

*Hi,*

***This is Gary Gundlach, chairman of the Eureka Relay for Life. Once again we will gather at College of the***

***Redwoods on July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, for the twenty second year.***

***Volunteers have formed teams and are collecting donations and holding fundraising events***

***all around our communities. I hope you will join us on June first at Cher ae Heights casino,***

***as we hold our tri-tip dinner and auction, that is always a big hit. Many thanks to all the local businesses who have donated funds and materials for both occasions.***

***So, why do we Relay? We are committed to the long-term task of raising funds***

***for research towards a cure for cancer. Progress has been made, and survival***

***rates are much higher than in years past. But we still have a lot of work to do, as cancer takes on many forms.***

***We celebrate our survivors, as they have endured the battle against this disease.***

***They, along with caregivers and support staff are our heroes. The courage and perseverance they exhibit is truly inspiring.***

***We remember the loved ones lost in the battle also. Personally, I have lost nine family members, including my mother, aunts, and cousins. At Relay, an evening***

***is dedicated to Luminaria, where candle lit bags with the names of those loved***

***ones, glow in tribute. For a donation, you can have a bag included in the ceremony.***

***We also strive to Fight Back against cancer through educational programs and***

***legislative advocacy. According to the American Cancer Society, in Humboldt***

***County, there are 275 expected deaths from cancer in 2013. Seventy of those***

***would be from lung cancer. Through increased knowledge, better life styles and***

***preventative practices and early detection, survival rates have improved.***

***Many people do not realize how many local services are supported by this campaign.***

***Programs like "Look Good, Feel Better", transportation, lodging, 24-hr phone support, counseling,....etc, are all used by Humboldt County residents. Local doctors and nurses also benefit from the ongoing research made possible in-part, by the funds raised by the Relay campaign.***

***So, I hope you will support a Relay team, and join us at our dinner June 1st at Cher ae Heights, and the main event on July 13th at College of the Redwoods.***

***For more information, email to .....relayeureka@gmail.com***