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Register Now for Relay For Life 2010

Dust off your sneakers and get your team registered for next year's Relay For Life in Hamilton!

Catriona Findlay, Hamilton Relay For Life coordinator, hopes the 2010 event will be even bigger and better than previous years.

“We've already had a fantastic response from some of our previous teams, and all businesses, schools, clubs, groups, organisations, friends and families are encouraged to join in. We want people to have fun and enjoy themselves as well as raise awareness of cancer in our community.”

The 2009 event held at the Ruakura Research Centre saw 1516 people in 100 teams raise over \$220,000 for the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society.

Catriona says Relay For Life, which will be held at the Ruakura complex again in 2010, is the Cancer Society's fun event of the year but it is much more than just a fundraiser.

“It is an opportunity to celebrate the lives of those who have overcome cancer, remember those who we have lost to cancer, and fight back against this disease which affects one in three New Zealanders.”

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

“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.

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An information and registration evening is being held at the McMeekan Building, Ruakura Research Centre (off East St) on Thursday November 5 from 5:30pm-7pm. Everyone is welcome to mix and mingle and Curly from Classic Hits will be hosting the event. People should register their interest by November 4 to: admin@cancersociety.org.nz or ph 07 838 2027.

For more information visit: www.relayforlife.org.nz

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

Ends

<p>Hamilton Relay For Life 2010 Launch Thursday November 5 5:30pm-7pm McMeekan Building, Ruakura Research Centre MEDIA WELCOME</p>

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We are committed to minimising the impact of cancer in our communities by providing:

- 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

Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back!