



The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. At Relay, teams of people camp out at Liberty Park and take turns walking around a track. Each team is asked to have a team member on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, Relay is an overnight event from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Relay For Life began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Washington, ran and walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Since then, Relay has grown from a single man's passion to fight cancer into the world's largest movement to end the disease. Each year, more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States, along with additional communities in 20 other countries, gather to take part in this global phenomenon and raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer. Thanks to Relay participants, the American Cancer Society continues to save lives.

Relay For Life is more than just a fundraiser. It's a life-changing experience. At Relay, every person in the community has a chance to celebrate, remember, and fight back. And every person who participates joins others around the globe as part of this worldwide movement to end cancer.

Everyone's reason to Relay is as unique as their own personal story. At Relay, you can find healing, comfort, and support from others who have faced cancer or who have lost a loved one to the disease. You have a chance to meet people in the community who are equally as passionate about finding an end to cancer in our lifetime. You can thank all the people who have done so much to support you through your personal cancer experience. And you can gather together with friends, family, and colleagues to laugh, cry, and create lasting memories.

No matter why you take part in Relay, however, one thing is clear: with every step you take, you are helping the American Cancer Society save lives. With your help, we aren't just fighting one type of cancer – we're fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. Each person who shares the Relay experience can take pride in knowing that they are working to create a world where this disease will no longer threaten the lives of our loved ones or claim another year of anyone's life.

This year's theme is "Imagine a World with More Birthdays". Teams are encouraged to decorate their tents and campsites to celebrate birthdays. Birthday cake will be served! If you are interested in taking part in Relay For Life, please consider forming a team or joining a team. Teams are made up of friends, families, co-workers, students, churches, civic organizations and clubs, and businesses.

For more information, please visit the Relay For Life of Madison website at [www.relayforlife.org/madisonms](http://www.relayforlife.org/madisonms), or contact the Event Chair, Denise Strobel, by telephone at 318-805-6723, or by email at [denisekay66@hotmail.com](mailto:denisekay66@hotmail.com).