Scholarships Available for Young Cancer Survivors

The Midwest Division of the American Cancer Society is offering a limited number of scholarships for young cancer survivors who are planning to attend a university, college, technical or vocational school in the fall of 2007.

The annual Youth Scholarship Program enables young cancer survivors to demonstrate accomplishments they have made in spite of their illness.

A volunteer review committee will select scholarship recipients based on their academic or vocational goals, current financial need, leadership, and community service, with preference given to first-time applicants.

Eligibility guidelines for a scholarship include: a cancer diagnosis before the age of 21, the student must be under the age of 25 at the time of application, the applicant must be a legal resident of Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota or Wisconsin for at least one year, the student must have completed the application process and have been accepted to an accredited two to four year institution.

Applications are due by March 15, 2007. The awards will be paid directly to the institution of choice and will supplement fall 2007 tuition costs.

For more info on the scholarship or how to apply, contact the American Cancer Society at 1.800.ACS.2345 and ask for their local Patient Navigator or log on to www.cancer.org.

Where Do My Donations Go?

You’re thinking, “It’s great to raise $16,500 at UW-Oshkosh, but I’m not going to fundraise if I don’t know how the American Cancer Society spends their money”. Here’s how it was spent in 2005:

In 2005, the Midwest Division (WI, MN, IA, SD) raised $54,356,483. $6.5 million was spent on cancer prevention, $5.3 million on early detection, $12.2 million to cancer patient support & programs, $1.6 million in administrative costs and $9 million funded the events that raised this $54+ million.

The remaining $19.7 million was sent to the national American Cancer Society to support our nationwide activities: 41% for nationwide prevention, detection and patient support; 34% for cancer research (of which a large portion funded research in Wisconsin); and 25% for our supporting services.

2007 Relay Reachable Goals

Our goals for the inaugural Relay For Life of UW-Oshkosh are:

15 Teams = GOAL MET!!
400 Luminaria
250 Participants
80 Survivors
$10,000 Online Donations
$16,500 Total Raised!

With your dedication, we can reach these goals for a FANTASTIC 1st year!

2007 UW-Oshkosh RFL Teams

The following teams have registered:

- 5th Floor South Scott
- Cancer Freedom Fighters
- Delta Sigma Phi
- Do it the Donner Way!
- Human Services Organization
- Island of Misfit Toys
- Last Ones Standing
- Runners
- Talk to the Cure!
- Team Hope
- Team Scoooooooop
- Team Shake-n-Bake
- The Skinny’s
- The Wacky Walkers
- The Women’s Cross Country Team
- UW Oshkosh Wrestling
- UWO Music Department
- UW-O Swim & Dive Team
- UW Women’s Soccer

If your team isn’t listed here, register online now!
www.acsevents.org/relay/wi/uwoshkosh

Registration fees are $10 per participant and can be paid online when you register, mailed to the American Cancer Society or dropped off at the next CAC meeting: 3/7, Reeve Union, 7pm.
Get the Facts on Fighting Cancer Through Advocacy

More than 10,000 cancer-related bills are introduced each year in the U.S. in the combined federal, state, and local governments.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to making cancer a legislative priority and eliminating cancer as a major health problem through voter education and issue campaigns. The Society played a leading role in the passage of the National Cancer Act, which has caused federal investments in cancer research to increase from $230 million in 1971 to more than $5.6 billion today.

Last September, volunteers representing every congressional district gathered on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. for Celebration on the Hill. The gathering helped show our elected officials how the Society is making a difference in the fight against cancer in every community nationwide.

In 2006, American Cancer Society volunteers and staff reduced the burden of cancer throughout Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin by supporting strong public health policy. Here are some of the accomplishments:

- Protected funding for state breast and cervical cancer treatment programs.
- Protected and increased funding for statewide tobacco prevention programs.
- In S Dakota, 25,000 signatures were collected to pave the way for a ballot initiative that increased the cigarette tax by $1.00 per pack.
- In Wisconsin, health insurers will now be required to cover routine patient care costs associated with clinical trials.

In 2007, the American Cancer Society will work with lawmakers to fight cancer:

- By supporting research and programs that prevent, detect, and treat cancer
- By expanding access to quality cancer care, prevention, and awareness
- By reducing disparities in prevention and treatment
- By reducing and preventing suffering from tobacco-related illness.

The key issues for each state include:

- Iowa: The Society will work with partner organizations to raise the tobacco tax by $1 per pack.
- Minnesota: The Freedom to Breathe Act, moving to a smoke free Minnesota.
- South Dakota: Eliminate exemptions in the current smoke-free air law, and protect the new tobacco tax revenue.
- Wisconsin: Raise the tobacco tax, and support legislation to adequately fund the breast and cervical cancer screening program

To join in the political fight against cancer, visit www.acscan.org.

Be Creative for Luminary Donations

Luminary donations will be tallied to your team’s fundraising total so long as they are turned in to Kristin at or before bank night and are clearly marked with your team’s name. The team that collects the most luminary donations will be awarded a prize. Any luminaria turned in at the Relay will not count toward a specific team.

One idea to get luminary donations is to take advantage of where you work. If you work at Subway, stuff them in the bag with each order. Toppers; tape them on top of each delivery box. Luminary forms were distributed with your team packets. Print your team’s name in the designated spot on the form before you photocopy them. Then make copies and distribute. Everyone you give one to can mail their donation right to the American Cancer Society and your team will receive the credit for that donation.
**IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES**

**March 7 – CAC Meeting**
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Reeve Union
Hand in your registration or pledges

**March 30 – Registration Deadline**
Every team member must be signed up online by the end of the day!

**April 4 – Registration Payment Deadline**
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Reeve Union (CAC meeting)
Hand in your registration or pledges

**April 21-22 – 2007 Relay For Life**
6:00 pm – 6:00 am
Kolf Sports Center

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**Relay Online Sign Up. Set Up. Send.**

Do you want a way to:
- get Relay For Life details and dates?
- register quickly and easily online?
- collect credit card donations?

If so, then Relay Online is for you! Visit your UW-O Relay website for more information.

All teams and their members must register online. Teams may consist of more than 15 people, but the website will only allow 15 to sign up for each team’s site. If your team has more than 15 members, please set up two sites. For example: Kristin’s Team 1 and Kristin’s Team 2.

All registrations must be done online by March 30. If you do not pay your $10 fee online, you must pay it either by mail or in person by April 4.

Congratulations Jenni Hanni from the Human Services Organization team for being the top online fundraiser to date! Jenni sent an email to 26 people and has received $100 in online donations. Congratulations are also in order to Tiffany Buckenberger, Miranda Pillsbury and Nicole Lewis for also collecting donations online.

Your 2007 UW-Oshkosh website is:
www.acsevents.org/relay/wi/uwoshkosh

Don’t wait! Sign up. Set up. Send. Today!

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**Fact – Impact – Action**

**Did you know?** Lack of quality cancer prevention and treatment for underserved populations must be reduced.

**Impact:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program has provided more than four million screening tests to low-income, uninsured, and underinsured women across the country.

**Take Action:** Visit
www.acscan.org/makingstrides to learn how you can help ensure that this lifesaving program has the resources it needs to serve all women who are eligible for it.

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**Cancer Survivors Network**

The Cancer Survivors Network (CSN) is a worldwide community of cancer survivors, families, and friends who have come together to share their experience, strength and hope.

The CSN provides a private, secure way to find and communicate with others online who share an interest in cancer and have had cancer experiences. Registration is free and confidential.

Join the Cancer Survivors Network by visiting www.acscsn.org today!

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**American Cancer Society Mission**

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

**American Cancer Society 2015 Goals**

- To achieve a 50% reduction in age-adjusted cancer mortality by the year 2015.
- To achieve a 25% reduction in cancer incidence by the year 2015.
- By 2015, there will be measurable improvement in the quality of life, (physical, psychological, social and spiritual) from the time of diagnosis and for the balance of life of all cancer survivors.
Fundraising: How to Raise $100 in 10 days!
Your Colleges Against Cancer committee would like the inaugural UW-Oshkosh Relay For Life to raise $16,500. The funds raised will also support programs dedicated to helping those with breast cancer and their families cope with the disease.

To meet this goal we are asking you to raise a minimum of $50. It may sound like a lot of work to raise this much money, but it doesn’t have to be. Here’s a quick schedule to help you raise double that in only 10 days:

- Day 1 - Ask your parents for a $20 donation
- Day 2 - Ask one grandparent for a $10 donation
- Day 3 & 4 - Ask three co-workers for $5 donations
- Day 5 & 6 - Ask two of your aunts or uncles for $10 donations
- Day 7 - Ask a sibling for a $10 donation
- Day 8 - Ask your roommate for a $5 donation
- Day 9 & 10 - Send an email from your UWO Relay webpage to your mailing list letting everyone know you are only $20 away from your $100 goal. You’re almost guaranteed to make it!

If you follow the schedule above, you’ll raise $100 in ten days without any trouble. Don’t be afraid to ask friends, family and co-workers for a pledge: The worst they can do is say no, but they will enjoy the opportunity to support you and your effort to find a cure for cancer! When asking, don’t limit how much they can give to the amount listed above, let them decide!

Also, be sure to have everyone who donates to you to check if their company offers matching funds. You may be able to double their pledges with little to no extra work.

Everyone collecting pledges totaling $50 will be eligible for a variety of drawings and incentive prizes. Anyone raising $250 can receive an incentive prize from your American Cancer Society.

Colleges Against Cancer at UW-Oshkosh!
Join us in the fight against cancer!
We’re college kids that take up the fight against cancer on our campus and make an impact so that someday we will be CANCER FREE! You can get involved in more ways than just Relay.

There are four Parts to Colleges Against Cancer:

Advocacy: We work to influence policy at the local, state and federal level to fight cancer and help those diagnosed with it.
- Legislature grassroots advocacy (Cancer Action Network)
- Anti-tobacco initiatives (Smoke-Free Campuses, Great American Smokeout)

Cancer Education: We work with the campus to educate people on detection, prevention, etc.
- Nutrition and lifestyle issue presentations
- Anti-tobacco education through tables, presentations, speakers, events
- General American Cancer Society knowledge throughout the school

Survivorship: We honor survivors and others personally affected by cancer and adapt American Cancer Society programs to work on our campus.
- Relay & Survivor reunion involvement
- Support groups for any faculty, students, alumni who are experiencing cancer

Relay For Life: We raise funds for advocacy efforts, early detection & prevention education, programs to help cancer patients and their families, and for cancer research so we can find a cure!
- Get as many students, faculty and staff at UWO involved in Relay as we can.
- Invite members of our community, family & friends who have battled cancer to honor them and celebrate with us at the Relay.

You can get involved in the CAC by contacting your CAC Executive Committee or attending the next CAC meeting: March 7, 7pm in Reeve Union.

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