

## Relay For Life of Ottawa County Meeting Minutes

Hello teams,

Last evening we had our second team meeting for the 2015 Relay For Life event. Many of you were not there and you were missed!!! There are so many changes and plans that are falling into place that we felt it was so important to be able to keep you all posted on all that was happening. So monthly we will be sending our info to you. We don't want this to take the place of you being at the meetings if you can be there because being there helps you to see, and understand, the big picture. Being at the meetings also helps you to get to know all of the others, who like you, want this Relay to Be the best event ever!!

So let me go over some of the highlights of our meeting so you will be up to date with some of the information. First of all, in case you haven't heard, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Jan Overmeyer, our Missions Leader, is a Breast Cancer Survivor. Her message to all of us is to not rely totally on mammograms alone. A few months after her test she found a lump through self-examination. Because of her early detections her cancer was at stage 1 and very curable. If she had waited, the outcome would have been very different. Encourage the women in your life to monthly self-examine herself and get their yearly mammograms.

Remember last year at this time we were setting goals for 2014 and we set a goal that we would raise \$5900.00? Well, our final goal was \$72,025.85!! We had 18 teams and 65 Survivors who attended Relay. We went above and beyond what we could imagine!!! WAY TO GO!!

Last night we set some new goals! Are you ready? Our fundraising goal for 2015 is \$73,000.00!

We are hoping to engage 100 Survivors at Relay!! We want to work with at least 22 teams. We have right now 11 teams signed and waiting for several teams from last year to sign up, which means we need at least 8 new teams to find. As we grow, the bigger difference we can make. Let's do it together!

For those who have not registered, we have a new address for the event, it is:  
[relayforlife.org/ottawacoo](http://relayforlife.org/ottawacoo)

For all of you who have not already heard, our Relay is going to be a 12 hour Relay running from 12:00 noon on Saturday to 12 midnight! On the 21st we are hoping to confirm the date for June 20th, 2015. This has been an exciting change for everyone as we consider all the possibilities that it presents. More daylight hours, fewer hours for busy families, a good nights sleep after an inspiring day!

Keep the dates November 18-28 open because some time during then we are planning a fun time to Kick-Off the 2015 Relay. We will keep you posted as details begin to unfold.

We have a group that is walking in the Apple Festival Parade to promote Relay. If you can join us please let Tami Coppes know, if not make notice as we pass. ☺

Last of all, we are asking all teams to be vigilant for any group that would like to become a team, be alert to all those survivors that we can engage in Relay and help to encourage through their journey's, and watchful for anyone who might be willing to sponsor our event.

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Please let me know if you have any questions about your team or if you need any support in what you want to do. We have a whole group who are willing to troubleshoot for you.

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