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Relay For Life of Highline

Teams are beginning to organize and start fund-raising efforts for the second annual Relay For Life of Highline, which takes place June 23-24 at Highline High School's Memorial Stadium. Eleven teams already have registered to participate in the 18-hour event in which team members take turns walking around the track to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

"The walking relay will continue all day and all night, signifying that cancer never sleeps," said Sandi Hart, event chair for the Relay For Life of Highline. "The goal is to raise awareness in the community about cancer treatment and prevention as well as to raise money for cancer research. Spring is the time to start getting teams organized and collecting donations toward the once-a-year event."

The following teams already are registered to walk in this year's relay:

- Alaska Airlines
- Alliance Data
- Burien Fred Meyer
- Burien/Normandy Park Firefighters Local 1461
- The Cash Cows
- Class of '08 Girls
- The Cookie Momsters and Others
- Hawthorne and Company
- Inspiration
- The Possibilitarians
- White Water

"We are excited to be in Burien this year for our Highline event, because the community has been so welcoming and supportive," Hart said. "A big part of that has been our partnership with Highline Medical Center's Cancer Care Center."

The event's organizing committee also is recruiting sponsors to keep costs down so that all funds raised can go directly to the American Cancer Society. Already signed up as sponsors this year are:

- Alliance Data
- BBC Dodge
- Burien/Normandy Park IAFF Local #1461
- Burien Toyota/Burien Chevrolet
- Dr. Dennis Hansen
- The Fiorito Machine
- Fred Meyer
- Highline Times/Des Moines News
- Highline Medical Center
- Highline Physical Therapy
- Highline School District
- Northwest Mobile Sound & Lighting
- Sal's Deli
- Star Rentals

- Whitecap NorthAmerica

Relay For Life is a community gathering where everyone can participate in the fight against cancer. In addition to raising funds and awareness, the event is a time to remember those lost to cancer and to celebrate those who have survived. Relay For Life honors survivors of cancer during the Survivors Lap, and remembers those lost to cancer during the Luminary Ceremony. Most of all, Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

For more information about the Relay For Life of Highline in June, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or contact Karee Boone at the American Cancer Society, karee.boone@cancer.org, or Event Chair Sandi Hart, sandra.hart@alliancedata.com. Sign up on line at www.acsevents.org/relay/wa/highline/.