

# **American Cancer Society**

## *Galax – Carroll Relay For Life*

### **Carroll County High School July 29 – 30, 2005**

Have you ever looked into the pained eyes of a friend or loved one suffering with cancer and thought, “boy, I would love to do something to help”? Well you can. You can become a team member or team captain and participate in the eighth annual Galax-Carroll Relay For Life fundraiser.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society’s signature event, which is held in 4,200 communities nationwide. Think as one little person you can’t make a difference? Relay For Life began in 1985 in Tacoma, WA, when Dr. Gordy Klatt walked around a track for 24 hours. He raised \$27,000 ... and Relay For Life was born.

Wherever you find Relay For Life, you find a community that has taken up the fight against this devastating disease. Teams get together for bake sales, car washes, yard sales, bean suppers, pancake breakfasts, and many other events to raise money to support the American Cancer Society’s mission of curing cancer. The American Cancer Society funds researchers early in their careers – 38 of whom have gone on to win the Nobel Prize. The American Cancer Society funded more than \$130 million in cancer research in 2003, and more than \$2.4 billion since its inception in 1946.

As part of the Relay For Life event a luminaria ceremony will be held at dusk to honor cancer survivors and to remember those loved ones who have lost their battle with cancer. The Power of Relay allows a community to grieve for those lost to cancer and to celebrate those who have survived. Almost everyone you meet can tell you a heartbreaking story about how cancer has affected his or her family. We have made progress - but there is much more to do. That’s where you can put those good thoughts you had about wanting to help into ACTION!

Whether you have a little time or a lot of time to donate – we’ll take it! Our official kickoff will be March 22 at the Galax Moose Lodge. Call Sharon Gravely at 276-728-5961 or Sharleen Sage at 276-398-3548 to find out more details and to lend a helping hand in the fight against cancer.