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Press Release

RELAY FOR LIFE

Plainfield Hosts Annual Cancer Fundraiser

Plainfield, NJ June 5th, 2008:

On June 7-8, from 4 P.M. to 7 A.M. Plainfield will once more host the annual Relay for Life fundraiser at Hub Stine Field, 1325 Randolph Road, Plainfield NJ. Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event and encompasses an overnight celebration of hope, progress and eventually... answers. Relay for Life raises community awareness of prevention and detection of cancer and services for those currently battling the disease, while raising much needed funds in the fight for the cure.

Relay For Life®, the American Cancer Society's signature event, is a fun-filled overnight experience designed to bring together those who have been touched by cancer. At Relay, people from within the community gather to celebrate survivors, remember those lost to cancer, and to fight back against this disease. Relay participants help raise money and awareness to support the American Cancer Society in its lifesaving mission to eliminate cancer as a major health issue. During Relay For Life ® events, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps. The events are held overnight to represent the fact that cancer never sleeps. Through the survivors' lap and the luminaria ceremony, we honor the people who have faced cancer first hand, and we remember those who have been lost to this disease.

But, Relay isn't about taking laps -- it's about coming together in the fight against cancer. It's a time to remember those lost to this disease and celebrate those who have survived. It's a place where people connect with others, share the cancer experience,

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and find comfort and solace. And it's an opportunity to build hope for a future where cancer no longer threatens the lives of the people we love.

As volunteers and donors, your efforts support research, education, advocacy, and services that allow the American Cancer Society to offer help and hope to people across the country when they need it most. By joining together at Relay, we celebrate life, friendship, and an opportunity to work to defeat cancer for future generations.

This year Plainfield will once more take their place amongst the ranks of those cities which have hosted and raised funds during the Relay for Life event. Plainfield Mayor, Sharon Robinson-Briggs who is a longtime member of the American Cancer Society indicated that she is proud to be able to assist in bringing this worthy event into Plainfield each year, and is hopeful that as the event continues to be spotlighted it will encourage more people to donate to the organization. The Mayor will take part in the relay and has already begun to form her team which will take to the tracks in red t-shirts on June 7th.

Plainfield residents are encouraged to come out, pitch a tent, wear your walking gear, plan to spend the night and support this worthy cause. The intent is to ensure that there are participants on the track at all times throughout the night which symbolizes the stages experienced by cancer patients throughout the course of their illness. Relay For Life® is a time to remember the lives of those lost to cancer, but it is also an opportunity to spread hope for the future. By raising funds for the American Cancer Society and the important help and services it provides, those who take part in Relay are supporting the mission to save lives, diminish suffering, and once and for all eliminate cancer as a major health problem across the world.

So far, Plainfield teams have raised \$15,613 and there are still 3 days until Relay! The Goal is to raise \$50,693 and have at least 60 cancer survivors take part.

Sign up today to become a part of the Relay For Life® effort in Plainfield and you too can fight back against cancer.

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<http://events.cancer.org/RFLplainfieldNJ>

See Below for Pictures from last year's event.

Mayor Robinson-Briggs and members of her team take to the tracks.



Cancer Survivors take a Victory lap around the field

