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**Record Breaker - Hamilton Relay For Life**

Hamilton Relay For Life has proved a huge success for the Waikato / Bay of Plenty Cancer Society with more than \$250,000 being raised by the weekend's event.

Over 2000 people from a record 150 teams joined in the 21-hour overnight fundraiser at Claudelands Events Centre.

Erin Mitchell, event coordinator, says it was a wonderful fun event and hugely successful  
"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 the support of the public who came along was also greatly appreciated.

"And of course these types of events just aren't possible without our huge pool of enthusiastic volunteers."

Erin says the total amount of money raised so far is outstanding but she expects the final total to break all previous records.

"Relay For Life is an amazing fundraiser and people give so generously. As well it provides a unique way of raising awareness of cancer in the community and of the Cancer Society who provide support services, cancer prevention programmes and research.

"We are delighted by the response to this year's Hamilton Relay For Life. Every year the event grows and that is so much about the people who take part and become involved. It has become an amazing community event and one everyone is proud to be part of.

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

**Ends**

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

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**2007 Photos available**

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**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