

Open Invitation

from Event Chair Sabina Johnson

Relay for Life celebrates its 31st year since Dr. Gordy Klatt took his first steps on a Tacoma track in 1985 to raise public awareness of cancer and raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Twenty-nine years later, not only are communities coming together to further his cause but 24 countries around the globe have joined in the fight against cancer. In 1997 a group of dedicated volunteers started the Relay For Life of South Lane County.

This year the Relay For Life of South Lane County celebrates its 19th year of fighting back and the communities of Cottage Grove, Creswell, Dorena, Lorane and the surrounding areas are invited to experience the Magic of Relay at Lincoln Middle School on July 22nd and 23rd. There will be 14 teams walking the track this year.

While the Opening Ceremony officially starts at 5pm on Friday, July 22nd, everyone is encouraged to join in the "Pre-Opening" activities beginning at Noon. All cancer survivors, their caregivers and the community are invited to attend the "Survivor Reception" on Friday at 4pm. "Opening Ceremonies" start at 5pm with the "Survivor Lap" immediately following. Following will be a BBQ, prepared by South Lane County Fire and Rescue beginning at 5:45pm. All registered Survivors and Caregivers can attend for Free.

Lincoln Middle School held its annual Relay Field Day on May 15 raising over \$4100.00 with over 40 teams and more than 300 students participating. The students had many games and activities going on and other fundraisers, such as face painting, and food and beverages for sale. New this year was the biggest bounce house ever in addition to a school talent show and dance and Vic's Photobooth. All of us at the Relay For Life of South Lane County couldn't be more proud of Lincoln Middle School's Relay Field Day, as they are not only the example of how a Relay Field Day event should look and feel for the State of Oregon and other schools in the U.S., but the World.

Curbing for a Cure was held on June ??, at the corner of 16th and Main, where over \$400 was raised.

The Village Green Resort hosted Relay For Life's annual "Survivor Dessert" on June 11. Many prizes were given and laughter was experienced, along with delicious desserts. The evening was a time for survivors and their caregivers to meet others that have had similar experiences in life. Marty Martin was the "Survivor Honoree" and featured speaker of the evening.

For the past 19 years Relay For Life of South Lane County has been a major community-wide experience that goes overnight. Cancer does not sleep, and for one night, Relayers will not sleep either. Or at least the baton being passed from team member to team member throughout the night will not rest.

Relay For Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and is an opportunity for the

community to unite. Relay will celebrate survivorship, remember those who have passed and fight back against cancer.

Join us at Lincoln Middle School between Friday, July 22nd, at Noon thru Saturday, July 23rd, at Noon, to experience the Magic of Relay at Relay For Life of South Lane County.

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Relay for Life of South Lane County



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