

Relay For Life of Chapin-Irmo  
February 2006

# Relay For Life is Rocking & Rolling

We've kicked off Relay season and now preparations are being made for a spectacular event in 2006. The following are some important goals that we need YOUR help in achieving!

**Event goal**

**\$200,000**

**Team goal**

**75**

**Survivor goal**

**200**

Included on page 2, is our Committee List . Please contact them with any questions or if you're interested in joining the Relay For Life committee.

**Don't forget about the Grand Relay Club!**

***Team Members who raise \$1,000 or more individually will be eligible to receive a Grand Relay polo shirt. Make sure to keep track of your individual monies raised and let your Team Captain know if you qualify for this special incentive!***

This Talk RFL is a publication of your local American Cancer Society office.

If you would like to share information for our upcoming newsletter please contact Andre Shepherd at 803-750-1693 or fax to 803-750-4000.

Also, in an effort to be good stewards of the American Cancer Society please let us know if you'd liked to be removed from the mailing list.

# "It's About A Community That Takes Up the Fight"



## 2006 Committed Teams to Date! (\* indicates new team)

<p>AME Columbia Area Young People's Department                  American Cheer Xtreme (ACX)                  Ascension Lutheran Church                  Ballentine Elementary School Faculty &amp; Staff                  Bethel Lutheran Church Bunco Babes                  Chapin Baptist Church                  Chapin Civic Team                  Chapin Elementary School Faculty &amp; Staff                  Chapin High School Faculty &amp; Staff                  Chapin High School Varsity Cheerleaders                  Chapin Middle School Faculty &amp; Staff                  Chapin On Stage Performers (COPS)                  Chapin Ruritan Club</p>	<p>Chapin United Methodist Church                  Chapin-Irmo RFL Committee                  Christus Victor Lutheran Church                  Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints-Dutch Fork Ward                  Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints-Irmo Ward                  Crossroads Middle School Faculty &amp; Staff                  Dutch Fork Middle School Faculty &amp; Staff                  Ellett Brothers                  Energizer Bunnies                  F.B. Johnston Graphics                  Friends for Life                  Gateway Baptist Church                  General Information Services GIS)                  Good News Bears-Ashland United Methodist Church                  Grace United Methodist Church Youth</p>	<p>H.E. Corley Elementary School                  Irmo Civic Team                  Irmo Elementary School                  ITA Tae Kwon Do of Irmo                  Lake Murray Elementary School Faculty &amp; Staff                  Lake Murray Presbyterian Church                  Leaphart Elementary School                  Leprechauns                  Lexington Medical Center-Chapin &amp; Irmo                  Love Auto Team                  Mothers Association of Chapin (MAC)                  Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church                  Order of the Eastern Star—Turtles                  Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church                  Pleasant Spring AME YPD'ers                  Prayer Pals-Union United Methodist                  River Springs Church</p>	<p>Russell &amp; Jeffcoat Realtors of Chapin                  SC Internal Medicine &amp; Rehabilitation                  SCE&amp;G                  Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church                  St. Francis of the Assisi Episcopal Church                  St. Jacob's Lutheran Church                  St. Thomas Lutheran Church                  The Cool Girls                  The Hot Fema'les                  White Rock Baptist Church</p> <p><b>Service Teams</b></p> <p>Boy Scouts Troop 411                  Chapin Woman's Club                  Girl Scout Troop 1172</p>
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**Please mark your calendars with these important dates to remember for the 2006 Relay For Life**

**Team Captain Meetings**

**2nd Team Leadership Meeting**

Monday, March 13, 2006  
 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
 River Springs Church

**3rd Team Leadership Meeting**

Monday, April 3, 2006  
 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 River Springs Church

**Survivor Reception**

Following Relay Opening Ceremony  
 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 21, 2006  
 Chapin High School

**Bank Day**

Tuesday, April 18, 2006  
 By Appointment and Walk-In  
 River Springs Church

**Relay For Life Event**

**Friday, April 21-22, 2006**  
**7 p.m.-7 a.m.**  
**Chapin High School**

**2006 Event Committee Contact List**

*Lynda Wales, Event Chair & Relay On-Site Committee Chair*  
 803-359-9468

*Tracie Warren, Team Committee Chair*  
 803-364-3715

*Candy McFarland, Recruitment Committee Chair and Online Chair*  
 803-345-1654

*Melanie McMahan, Accounting Chair*  
 803-622-3309

*We have many leadership positions on our Committee that we need to fill for 2006 or if you are not interested in leading an effort but would like to participate as a Committee Volunteer, we need you too. Please call Lynda Wales or anyone on this list and we would be glad to get you started.*

# News You Can Use from Your American Cancer Society



## ADVOCACY IN ACTION

### “Make It Happen! Our Kids are Worth the change” – 2006 Cigarette Tax Campaign Launches

**We need your help** to make sure your state representative understands how important it is to raise South Carolina’s cigarette tax.

We have made it easier than ever to talk to your legislator. Just call the following toll free number and when prompted, enter your zip code. You will automatically be connected to your SC House Member’s office where you will be able to leave your important message. The number is **1-800-218-7701**.

Not sure what to say? **Here are a few ideas:**

\*A 93 cents tax increase is a “Win-Win-Win” proposition for our children, health and economy.

\*Unless we act now, thousands of South Carolina’s kids will continue to become addicted to cigarettes each year. One in three of these children will die as a result of their addiction.

\*Raising the cigarette tax by 93 cents would be worth it if it could save just one child’s life. But in fact, it will save thousands of South Carolina’s kids from becoming addicted to smoking.

\**South Carolina’s cigarette tax is only 7 cents per pack. This is the lowest cigarette tax in the country. The national average is now 92 cents.*

#### **SC Government Relations Staff Team**

Nancy Cheney, Government Relations Director

Suzanne Hyman, Grassroots Manager

Lisa Turner, Public Policy Initiatives Manager

located in Columbia, SC office 1-877-227-9398

## WE PERSEVERED IN 2005!

The Weather was terrible, but we persevered!  
Here is how we measured up to our goals in 2005.

### 2005 Goals

- ◆ 200 Survivors Walk Their Victory Lap
- ◆ 75 Teams Raise \$200,000
- ◆ All Relay Costs Underwritten by Sponsors—Expenses Not to Exceed 2% of Total Raised

### 2005 Results

- ◆ 91 Survivors Walk Their Victory Lap
- ◆ 66 Teams Raise \$152,956.86
- ◆ \$750 in Sponsorships was Raised to Cover \$1,810.87 in Local Relay Costs — 1.8% of Total Raised



## Our 2005 \$ Results

Grand \$ Total	\$153,865.86
Total \$ Local Relay Expenses	-1,810.87
<b>Total Less Expenses</b>	<b>\$152,054.99</b>

With Expenses only 1.18% of our Grand Total, **\$152,054.99** went directly from our community to the American Cancer Society.

## Our Growth

1999	\$ 22,471
2000	\$ 26,016
2001	\$ 23,051
2002	\$ 31,630
2003	\$ 62,513
2004	\$105,870
2005	\$152,055

Chapin-Irmo Grand Total  
(1999-2005)

**\$423,606**

## Other Area 2005 Relay Results

### Lexington

\$228,422

240 Survivors

### Batesburg-Leesville

\$63,020

64 Survivors

### Richland County

\$00000

00 Survivors

# RELAY NEWS YOU CAN USE!



## KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE

Many years had passed me by  
Then the diagnosis came  
This one thing would change my life  
And I'd never be the same  
Deep down in my heart of hearts  
I struggled to survive  
And I fought the battle fierce  
To keep the dream alive  
I never thought of losing  
Determined that I'd win  
Because love surrounded me  
I never gave up or gave in

The fight was never easy  
With God's help I would strive  
To live life to its fullest  
And keep the dream alive  
Now I stand among the fortunate  
Knowing not why God chose me  
I walk for those still fighting  
And in the memory  
I believe we will find a cure  
One day we will arrive  
But until then, hand in hand  
We'll keep the dream alive

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## Online Relay Benefits Everyone and Helps Grow Our Relay!

Online Relay is increasing volunteer efficiencies and bringing online donations that we may not otherwise get. But what is really exciting is that we don't have the growing pains with this "online growth" that we have seen in the past. Let me explain.

Registration of teams online means that the planning committee no longer has to enter registration information, no longer has to handle the funds associated with that registration, and no longer has to compile the t-shirt order. The online system does all that for us. Basically we don't need as many volunteers to handle this process as we did in the past which cuts down on coordination as well as flat volunteer hours. The days of team leaders waiting in line to turn in team registration is over! This also gives us precious extra time to get team members registered that we didn't have before because compiling the t-shirt order is a matter of running a report. All the saved volunteer hours can be used for better purposes like recruiting for example.

Team leaders and team members' volunteer time can also be more wisely used. By getting donations online the team member does not have to handle the funds, make arrangements to turn in the money, -- well you get the picture.

Online giving finds donors that might not normally give -- like friends and relatives that are out of town or that you don't see on a regular basis.

Now that I have convinced you that ONLINE RELAY is the way to go -- here is what you need to know to get started. In your internet browser go to

**[www.relaysc.org](http://www.relaysc.org)** and click **Chapin-Irmo>>**

Follow the links from there. See I told you it is easy!

*Candy E. McFarland*  
*2006 Online Chair and Recruitment Committee Chair*

# Community Corner

## Luminary

You can purchase a luminary "In Honor Of" a cancer survivor in "In Memory Of" someone who lost their battle with cancer. Luminaries are a \$10 minimum donation. Team members will be in the community asking folks to purchase luminary bags or you can print a form from our website at [www.relaysc.org](http://www.relaysc.org) and click Chapin-Irmo>> and click on Fundraisers on the left hand side and mail in your donation for a luminary. For more information contact Nancy Bollibon 345-9823 or [nssnance@aol.com](mailto:nssnance@aol.com).

## Proud Sponsor Sign

You can purchase a Proud Sponsor Sign that will be placed on the Relay track all night to advertise your business or organization. Signs are a \$100 minimum sponsorship. Team Members will be in the community asking folks to purchase signs or you can contact Lynda Wales 359-9468 or [lyndawales@ellett.com](mailto:lyndawales@ellett.com).

## Car Wash April 8, 2006

The Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church Team is planning a car wash on Saturday, April 8, 2006 at their church at 11733 Broad River Road, Chapin, SC. They will clean your car inside and out for a donation . . . And remember the tree pollen season will have begun and all cars will be covered in yellow. What a great chance to get your car cleaned for a good cause! For more information contact Albert Amick at 345-5060 or [bjamick@juno.com](mailto:bjamick@juno.com).

## Miss Chapin-Irmo Relay for Life Scholarship Pageant

The Ellett Brothers Team is sponsoring the Miss Chapin-Irmo Relay for Life Scholarship Pageant to be held Saturday, March 18, 2006 at Chapin Baptist Church "The Pointe" at 950 Old Lexington Highway, Chapin, SC. For more information contact Cliff Fulmer at 803-553-9800 or [clifffulmer@ellett.com](mailto:clifffulmer@ellett.com). Registration Deadline is March 3, 2006.

## Earring Fundraiser

Andrea Kemp makes beautiful earrings and she is offering to make earrings at cost for any team that would like to do an earring fundraiser. You can get more information about this fundraiser from Andrea at 749-3031 or [andrea@sc.rr.com](mailto:andrea@sc.rr.com).

## General Photographic Resources, Inc. Fundraiser for Teams

It's called "Putting On The Ritz" Portrait Session. How it Works—1) Your team sells "Putting On The Ritz" Portrait Certificates for \$9.95 (your group keeps the entire \$9.95). 2) At a designated date you provide them a list of the names and phone numbers of the people that have purchased the certificates for them to handle all scheduling calls. 3) Their program focuses on the child/children. 3 months to 10 years old may be photographed for a children's portrait.

The children get to play "dress-up" with the provided wardrobe of tuxedos, gowns and props. Parents love the atmosphere of grace and style of the child "Putting On The Ritz". They receive a beautiful Children's Portrait Package containing one 8x10, two 5x7 and 8 wallet size of the first pose only (a \$70.00 regular value you save \$60.00! Limit one per household).

After photography is completed, they will return, usually within 2-3 weeks with their "Putting On The Ritz" portrait package. The families will also have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits at discounted prices if they wish.

There are additional incentives for individuals and teams. Please call Lynda Wales 359-9468 to get an initial information packet or call Jaime Davis at 1-800-500-5628 ext 247 to set up a schedule or get additional information. Please let Jaime know that you are with Chapin-Irmo Relay For Life as he will group all the Teams for the incentive programs.