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Hamilton Relay For Life Success Supports Cancer Services in Community

More than \$224,000 was raised at this year's Hamilton Relay For Life – money which will be used to provide services for people affected by cancer in the community.

Leasa Hubbard, event coordinator, says the event was a great success, not only in terms of fundraising, but also for the wonderful community spirit seen by everyone involved.

“Many people put in so much effort into their fundraising and we greatly appreciate this. As well everyone who gets involved as part of a team, as a volunteer, sponsors and the survivors who come along and inspire us all – it really does make for a fantastic event.”

The money raised for the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society will be used to provide support services including a liaison nurses, transport to doctor's visits and treatment, frozen meals, as well as advocacy, information and support programmes and groups.

The Cancer Society also funds research and cancer prevention programmes including SmokeFree, SunSmart and LiveSmart.

Leasa says a proportion of funds this year will be used to assist the Cancer Society's Lions Lodge fundraising campaign.

“The Lodge provides free accommodation and meals for people from outside Hamilton undergoing radiation and chemotherapy cancer treatment at the Regional Cancer Centre at Waikato Hospital.

“The campaign will support the Society with its purchase, relocation and renovation of the Lions Lodge from the Waikato Hospital to the site of the old Braemar Hospital on Lake Rd, Hamilton.”

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She says dates for 2010 have been set for 6th – 7th March - again at the Ruakura Research Centre in Hamilton.

“This was such a fantastic venue and the Cancer Society is very grateful to the support of everyone at Ruakura for allowing us to make use of the facilities and grounds.”

Leasa says many teams have already registered their teams for next year.

“Registrations are open and lots of teams are getting underway with their fundraising already! I think this is testament to what a fun and worthwhile event Relay is.”

To find out more about Relay For Life or to register your team please contact the Cancer Society, email: admin@cancersociety.org.nz or ph: 838 2027. Or visit: www.relayforlife.org.nz

‘There is no finish line until we find a cure.’

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