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Ross Remembers Brother Through Relay For Life

For Ross Cullen taking part in Tauranga's Relay For Life this weekend will be all about remembering his brother, Chris, who died of cancer last August.

"Everyone knows someone who has been affected by cancer and often it's closer to home than we think. The Relay is a chance for me to do something about it."

Ross says this will be the fourth time he has taken part in the Relay which is a fundraiser for the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society. He is aiming to walk the whole 20 hours with support from his team – the Mad Hatters.

The team is made up of 20 work colleagues from Ross' business, Specialised Container Services, although he says they are expecting quite a few extra supporters to come along too.

"The Relay is great. There are people from all different walks of life who put their whole heart into it. It's really nice to be able to meet all these different people who you would otherwise just walk past on the street."

He says he's also looking forward to getting dressed up and having heaps of fun.

"We're planning to have a shared pancake breakfast on Sunday morning – so that should keep us motivated."

The Relay is being held at Blake Park, Mt Maunganui from 2pm this Saturday 28th March, with the final crossing of the line at 10am on Sunday.

Rebecca Croad, event coordinator, says: "Team registrations have closed but everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the carnival atmosphere."

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She says the public can also take part in some of the relay's special moments, such as the opening Survivors' Lap and the Candlelight Ceremony, without registering a team.

For more information, visit: www.relayforlife.org.nz or contact the Cancer Society, ph: 07 571 2035.

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

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For further information, about Relay For Life, please contact:

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We are committed to minimising the impact of cancer in our communities.

We aim to provide:

- 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