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Relay For Life An Overnight Success

Around 2000 people gathered at Hamilton Relay For Life 2010 to celebrate, remember and fight back over the weekend.

Events coordinator Catriona Findlay says everyone involved helped to ensure the 22 hour, overnight fundraising event was a success.

“Each and every team member, survivor, spectator, organiser, volunteer and entertainer played a role over the weekend. There was a great atmosphere the whole time, and that was created by everyone at the event.”

Event highlights included the Survivors’ Lap, Candlelight Ceremony and theme laps.

“Over 150 survivors took part in the Survivors’ Lap which begins Relay and celebrates the lives of those people who have overcome cancer. Later on Saturday evening the Candlelight Ceremony helped people remember those they have lost to cancer, and candles burned throughout the night in their memory.

“Participants also fully embraced this year’s theme laps which included 60s Flower Power, Rockstars and Superheroes, and Uniforms.”

This year saw 99 teams take part in the relay, held at the Ruakura Research Centre.

So far, Relay For Life Hamilton 2010 has raised over \$140,000, with much more expected to come in over following weeks.

The money raised will be used to provide the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society’s support services, information, health promotion programmes and funding for research. Funds will also go towards the new Cancer Society’s Lions Lodge in Hamilton, where people from around the region can stay while receiving treatment for cancer at the Waikato Regional Cancer Centre.

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Editor's Note:

The Waikato/Bay of Plenty Division of the Cancer Society of New Zealand Inc is a non-profit organisation that receives no direct financial support from the Government. We are funded by bequests and donations from the public as well as fundraising activities.

We are committed to minimising the impact of cancer in our communities by providing:

- Quality support services for people affected by cancer
- Education to promote early detection and help reduce the risk of cancer
- Free information and resources on cancer
- Support for research into the causes, prevention, detection and treatment of cancer

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