



Walk Talk!

American Cancer Society Relay For Life News for the Windham Area

Relay For Life: Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.

May 13th, 2010
156 days 'til Relay!



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Calendar Of Events

Committee Meeting:
May 25th, 7pm,
Hatch Room, WCMH

**Team Captains'
Meeting**
May 25th, 6pm,
Hatch Room, WCMH

Team Picnic!
July 17th,
Bicentennial Pond,
Mansfield (details to
follow by mail)

Relay:
October 16th & 17th,
ECSU Baseball
Complex, Mansfield

Visit the American
Cancer Society Relay For
Life's virtual home at
[www.RelayForLife.org!](http://www.RelayForLife.org)

A Letter From Our Co-Chairs

Hello Relay-ers!

It's Relay season and we are getting all "Geared" up. It's time to start planning your team fundraisers, getting your members registered, and thinking of a campsite "theme". We would like to tell you early and often how much we appreciate everything you do to help fight back against cancer and make our October 16th and 17th event so successful. To show our appreciation, we are inviting you, your teammates, and your families for a pot-luck BBQ at Bicentennial Pond in Mansfield on July 17th. We will provide the burgers, dogs and rolls....you bring your favorite dish to share. This gives us a relaxed setting to get to know each other better, swim, talk, play some games and have some fun. No fundraising, no meeting...just some fun as a "Relay Family". An invitation will be sent out in June with more details, but please mark your calendars now! We hope to see you there!

~Chris & Jessie

The American Cancer Society New England Division invites you to join:

The Relay Pacesetter Club

The Relay Pacesetter Club has been created to recognize Relay participants who excel in their efforts to support the Society's mission to eliminate cancer as a life-threatening illness. The Relay Pacesetters are a select group of individuals committed to achieving extraordinary fundraising results for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life events.

Becoming a Relay Pacesetter is easy!

- * Set your individual fundraising goal to \$2,500 or higher.
- * Fundraise, fundraise, fundraise! You can start by sending an email to your friends, family members, and coworkers asking them to help make a difference in the fight against cancer by supporting you as you strive to reach your goal.
- * Once you reach or surpass \$2,500 in donations, you'll be a member of the Relay Pacesetter Club of New England! Pacesetters are determined based on the total amount of donations you collect for Relay including cash, checks, and credit card donations.

As our way of saying thank you, all Pacesetter Club members will receive:

- A special letter of recognition from our Division CEO
- Recognition on the Relay For Life online Web sites
- Special Pacesetter Gift: a commemorative lapel pin!
- Acknowledgement at your local Relay For Life
- Special gift - yet to be determined!

Our Relay

The Relay for Life of Windham consists of these towns in Northeastern Connecticut:

Andover, Ashford, Chaplin, Colchester, Columbia, Coventry, Eastford, Hampton, Hebron, Lebanon, Mansfield, Scotland, Willington and Windham!

Basket Drawing at Relay on October 16th

Each team is encouraged to put together a basket to be raffled off at the Relay. Choose a theme and gather items. Attach a paper stating: theme, team name and contact info (in case the winner wants to say thank you). Bring the basket to the Relay early on Saturday morning to be put on display with the others. Last year we raised over \$4,000. Please do not include alcohol, tobacco, or any products that can freeze or melt.

Upcoming Fundraisers

Big Tag Sale (May 22nd)

A big tag sale will be held in the parking lot of the Savings Institute in Willimantic from 7:00 - 3:00. The public can rent a space for \$15 to sell their items. (If all of your proceeds are going to the ACS then there is no fee.) See our unofficial website or Co-chair Chris Lataille-Santiago for more information.

BINGO at Foxwoods Casino (June 25th)

Doors open at 4:00 so that you can get adjoining seats for your friends. Games start at 6:30. \$15 admission package which must be purchased in advance. Contact Jessie Shea at (860) 208-3647 or at SheaJL@mansfieldct.org. You can bring your own food and need your own card blotter. See our unofficial website for a poster.

Golf Tournament (August 28th)

Team "Angel Wings" is sponsoring a golf tournament August 28th at the University Club of Connecticut (184 Club Rd in North Windham). \$110 per person includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, course snack & dinner. There will be raffles and contest holes. Please make reservations by August 21st. See our unofficial website for a downloadable flyer with more information.

Basket Drawings (September 25)

Team "Columbia Steps Up for Family & Friends" is selling tickets for a Basket Raffle that will be held at the Columbia Farmers Market on Saturday, September 25th from 9:00-3:00. See our unofficial website for more details.

Track Signs

Leslie Pendleton

Okay, Relayers! Please be sure to make contact with your team's Track Sign Sponsors ASAP this year. We all know that the economy is still not great, and the sooner you get in touch with them, the more likely it is that they will be able to get us on their charitable contribution calendar. Remind them of our need & ask them to commit to donating/sponsoring again for our event.

The Planning Committee Needs YOU!

Planning for this year's Committee has begun. We are actively seeking people to join us and help make this year's Relay the best one yet. Please contact one of the following people to find out how you can help:

For general Relay information, contact the event chairs - Chris Lataille Santiago at (860) 208-9916 or email at poohgirl1675@yahoo.com

and Jessie Shea at (860) 208-3647 or email at SheaJL@mansfieldct.org.

Shannon Stahecki, our ACS Representative, can be reached at Shannon.Stahecki@cancer.org

We hope to hear from you soon!