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Have You Registered For Relay?

Team registrations and tent site bookings are rolling in for Hamilton's Relay For Life 2011 fundraising event after the official launch on October 20.

Forty three teams have signed up for the 22-hour fundraising event, happening March 5-6 at AgResearch Ruakura.

Hamilton Relay For Life coordinator Catriona Findlay says after such a great response to the launch, other teams need to get in quickly to secure their spot.

"We opened registrations at this year's launch and had a fantastic response with over forty teams registering. We really encourage people to register before Christmas so they can begin their fundraising and planning in the new year. We also want them to get in quickly so they can have their pick of the best tent sites."

Funds raised through the relay event will be used to provide Cancer Society support services, health promotion programmes and information, and fund research into the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of cancer.

The event is not just a fundraiser, but also an opportunity to raise awareness of the impact cancer has in the community.

"We want to celebrate the lives of those who have overcome cancer, remember and honour those who have been lost to cancer, and fight back against a disease that affects one in three New Zealanders."

Catriona says it's easy to get involved.

"Just make up a team of a minimum of 10 people. Teams can come from anywhere – work, sports clubs, community organisations, churches, schools or family and friends. The aim for each team member is to raise \$100 in sponsorship for their participation in Relay For Life."

During the relay itself, a member from each team is required to be on track at all times but a continual party atmosphere on the sidelines means those on track receive constant encouragement.

"It's an amazing event to be involved in and so much fun – and for such a worthy cause."

Funds raised at the Hamilton event are used for Cancer Society activities in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty region.

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Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back!

To find out more, or to register a team, visit www.relayforlife.org.nz, contact Catriona at events@cancersociety.org.nz, phone 07 838 2027 or call into the office on the corner of Grey and Beale Streets.

'There is no finish line until we find a cure.'

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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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