



Celebrate Celebration



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Why We're Going to Washington

Because mammograms and other cancer screenings are at risk!

This month, the U.S. Senate is expected to take up S.1955, which would allow insurers to bypass state health coverage guarantees. These have been passed by YOUR legislatures—thanks to the hard work of American Cancer Society volunteers like you.

Millions of Americans risk losing mammograms, colonoscopies, Pap smears, prostate cancer screenings, access to clinical trials, off-label drug use, and more.

Now is the time to call .800.NOW.ICAN or visit www.acscan.org and urge your Senators to oppose S.1955 and any other bill that would eliminate coverage for cancer screenings.



Students lead the way signing the Wall of Hope at Relay For Life of SUNY Geneseo.

Register Now Online at

www.celebrationonthehill.org

Looking for ways to learn more about Celebration on the Hill activities leading up to September 2006?

Ambassadors and other supporters can go to www.celebrationonthehill.org to:

- Register for Celebration on the Hill events
- Learn about our goals and objectives
- Purchase tickets for ACS Community Voice Events and Receptions
- Purchase luminaria
- Interact with fellow ambassadors
- View videos and share photos

Wall of Hope Update

As a testament to the spirit, courage and strength of the millions of Americans touched by cancer, the American Cancer Society is proud to build the Relay For Life Wall of Hope. The monument will span four city blocks on the National Mall—and will be the focal point of Celebration on the Hill 2006 on September 19-20, 2006.

In September, the Wall of Hope monument will be constructed of 5,000 Wall of Hope banners filled with millions of messages from those who've battled cancer and those who care.

To date, 120 banners have been ordered for New York and New Jersey. The Northern New Jersey and Western New York Regions are the first to have banner sponsors for 100 percent of their Relay events. Sponsorships are still available for a donation of \$500.

Be a part of the Wall of Hope! Sign a local Wall of Hope banner at a Relay For Life near you.

For cancer information, call 1.800.ACS.2345 or visit www.cancer.org.



Ambassador Spotlight: Lois Greene

For Newark nurse Lois Greene, positively influencing others is a way of life. Now she'll bring an urgent message about community health and access to care to Capitol Hill.

Lois Greene started volunteering with the American Cancer Society in 1999—teaching community groups about breast health and mammography. As co-chair of the Newark Cancer Initiative and member of the Eastern Division Board of Directors' Quality of Life Workgroup, she understands the critical, lifesaving value of affordable screening tests and prompt treatment.

That's the lesson she'll bring to Washington in September.

"I can't wait to bring cancer information to the people who really have the power to change health care," said Lois.

"Our communities need empowerment and the opportunity to make decisions that lead to good health. As human beings, we have a responsibility to identify injustices and make them right," said Greene.

One legislative focus leading up to Celebration on the Hill is to restore funding and oppose further cuts to the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. For the second year in a row, the proposed federal budget calls for cuts to an essential program that brings routine cancer exams to low-income and uninsured women.

At current funding levels, the program can only screen one in five women who are eligible. The Society is urging Congress to dedicate an additional \$45 million to the program.

"When I first became a nurse I fought for cancer patients because I wanted to help others. But when cancer hit close to home, I knew fighting cancer was part of my life's purpose," said Lois.

"If I raise awareness about cancer disparities and make even one person more sensitive to the devastating impact cancer has on this country, then I've done my job."

SAVE THE DATE

**Ambassador
Training**

July 8, 2006

**American Cancer
Society, North
Brunswick, NJ**

OR

**NY LaGuardia
Airport Marriott**

A Special Invitation to All Cancer Survivors

You are the heart of Celebration on the Hill. You represent hope and progress. Celebration on the Hill is to honor you, your struggle, your victory.

All survivors who register online--whether or not they are ambassadors--will receive special recognition in their registration packet. When survivors visit the Survivor Tent before the opening ceremony, they will receive special gifts.

Please check the information kiosk in your hotel or the survivor schedule in your registration packet for the times of the two survivor laps. We hope you will walk in both. Celebration on the Hill will change the world because of you.

From your Survivorship Co-Chairs, Sue Ann Maresca and Lori Bremner

Congratulations, Celebration on the Hill Ambassadors - New Jersey!

Confirmed as of 4/24/2006

Traci Alston
Arthur Andreano
Erica Anzalone-Newman
Lynne Arnold
Aimee Belgard
Pamela Biggs
Ashley Biggs
Virginia Brown
Cassandra Camacho
Marjorie Carnevale
Ellen Catanzaro
Elisheva Chamblin
Melissa Cihanowyz
Kaitlynn Cooney
Nicole Cordts
Theresa Costantino
Sarah Costello
Teri Cox
Jackie Craig
Deborah Crawford
Ana Cruz
Maria Del Rio
Thomas Delleart
Phyllis DeStefano
Anthony DiSimone
Nancy DiSimone
Carol Driver
Mohamed El Filali
Pamela Estevez
Karen Faller
Cassandra Fiadini
Stuart Finch
Jessica Francis
Bart Frazzitta
Tony Furfaro
Michele Gaguski
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Maggie Gardner

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Denise LaPene
Kathy Leifeste
Virginia Lieneck
Heather Martin
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Frank Mascia
Lorrie McGough
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Ellen Meyer
Bernadette Mitchell
Claire Morrish
Arden Muller
Kerry Murano
Ibtisam Mustafa
James Nealy
Linda Nigro

Gail Pelkowski-Quiros
Nancy Paradis
Erica Pimenta
Jason Plaia
Tammy Pollard
Direne Price
Arthur Ranges
Stephanie Rees
Kathie Rinaldi
Alcelia Rivera
Donna Roccia
Robert Schechner
Carol Schoenberger
Lorraine Schwinn
Karen Scott
Karen Sherman
Janet Slaboda
Tina Smithers
Vera Stokes
Tracey Taylor
Leonard Thomas
Barbara Tofani
Michael Trocchia
John Turino
Peter Viteritti
Ernest Wahlers
Raymond Walsh
Cheryl Walters
Richard Wendler
Rosolyn William
Jo Wills
Kevin Zepp
Norma Zimmerman

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Rosa Alvarez	Ada Enyioha	James Libby	Kimberly Russell
Joseph Amico	Craig Ersing	Joan Liman	Beth Sachs
Carol Ander	W Annette Ervin	Paula Link	John Sarno
Peter Andreasen	Gail Falitz	Karen Litwak	Archer Scherl
Kwame Asante	Stephanie Feld	Risa LoCascio	Tamiko Smith
Marilhou Aubry	Marilyn Felenstein	Hiannette Lora	Maxine Scherl
Jenee Bandler-Podolsky	Susanne Fischer	Wendy Louie	Ellen Schoenfeld
Steven Baron	Karen Fischer	Stuart Lowe	Katelyn Schreiber
Alex Baron	Bill Fishman	Susan Lowe	Charles Schrock
Rosemarie Barrett	Frances Forgione	Rena Lull	Michael Schwartz
Karin Barrett	Sally Froelich	Darlene Lutz	Doreen Semel
Erin Baumann	Victor Gabay	Christine Mancuso	Marva Shelton-Delapp
Jane Beard	Maria Garner	Renee Mandarano	Ona Sherman
Casey Becker	Cheryl Gelder-Kogan	Gail Mandel	Amy Silverstein
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Mary Brown	Deba Harlander	Lorraine Mollo	Kelly Starkweather
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Margie Callahan	Karen Hurst	Wylene Nebblett	Vilma Vallejo
Kimberly Cantoni	Shawn Hwang	Margaret Newell	Assunta Ventresca
Denise Capponi	Shirley Irick	Diane Nicholson	Patricia Walsh
Charles Carr	W Garrison Jackson	Julie Nowicki	Jean Ward
Sandra Cassese	Lina Jandorf	Grace Ogiehor-Enoma	Brian Ward
Gina Chapman	Lovely Judy-Pierre	Lin Osborn	Dana Watts
Josephine Class	Natalie Johnson	Daniela Pagnotta	Skylar Weaver
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Elena Comendador	Joan Jones	John Parker	Erwin Weinberg
Jean Conley	Terri Judycki	Karyn Phelan	Lori Weisinger
Sharlene Cornacchia	Kristen Kaschak	James Pistilli	Kathy Williams
Carliann Costanzo	Warren Kass	Gerianne Puskas	Robert Williams
Sandra Czudak	Melissa Kehler	Josephine Quinones	Cathy Williams
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Pamela DeLeon-Lewis	Mark King	Mary Rand	D Wilson-Davis
Hope DellaStua	Terri Kip	Amie Ravitz	Gail Winter
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