

Many ways to help fight cancer in DC

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Fighting cancer begins in our own backyard, according to Pam Ackerman, event chairperson of the 20th Annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Dawson County.

There are so many ways anyone can fight cancer.

“Make a donation on our easy to find web site, purchase a luminaria, attend one of many Relay For Life fundraisers planned throughout the year or host a fundraiser of your own,” Ackerman said. “Our goal is \$80,000 this year. If you host a fundraiser, I promise to walk all night for you!”

Visit DC Relay website

People interested in giving to the fight against cancer are encouraged to visit www.relayforlife.org/dawsoncove to make a donation to the local event. When visiting the site, donors can make a general donation or support a specific team or individual. The process is quick and easy.

Fourteen teams are currently registered at this online Web site to seek community support. “This is an easy way for everyone to join the fight against cancer,” said Ackerman. “Cancer has touched so many lives in our community. We want to find a cure and stop the anguish this disease can cause.”

Luminaria

Luminaria candles light the way through the night as Relay For Life team members continue to walk. Each white bag has a name in honor of a person who has survived cancer or in memory of one lost to cancer. This year Relay offers green bags to recognize the strength and support of caregivers. Each luminaria is \$10. Candles will be lit during the Relay For Life event at 9:30

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p.m. on Friday, July 25, at Lake Helen in Gothenburg.

Fun fundraisers

June 7—Decorate The Dirt hosted by Hailey Wagener at 75746 Rd 440 in Lexington. \$10 to decorate a pot and plant a flower.

June 6 and 7—Garage Sale and Bake Sale at Christ the King Parish Hall in Cozad. Hosted by FCCLA Pink Ladies. Tamales and baked goods will be available.

June 7—Hamburger Feed at Sonny's Super Store in Cozad hosted by RSCS/Kool Kids

June 14—Yard Sale at 403 W 14th in Cozad hosted by Clara Case with the RSCS/Kool Kids team.

June 21 and 22—Take A Swing Against Cancer ball tournament at Optimist Field in Lexington. Hosted by Randy Reinertson of Lexington.

June 28—Fourth Annual Car & Bike Show For a Cure at Ehmen Park in Gothenburg. Registration 9 a.m. to noon. Relay teams will sell food and host game fundraisers at the park. Prizes will be awarded. Hosted by April Headley, Warriors of Hope, of Eustis.

June 29—W.C.S.G. Garden of Hope annual Pork In The Park, 4-7 p.m., at Arbor Park on South Washington St in Lexington. Free will donation for bbq pork sandwich and all the fixings.

July 10—Cork Meets Pork at Macs Creek Winery, 43315 Road 757, Lexington. Great atmosphere, bbq pork ribs and favorite wine will be served at 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Hosted by Grace Lutheran Church team.

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On-Going Team Fundraisers include floating lockets and charms from Holy Walkamolies team in Gothenburg (team captain Stephanie Ricely); wristbands from Walkin' the Plank's team in Gothenburg (captain Karla Ricely); pork loin tickets and 20 Years of Relay commemorative tshirts from W.C.S.G. Garden of Hope in Lexington (captain Pam Ackerman); and homemade quilt tickets from RSCS/Kool Kids team in Cozad (captain Chris Barnes).

Memorials, fundraisers

Memorial donations to the American Cancer Society can easily be directed through the Relay For Life of Dawson County. For information, contact Ackerman at 308-324-2230.

While everyone is encouraged to attend and participate in Relay For Life, sometimes the obligation of forming a team and walking all night cannot be fulfilled. A fundraiser like a yard sale, bake sale, block party, ball tournament, etc. can still be counted in the fight against cancer. Contact Ackerman for more information.