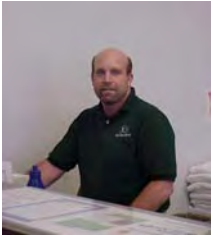


## **Celebration on the Hill Illinois Division Implementation Team**



### **Advocacy Co-Chair**

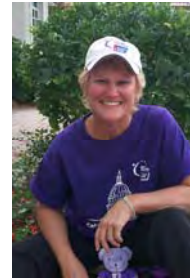
**Tom Smith**, (618) 498-3500, [tsmith@jch.org](mailto:tsmith@jch.org)

Tom is a volunteer from the Maryville region. He has been an American Cancer Society volunteer for the past seven years working in advocacy at both Relay and lobbying his elected officials. He serves as one of two volunteers on the Celebration implementation team. In his regular job, Tom manages a hospital fitness program.

### **Relay Co-Chair**

**Nancy Nemec**, (847) 381-4972, [nnemec@comcast.net](mailto:nnemec@comcast.net)

Nancy is chair of the ACS Northwest Suburban regional Leadership Board, having served for the last several years as vice-chair and Relay For Life task force chair. She is a member of the Illinois Division board of directors and also serves on the Illinois Division Relay For Life task force. The Northwest Suburban region awarded Nancy the Volunteer of the Year award in 2004 and the Distinguished Service award for Leadership in 2003. Since then she has served as Relay recruitment chair and co-chair in three Relays that have raised more than \$1.1 million for the Society. In 2002, Nancy was the Illinois Division Relay volunteer; serving on the implementation team for Celebration 2002. Both Nancy and her husband, Bob, are cancer survivors.



### **Implementation Team Leader**

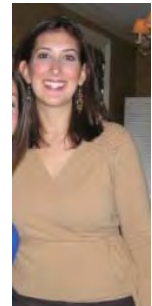
**Martha Kieffer**, (630) 932-1141, [martha.kieffer@cancer.org](mailto:martha.kieffer@cancer.org)

Martha, a registered nurse, joined the American Cancer Society nearly six years ago. She began as a cancer control representative in the Fox Valley region and three years ago, became Advocacy manager for the Illinois Division. As chief trainer for Celebration on the Hill 2002, Martha is excited to be the implementation team leader for Celebration 2006. Martha believes that Celebration 2006 will validate ACS as an organization to be reckoned with in Washington, D.C.

### **Communications**

**Jennifer Resnik**, (312) 279-7362, [jennifer.resnik@cancer.org](mailto:jennifer.resnik@cancer.org)

Jennifer recently joined the American Cancer Society as media relations manager for the Illinois Division. Jennifer works with the media on a daily basis to promote American Cancer Society news and achievements. This will be Jennifer's first experience at Celebration on the Hill and she can't wait! Jennifer's role for Celebration will include writing communication materials including, *Celebrate Celebration* newsletter and coordinating all media relations for the event.



### **Mission Support**

**Marcie Jones**, (312) 279-7375, [marceline.jones@cancer.org](mailto:marceline.jones@cancer.org)

Marcie is the director of community health initiatives for the Illinois Division and has been with the Society for more than a year. Marcie is responsible for strategy development, regional staff support, training, and consultation for community outreach initiatives. Marcie will serve as the mission team lead for Celebration and will work to assure the Society's national and Illinois' story is carried to the Hill by ambassadors. In her spare time Marcie is the mom of both a college and high school student and is training for her third triathlon.



## **Advocacy**

**Kelli Evans**, (309) 688-3488 , [kelli.evans@cancer.org](mailto:kelli.evans@cancer.org)

Kelli has been with the American Cancer Society for five years and is currently the health initiatives manager in the West Central and Northwest regions. In her expanded role as their regional advocacy staff partner, she mobilizes volunteer advocates to influence legislation to assist cancer patients and their families. Kelli will coordinate the advocacy training and preparation for all ambassadors and work closely with them to fulfill their two-year commitment to the organization for Celebration. In her free time, she and her husband Seth enjoy boating, camping, and cheering on their favorite team, the Chicago Cubs!



## **Regional Liaison**

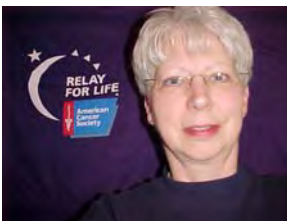
**Mary Gilliam**, (708) 633-7770, [mary.gilliam@cancer.org](mailto:mary.gilliam@cancer.org)

Mary began her career with the American Cancer Society in 2000 as an income development representative after serving as the volunteer chair for the Relay For Life of Kane County. She is currently the regional director for the Prairie Land region; managing a staff of 16, including seven income development staff. These income development representatives are responsible for implementing 21 Relay For Life events raising more than \$2 million. Mary's role on the implementation team is to act as liaison to the regional directors, ensuring the regional office staff is informed of key dates and information affecting their regions. She will also assist in training the Celebration ambassadors and logistics. Mary attended Celebration on the Hill in 2002 as a "Relayer" and is excited to be a part of the implementation team for COH 2006!

## **Funding**

**Jennifer Neumiller**, (312) 960-2341, [jennifer.neumiller@cancer.org](mailto:jennifer.neumiller@cancer.org)

Jen is the American Cancer Society Relay For Life manager. In her job, Jen helps coordinate the materials, training, tools, staff and volunteers need to implement successful Relay For Life events across the division. Jen will celebrate her five year anniversary with the Society prior to Celebration. Jen's Celebration responsibilities include working on Wall of Hope and Celebration on the Hill funding.



## **Relay**

**Toby Hucker**, (618)-842-3833, [toby.hucker@cancer.org](mailto:toby.hucker@cancer.org)

Toby is the Relay For Life Manager for Illinois Division, working closely with Peoria, Rock Island, Champaign, Springfield, Marion and Maryville income development staff. She will celebrate five years with the American Cancer Society just two weeks before Celebration on the Hill. In her role as Relay Lead on the Celebration implementation team, Toby is looking forward to coordinating all RFL activities for Illinois Division. Toby attended Celebration in 2002 accompanying her son who was an ambassador for Illinois Division.

## **Logistics**

**Tracey L. Gordon**, (312) 279-7372, [tracey.gordon@cancer.org](mailto:tracey.gordon@cancer.org)

Tracey is the meeting planner for the American Cancer Society Illinois Division. Her responsibilities include logistics, on-site facilitation and transient lodging for the Division. Tracey will handle all logistics for the Ambassador Training and Celebration on the Hill. In her spare time, this basketball guru loves to catch her favorite teams and players in action. Her favorite quote that she lives by: "Dream Big"!

