called The Relay For Life. Which is an 18 hour event for cancer awareness, and to raise money for cancer awareness. You can get involved in the event by showing up to the Wadsworth High School track July 11th, and registering there and you can start to walk. The event starts at 1:00pm He realized when he got asked to be the main person of the event that he got extremely busy with endless phone calls and e-mail, which is why he enjoys the technology because it makes it easy to multi task. The thing that made him want to be apart of this was that his son lost his aunt, and he heard about The Relay For Life and wanted to be apart of it.

When Jesse is having a bad day he said that he just likes to run which is his time, no e-mail or phone calls.

In the future he still see's himself doing charity work, hopefully running a full



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marathon, and being as involved with his son as he can be.

Lastly Jesse wanted to mention the last details of the Relay for Life, it's July 11th, there are live bands, a Dj, many contests, and to bring your family. You don't have to stay the whole 18 hours and create a whole team, you can just walk around the track a few laps and see what there is to offer and then maybe the next year you can create a team. The event is very family friendly and there is plenty of things that you could do.