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Relay For Life is ten years old!

Next Saturday when participants in Northland and Taranaki lace up for the first events in 2010 - it will mark ten years of Relay For Life in New Zealand.

Relay For Life was pioneered in the Manawatu Region with one event and 87 teams. Teams in the Central Districts region now gather at venues in New Plymouth, Whanganui, Gisborne, Palmerston North and midpoint between Napier and Hastings. Some teams will celebrate a decade of participating. Two and a half million dollars have been raised in the community.

This year there are 16 Relays around the country and hundred and hundreds of teams fundraising and taking part. A total of seventeen and a half million dollars has been raised nationally since the first Relay.

But Relay is not just about fundraising. It is a unique overnight event that brings communities together in the fight against cancer. Cancer survivors, carers, supporting friends and loved ones come together to:

Celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer. The strength of survivors inspires others to continue to fight.

Remember loved ones lost to the disease. At Relay, people who have walked alongside those battling cancer can grieve and find healing.

Fight Back. We Relay because we have been touched by cancer and desperately want to put an end to the disease. This is about making a commitment to save lives by taking up the fight.

Events such as Relay For Life ensure the Cancer Society remains the leading fund provider for cancer research in New Zealand, after the Government. The money provides the Society with the means to continue delivery of support services, such as the 0800 information helpline, produce information about cancers and treatments and provide healthy lifestyle advice.

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