



# Celebrate Celebration



June 1, 2006

*Just 107 days until Celebration on the Hill 2006!*

## Why we're headed to Washington D.C.

Together, we are making the United States smoke-free!

Throughout the country, the Society is actively engaged in smoke-free campaigns, continuing its commitment to protecting the health of workers from the deadly effects of secondhand smoke. **A Thanks to the Society's hard work and volunteer dedication, Celebration on the Hill 2006 is to be held in a smoke-free city, our nation's capital.**

Washington, D.C. went smoke-free on April 4, 2006 and joining the ever-growing list of smoke-free communities, cities and states throughout our nation. New York City, Austin and Boston have adopted smoke-free policies, as have California, Florida, New Jersey, Washington State and, most recently, Colorado.

The Washington, D.C. Council passed smoke-free legislation that would make indoor workplaces in the nation's capital smoke-free. Restaurants in the District are included immediately, while bars will be smoke-free starting in January of 2007.

To find out if your community, city or state is currently working on smoke-free legislation, contact your Relay Advocacy Chair or local Advocacy staffer today!

## National volunteers and staff get behind banners

The Celebration on the Hill Task Force and Operations Team met May 1 – 2 in Washington, D.C. The group passed a hat and raised \$1,000 to sponsor their very own banner. The Relay Advisory Team did the same thing at a March meeting in Salt Lake City. Banners have also been sent to the National Home Office and the Nationwide Executive Team meeting and those donations are rolling in! These banners will be part of a miniature Wall of Hope to be constructed in the lobby at the National Home Office for viewing until September. At that time these banners will make their way to Washington to join the other thousands of banners on the National Mall.

For more information about Celebration on the Hill visit [www.celebrationonthehill.org](http://www.celebrationonthehill.org)

## Meet Ambassador Brad Krings

Brad Krings, a five-year Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma survivor, was diagnosed at the age of 29. With his whole life ahead of him, he and his family could not have imagined this turn of events, especially for someone so young.

“I don't know if my cancer will come back or not, but I don't want to waste any part of my life. I want to be able to look back and say that I used whatever time in whatever capacity to the best of my ability.”

Inspired by conviction, his wife and a friend who was heading up McKinney's first Relay For Life, Brad decided to get involved, despite the fact that he had just been diagnosed.

“I wanted to support the American Cancer Society's efforts to fight cancer.” “After diagnosis, the organization's web site [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) was a wonderful source of information for me. I was able to find the answers I needed to begin my fight against this disease.”

“ I felt that Relay For Life was something of which I needed to be a part. My first luminaria experience gave me hope, because I had no idea so many people had been touched by the disease.”

Brad says that he is committed to Relay not only because of its benefits for him, but also because he doesn't want his family, friends and others to endure what he has encountered. During his cancer occurrence, Brad was amazed by the outpour of support from strangers. He wants to make sure he does the same.

“I look at my experience as a sign that I need to use what I have learned to help others in the cancer community.”



### Got questions?

As the pace of Celebration On The Hill planning picks up, many questions related to the event are already answered on the COH web site. Please take time to check the site frequently, as information is updated on a weekly basis. Here is a direct link: [http://www.acscan.org/atf/cf/{2D9A46D9-9E8B-449C-A9E5-4628BA14BA2B}/coh\\_06\\_FAQ\\_rev\\_2\\_090105.pdf](http://www.acscan.org/atf/cf/{2D9A46D9-9E8B-449C-A9E5-4628BA14BA2B}/coh_06_FAQ_rev_2_090105.pdf)

## Celebration Ambassador Training Update

Phase two of the Society's three-part Celebration Ambassador training program is kicking off June 10<sup>th</sup> in Los Angeles and Phoenix. Celebration Ambassadors will gather at numerous cities throughout the summer to take part in this important phase. [The training for Texas is scheduled for July 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the DFW Hyatt Regency Airport. Look for registration information in your e-mailbox soon.](#)

The primary objective of this training is to prepare Celebration Ambassadors for day-of-Celebration lobbying activities and build upon the important concepts rolled-out in the preliminary training.

Phase two will focus on three specific legislative asks at Celebration, 1. Endorsing "The Cancer Promise", 2. Increased funding for Cancer Research and 3. Re-authorization and Increased funding for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. Ambassadors will also learn a follow-up concept to Hook, Line and Sinker called *Preparing for the Opposition*. They will also be taught specific grassroots recess activities, media training and Celebration logistics and much more!

## Community Voices CAN! – An Evening on the Hill

Come join thousands of advocates, volunteers and Celebration on the Hill Ambassadors for a powerful evening of inspiration, entertainment and food. [Together, our voices CAN make a difference in Washington, DC!](#)

**First Event: CANdid Conversations  
An Intimate Meet & Greet**

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$1000.00 \*This ticket will get you into all three events!

Space is VERY limited at this private event, so get your tickets today!

Food & Drink: Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, soda and open-bar

You will have the opportunity to listen to, and engage with, nationally renowned political leaders in an intimate environment. More details to come!

**Second Event: CANpaign for Change**

**A Private Reception**

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$250 per person Space is limited at this private event, so get your tickets today!

\*This ticket will admit you to The CAN Opener Rally as well!

Food & Drink: Elegant finger food, soda, beer and wine

Come see and hear from national leaders on the fight against cancer. Live entertainment and more details to come!

**Third Event: CAN Opener: The Rally!**

**"Thousands of voices coming together to switch on the power of purple"**

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$65 per person before August 31st

\$100 on September 1st or later

Food & Drink: Tex-Mex Dinner Buffet, bottled water and sodas. Cash bar.

Live entertainment, awards, multimedia presentations, silent auctions and more!

Featuring a "National convention-style" environment, where you can easily meet-up with thousands of your fellow attendees. More details to come!