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Relay For The Community - Hamilton Relay For Life 2009

The true spirit of community and fun was evident at this weekend's Relay For Life as over 1500 people took part in the annual Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society event.

Leasa Hubbard, event coordinator, says it was amazing to see the enjoyment everyone got out of the Relay.

"The people taking part are an absolute inspiration, they put so much effort in and I know they get a great deal out of it too."

She says events such as the theme laps during the Relay were 100 percent embraced by everyone.

"It was also very humbling to see the more 180 survivors take to the track for the opening Survivors' Lap.

"The Candlelight Ceremony was beautiful and there was barely a movement or dry-eye on track. The balloon glow by the Waikato Ballooning Club really set the mood for this."

Leasa says the new venue at the Ruakura Research Centre proved a great success providing a lovely setting and lots of room for all the extra activities and events that support the Relay.

"Our new Health Promotion Village was well received with a number of other organisations coming along to support the Cancer Society to promote the healthy lifestyles message and to be part of the fun of the Relay."

Leasa says an event like this just wouldn't be possible without our huge pool of enthusiastic and hard working volunteers."

More ...

“The Cancer Society would like to thank everyone involved with the Relay. It has become an amazing community event and one everyone can be very proud to be part of.”

‘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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Photos available

STILL TO COME....

Tauranga Relay For Life – 28th & 29th March 2009 – Blake Park, Mt Maunganui

Editor’s Notes:

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.

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