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### **Register Now for Relay For Life 2009**

Get your team registered early and book the best tent sites for next year's Relay For Life in Hamilton!

Leasa Hubbard, Hamilton Relay For Life coordinator, says a new venue at Ruakura Research Centre offers an exciting new dimension to next year's event.

"We are thrilled to announce a new venue for the 2009 Relay For Life. We enjoyed our two years at Claudelands but unfortunately redevelopment of the site meant there were some time and space constraints making it unviable for us to continue there in 2009.

"Ruakura offers an excellent location as we won't be restricted for room and there will be no need to limit the number of teams wanting to take part as in previous years. It is also a lovely setting and well set up to cater for an event of this type."

The 2008 event held in March saw nearly 2000 people in over 119 teams join the Cancer Society to raise over \$300,000 for local cancer support services.

Leasa says Relay For Life is the Cancer Society's fun event of the year but it is so much more than just a fundraising event.

"It is an amazing opportunity to celebrate the lives of cancer survivors, support those currently facing cancer and to honour those we have lost."

Relay For Life is a worldwide event and every year more than 5 million people take part. Now into its sixth year in Hamilton, Relay For Life involves teams either walking or running non-stop around an athletic track for 22-hours.

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“A member from every team must be on the track at all times but a continual party atmosphere on the sidelines means those on track receive constant encouragement.

“The Relay is open to everyone – businesses, schools, clubs, groups, organisations and friends and families. We aim for people to have fun and enjoy themselves as well as raise awareness of cancer in our community.”

The tent village at Ruakura will come to life from 2pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March with the final crossing of the line at 12pm Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

An information/registration evening is being held at the McMeekan Building, Ruakura Research Centre (off East St) on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October from 4.30pm – 6pm. Everyone is welcome but please RSVP your interest to: [admin@cancersociety.org.nz](mailto:admin@cancersociety.org.nz) or ph 838 2027.

For more information visit: [www.relayforlife.org.nz](http://www.relayforlife.org.nz)

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

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